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LEADING INDUSTRIES

OF THE PRINCIPAL PLACES IN

Union, Fayette, Rush and Shelby

COUNTIES, INDIANA.

(WITH A)

*REVIEW OF THEIR MANUFACTURING, MERCAN-
TILE & GENERAL BUSINESS INTERESTS,
ADVANTAGEOUS LOCATION, &c.*

INCLUDING A BRIEF HISTORICAL AND STATISTICAL SKETCH OF

THEIR RISE AND PROGRESS.

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PREFACE.

In placing this work before the public we desire to express our purpose fully and clearly, viz: to publish such portions of the section's history as will be most useful in tracing its growth and development, and to so identify the manufacturers and merchants here located with its present condition, that the outside world may form a proper estimate of its importance as a point of manufacture and distribution. In detailing so fully the extent and operation of each establishment here noted, our design is that they may serve as illustrations of all that is claimed for this part of the State. That the industries operated here to-day, whether large or small, attest fully the advantages held out by this favored section, none can gainsay, and that many of the most prominent ones owe a fair measure of their success to the excellent facilities afforded them of all kinds, is beyond question.

Located as this portion of the state of Indiana is, about midway between the densely populated sections of the country, with prompt and rapid railway communication in all directions, it presents attractions for the investment of capital which equal, if they do not surpass, those of any other community in the Union.

We do not believe, that one single manufactory in our whole selection has been over-estimated, nor have we relied upon hearsay or taken a cursory glance over the field; our work has been carefully done and much time and labor expended by our staff in securing details from those in charge of all establishments noted, and should any branch of industry appear to receive less prominence than deserved it must be remembered that our enterprise was from its very nature co-operative, requiring as it did public approval and support; and the fault cannot be justly placed to our account. We are none the less convinced however, that taken as a whole, no single work on this place, ever issued, has contained so much new and valuable information, or so entirely supplied an existing want.

Many things combine to make this an attractive location, but as they will become apparent from a glance over these pages, we omit mention of them here. We have been aided in our undertaking by the many who kindly gave the information asked, and to whom we extend our thanks.

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UNION COUNTY.

The eastern part of this county is level, the west undulating or hilly. About one-eighth is bottom land, the other seven eighths is timbered upland, originally covered with valuable timber. The soil is uniformly good and well adapted to corn, wheat, oats, grass, etc. Hogs, sheep, and cattle are raised with profit.

The county first began to be settled in 1804 when this section was embraced within what was then known as Dearborn County, Territory of Indiana, whose seat of Justice was Lawrenceburg, on the Ohio River. The first settlers were principally a number of persons from South Carolina, who formed what was known as the "Carolina Colony," among whom were the following: Robert Hanna, Sr.; John Templeton; George Leviston; William Hogan; John Hanna; Robert Templeton, Sr.; John Logan; Joseph Hanna; John Ewing and Robert Swann. The county was organized about 1821. The county seat was first located at Brownsville, in accordance with an act of the Legislature, December 31, 1821, but the location did not take place until February, 1822. The first Court House and jail were also built in that year. The first County Commissioners were Thomas Cully, Aaron Stanton and Jonathan Hunt; Associate Judge, Robert Swann; Probate Judge, Henry C. Hammond; Sheriff, William Youse; Clerk of Courts, James Leviston;

Recorder, Thomas Cason; Treasurer, John Hanna; Surveyor, Thomas Brown.

Union County contains 170 square miles and is divided into six townships: Brownsville, Center, Liberty, Harmony, Harrison and Union. In 1880 the population was 7,673 but this has been increased since that time. The county is well watered and the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Indianapolis Railroad passes through near its center, from east to west. Though one of the smallest counties in size it is by no means least in importance, having a property valuation of over \$10,000,000 and comparatively no debt.

Union County is bounded on the north by Wayne County, on the east by the State of Ohio, on the south by Franklin County and on the west by Fayette County. As to the value of its lands for agricultural purposes, they are unsurpassed; and we venture to say that there is no section of the state to-day which offers better inducements for either the farmers or manufacturers to locate than does this county, either in the prospective rise in values, present prices of lands, its timber supply, its agricultural richness, its proximity to markets or its shipping facilities. Like most of the counties through here it has an extended system of gravel roads which radiate through every part of the county of great importance to the general trade.

Liberty.

Liberty the county seat of Union County, is a thriving point well located on the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Indianapolis Railroad.

The land on which it is located was bought of the government in 1813, by Wright Cook, and the town surveyed in April, 1822, by Thomas Brown. Liberty was incorporated in 1836, at which time the following trustees were elected: Ward No. 1, Wilsons Bragg; No. 2, Thomas Morrow; No. 3, David A. Cox; No. 4, John Anderson; No. 5, Thomas Carr. Thomas Hill is said to have been the first hotel or tavern. Isaac Cooms was an early cabinet maker.

At the present time we find the citizens of Liberty fully alive to the necessities of

the hour. The people of Indiana have for some time recognized the vital necessity of education and the different sections are striving with each other to approach as near perfection as possible. Liberty is not behind any place of its class in the state and could set a good example for some larger cities to follow. In 1875 a fine, large school building was erected at a cost of \$12,000. The church going element is also well represented, there being Methodist Episcopal, Presbyterian and Catholic churches here. The population in 1880 was 1,096 while at the present time it is nearer 1,300. We give a list of the leading business concerns here and their lines of trade, a perusal of which will give the reader a more correct idea of the importance of the place.

UNION COUNTY NATIONAL BANK.

The popular and substantial financial and fiduciary institution known as the Union County National Bank, the only one in the city of Liberty, was originally established as a private bank in 1870 and re-organized as a National Bank under the United States Banking Laws with a capital stock of \$50,000 which has since remained unchanged. The bank building is a substantial two-story structure 22x60 feet in dimensions with a fine fire and burglar proof vault designed by and constructed under the direction of Dr. A. H. Campbell one of the Board of Directors who is also a Civil Engineer, by profession. This institution conducts a general banking business in loans, discounts and collections on all points and has a large line of deposits. It has correspondents in all the principal cities of the Union and issues drafts on Eastern and Western points. The officers of the bank as at present organized are J. E. Morris, President; Henry Shriver, Vice President; H. Husted, Cashier; A. E. Johnson, Ass't. Cashier, and a board of directors composed of the following well known and

prominent citizens: J. E. Morris, W. M. Clark, James Smith, J. C. Kitchel, Z. Stanley, Henry Shriver, and Dr. A. H. Campbell. Mr. Husted who so acceptably fills the responsible position of Cashier has been repeatedly elected to positions of trust in this county. Mr. W. M. Clark a member of the board of directors served a County Treasurer during the war. The members of the board are gentlemen and favorably known not only in this city but throughout the county and this section of the state and under their judicious and conservative management of affairs connected with its financial interests the bank has attained a favorable reputation and prominent rank as one of our soundest and most substantial institutions of its class.

ED. F. WALT,

BAKERY AND CONFECTIONERY.

Under the designating title of the "O. K. Bakery," Mr. Ed. F. Walt established his present place of business, in May, 1883, where he conducts a general bakery business, and carries in stock a desirable and choice assortment

of fine confectionery from the leading manufactory, and of his own make, together with a choice variety of fancy cakes, pies, family bread, rolls, crackers, etc. The premises occupied are 34x60 feet in dimensions, and the salesroom presents a neat and attractive appearance; while the bakery proper is a model of neatness. He employs from two to four assistants, according to the exigencies of trade, and is prepared to execute promptly all orders for any description of goods in his line. He makes a prominent specialty of supplying families with choice bread, cakes, pies, etc., and of furnishing for weddings, festivals and public occasions, ornamental cakes of every description at the most reasonable rates. Mr. Walt, who is a thoroughly practical baker and confectioner of many years experience, is a native of Franklin County, Penn'a., where he was born in 1839. He has resided in this city since May, 1883, previous to which time he was engaged in the same line of business at Greensfield, Indiana, from which place he removed to Liberty.

**E. B. PIERSON & CO.,
DRUGGISTS. UNION ST.**

While it is true that the people of the United States make a more liberal and intelligent use of drugs and medicines than those of any other civilized nation, it is equally susceptible of demonstration that in no other country do the dispensers of these articles possess such a thorough and comprehensive knowledge of the nature and properties of the various compounds and ingredients employed in the preparation of physician's prescriptions for the numerous "ills" which human flesh is heir to." The pharmacist of the present age, in order to successfully conduct his business must possess a practical and theoretical knowledge of the principles of chemistry, botany and "*materia medica*" and be able not only to accurately prepare the remedies prescribed, but to detect errors which sometimes inadvertently occur. In preparing a statistical review of the industries and commercial enterprises of Union County, it is therefore eminently appropriate that a liberal amount of space should be accorded to the representative establishments engaged in this important department of commercial enterprise, among which may be mentioned in

this connection the popular and reliable pharmacy of Messrs. E. B. Pierson & Co., centrally and eligibly located on Union St. in the City of Liberty where in a sales room 18x91 feet in dimensions tastefully arranged and fitted up in modern style may at all times be found a choice selection and desirable stock of the purest drugs and medicines, proprietary remedies, pharmaceutical preparations, paints, oils, dye-stuffs, soaps, sponges, toilet articles, stationery, perfumeries and druggist's sundries in great variety. In the prescription department special attention is devoted to the preparation of physician's prescriptions and family recipes by competent and experienced chemists and pharmacists of acknowledged ability and skill, and no pains are spared to secure the purest and best articles in this line. Mr. E. B. Pierson is a native of this city and was born in 1850. He is practically conversant with all the details of the business in which he is engaged and is ably assisted in the management thereof by an experienced and competent clerk. His partner in the business is his father Mr. D. S. Pierson who is a native of Ohio and conducts a merchant tailoring and gentlemen's furnishing goods establishment in this city.

Among the more important firms doing business here, besides those already mentioned, are the following: Rude Bros. Man'g. Co., agricultural implements; L. P. Cully, dry goods; W. Bowers, stationery; H. Peters & Co., stoves and tinware; C. Hughes, grocer; Freeman & Sons, lumber; J. Harvey, hotel; G. Farlow, stoves and tinware; Jones & Freeman, wagons, etc.; J. Walton, boots and shoes; Crist & Leviton, hardware; Fosdick & Co., furniture; S. Byram, hotel; Coughlin & Gleason, millinery; Mrs. L. L. & A. Brown, dry goods; Duvall & Bowlan, millinery; A. Bates, insurance; B. Pierson, tailor; Murphy & Bryson, groceries; J. Morgan, livery; L. Kennedy, tailor; Richards & Butler, flouring mills; Snyder & Templeton, dry goods; J. Landis, jeweler; J. McFadden, photographer; S. Ballinger, dry goods; D. Dunbar, real estate; Pierce & Heard, meats; D. Beaver, drugs; J. Frankel, dry goods; N. Cooper, drugs; Ross & Fosdick, grocers; Bertch & Wilson, hardware; A. Freeman, livery; P. Ryan, grocer.

FAYETTE COUNTY.

Broken into by the sturdy Pioneer, following the gradually receding footsteps of the red man, we notice among those who came here to plant civilization amidst the wilderness and pathless forests, the following early settlers:

Betsy Fraizer and family are known as the first persons in the county; early came, John McCormac, Basil Roberts, Harrold Newland, John Tyner, John Conner, Newton Claypool, Nicholas Reagan, Adolph Morgan, John M. Wilson and others.

The county of Fayette, was originally erected by the Legislature of the State Dec. 23, 1818, to take effect January 1st, 1819. Commissioners consisting of non-residents, were appointed to locate the county seat. They met at the house of John McCormac, north of the present City of Connersville, February 8, 1819, at which time they decided upon the location of the seat of Justice at Connersville, but that all courts were to be held at the house of Mr. McCormac, until the erection of county buildings.

The "Land Purchase" embracing a large portion of this and other counties of this section of the state, was acquired by treaty Dec. 9, 1809, and surveyed in 1810, coming into market in 1811. Sales of land were effected at Cincinnati, O., until the establishment of a Land Office at Brookville, Franklin County. The early settlers were largely from Ohio, although Kentucky, North Carolina, Virginia,

Pennsylvania and New York States contributed to the number.

CHURCHES.

It was not long in these days after the opening up of the forests and the increase in the settlements until the forests were made to echo the voice of the "Preacher" of the Gospel. As early as 1814 the Baptist denomination established a church both at Bethel and at Lick Creek, the first preacher being James Tyner. The Christian Church at Fayetteville was established July 4, 1824, and at Connersville 1837.

The M. E. Church was organized at what is now Connersville, as early as 1816 or 1818 and near Bentonville in 1823.

The Presbyterian Church was organized at Connersville in 1824, by Rev. Daniel Hayden, while the Catholic Church was not organized until 1844.

The first Commissioners were Basil Roberts, Harrold Newland and John Tyner, and the first court was held by them February 1st, the first election having been held about the first of the same month 1819. The county was divided into five townships, viz: Columbia, Connersville, Brownsville, Harrison and Jennings. There were at this time 1153 white male voters. The First Judicial Court was held May 3, 1819, John Watts being the presiding Judge. At this time, the following Attorneys were admitted to practice. W. W. Wick, John List, W. C. Drew, James Noble, D. I. Caldwell, Jas. B. Ray, James Rearidon, Nathan French

and John Alexander. The First Treasurer of the County (by appointment) was Newton Claypool. The County Agent was N. Reagan, Adolph Morgan was the first assessor and John W. Wilson first sheriff.

Total acreage of the county is 131,000 and the lands were nearly all entered previous to the end of 1819.

Among those early engaged in Commercial pursuits, Mr. Conner was the first. He established his store or Indian trading post, as early as 1810. Mr. Conner was a member of the first Constitutional Convention. He was one of the Commissioners to locate the State Capital and was the first Senator of the new county. Among the earlier business men of the county were Joshua Havlan, Robt. and Meredith Helm, David Hawkins, Geo. Frybarger, Robt. Griflis and A. B. Cornell. The first county jail was built by Jonathan John, and accepted Sept. 4, 1819. It occupied the site of the present Town Hall; was 16x30 feet in dimensions. The first Court House was built soon after; it was of hewn logs, two stories 20x26. The present Court House was erected in 1848, at a cost of \$20,000, a marvel of economy. It is of fine architectural appearance two stories high with spacious court room, offices and jury room. The White Water Valley Canal was completed through the county in 1845, which gave a great impetus to agricultural, manufacturing and commercial operations at various points along its line, and great hopes of a prosperous future. The sad havoc which the floods oc-

casioned and the subsequent introduction of railroads into the county, finally led to the abandonment of the Canal for navigation purposes and the waters were constructed into the most powerful system of Hydraulic works to be found in the Union. The facilities offered by these works in this and other counties are unsurpassed by any for manufacturing purposes. Fayette County is bounded on the east by Wayne and Union, south by Franklin, west by Rush, and north, by Henry and Wayne Counties. The Townships of the County are as follows, with the dates of their organization:—Waterloo, February 13, 1821; Jackson, Aug. 14, 1820; Jennings, February 9, 1819; Orange, February 11, 1822; Fairview, Dec. 4, 1851; Harrison, February 9, 1819; Posey, February 10, 1823; Connersville, February, 9, 1819. The chief villages, outside of the county seat, are, Glenwood, Falmouth, Bentonville, Fayetteville. Waterloo, Acquina, Everton, Fairview and Columbia. The county possesses some of the finest agricultural land in the state, it is well watered by the White Water Valley River and various tributaries, and although some portions are quite hilly, it only presents the more handsome building sites which are so often to be found adorned with costly and handsome private residences. As a manufacturing and business center it presents strong inducements, in its facilities for supplies, in its superior water-power and admirable system of railroad intercommunication.

City of Connersville.

Connersville the county seat of Fayette County, was laid out in 1813 by John Connor, one of the earlier settlers here, an Indian trader and an influential man with the whites and Indians. He was also one of the Commissioners appointed in 1820 to select and locate a quantity of land not exceeding four sections, as a site for the permanent location of the state government buildings; a site being selected on June 7th, and on Jan. 6th, 1821, the State Legislature declared that the new seat of government should be called Indianapolis; the business of the state being conducted however, at Corydon, Harrison County, until January 10th, 1825.

ADVANTAGEOUS LOCATION.

Connersville is elegibly situated on the old White Water Valley Railway, diverging north and south, and on the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Indianapolis Railway running east and west, and the Ft. Wayne, Muncie & Cincinnati Railway running north, being located about half way between Indianapolis and Cincinnati. It is beautifully situated on an elevated plateau, surrounded by hills with rich clay soils, thickly settled and well improved. From the heights surrounding a fine view of the city and valley is obtained. Connersville is an important manufacturing center, good water power being obtainable from the Connersville Hydraulic (formerly White Water Canal) Some of the most extensive and important manufacturing establishments of the state are located here. As a manufactur-

ing center this place presents many advantages, among which may be briefly mentioned its abundant water power, its geographical position, its railroad facilities, its abundant cheap labor and its healthy and steady growth of wealth and population; and must inevitably lead to a much more rapid growth in the near future. At the present time (1884) the value of the combined products of the manufacturing concerns exceed \$1,000,000, furnishing employment to about 1000 hands. Among the various establishments (a brief history of the principal ones being found in the pages which follow) are those manufacturing hosiery, forge and blast blowers, furniture, flour and hominy, carriages, planing mill work, foundry and machine work, etc., while there are two good banks.

SCHOOLS AND CHURCHES.

The city has an excellent graded school system with an average attendance of 600 scholars. There are also seven church congregations including a Presbyterian, Christian, Episcopal, 2 Methodist, Catholic, German Reformed, and Colored.

WATER WORKS.

Connersville has one of the most complete systems of water works in the state. It was completed in January, 1870, by the Holly Manufacturing Co., Lockport, N. Y., at a cost of \$47,000, including about 3½ miles of iron mains and 41 double fire hydrants, all of sufficient size to supply any demand likely to be made upon the works. A pressure of from 20 to 25 lb.

is always kept on the mains, which can be increased to 100 lbs. in case of fire, the works having been erected with an especial view to the protection of property in case of fire. The machinery is situated about a mile from the center of the city, is propelled by water power obtained from the Connersville Hydraulic, and the cost of running does not exceed \$800 yearly.

The city also, has a well conducted

FIRE DEPARTMENT,

consisting of three hose companies and a hook and ladder company, composed of 12 men each, carrying 1,200 feet of hose. From three to six streams can be brought to bear upon any fire likely to occur in the city, while with additional hose 10 streams may be thrown. There is sufficient force under fire pressure to throw a stream through a one inch nozzle, 125 feet high.

GAS WORKS.

A stock company to furnish gas was organized in 1875, with a capital of \$30,-

000 which has been increased to \$50,000. The present officers are L. McIntosh, president; A. M. Sinks, secretary; and A. M. Huston, treasurer. The number of private consumers is about 300.

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is represented by two good weekly papers which receive a well deserved support. The *Connersville Times*, a 6 col. quarto, had its inception as the *White Water Valley Times* in 1828, its present name being adopted in 1850. A. M. Sinks and J. C. Ochiltree are editors and proprietors.

The *Connersville Examiner* is a folio in form and was established 16 years ago by J. M. Higgs, present editor and proprietor.

Taken altogether, Connersville is one of the best towns of its class in the state, and a perusal of the histories of the leading business houses, in the pages which follow, will lead to much valuable information with reference to the advantages of this city as a market for the purchase of supplies.

WESTERN HOSIERY MILLS,

SEAMLESS AND CUT HOSIERY, ETC.

In numerous departments of productive industry, western enterprise has of late succeeded in wresting from eastern monopolists the supremacy they once enjoyed, and in place of New England and Philadelphia supplying the markets of the South and West with textile fabrics, knit goods and articles of a similar character, the tables have been turned, and to-day the State of Indiana, instead of sending its raw materials "a thousand miles to mill" and paying double freights and profits on the manufactured article, is enabled to compete successfully with the factories of the East, and even to ship its products to the sea-board cities and trade-centres from which it was formerly compelled to draw its supplies. Among the most prominent of the industrial enterprises of this great State which has been conspicuously instrumental in bringing about this important result is the Western Hosiery Mills, of Connersville, which is the outgrowth of a private enterprise which was inaugurated in this city upon a comparatively small scale in 1872 by Messrs. Leonard Bros., who were succeeded by Chenneworth & Ralph. In October, 1883, the present company was organized and incorporated under the laws of the State of Indiana with a capital stock of \$10,-

000. Numerous additions and improvements were at once made, new and improved styles of special machinery introduced, and the productive capacity of the works doubled. In addition to all the latest designs of machinery in use at similar establishments, this company employs many valuable and important improvements, the invention of Mr. W. H. Caswell, one of the stock-holders and general superintendent of the mills, which are controlled exclusively by this company and in use by no other mills in the country. The ground space occupied by this company covers an area of about one acre, upon which is erected a commodious and substantial four-story brick building 33x85 feet in dimensions. The motive power for the machinery employed is furnished by one steam engine and boiler, and from eighty to one hundred operatives are employed. The capital stock of the company has recently been increased to \$25,000, and the mills which are among the best and most thoroughly equipped hosiery mills in the United States, also rank among the most important in the valuation of their products, which will at the present time exceed \$75,000 per annum. The works have a capacity for turning out two hundred dozen hosiery per day, and the products of the company, consisting of both seamless and cut-hosiery, mit-

tens, etc., find a ready sale in all sections of the Union. The officers of the company, as at present organized, are: J. N. Huston, president; Melvin Ellis, secretary; A. J. Ralph, manager, and W. H. Caswell, superintendent.

To the enterprise, public spirit and ability of the president of this company, the city of Connersville is largely indebted for the prominence it has attained as a prosperous and progressive manufacturing centre. Not only in connection with the company has his influence been felt, but he has ever been foremost in promoting and advancing all legitimate enterprises having for their aim and object the general welfare and commercial and industrial thrift of the community. Mr. J. N. Huston (a son of Mr. Wm. Huston, one of Connersville's most highly honored and respected citizens, who died in this city, universally regretted, in 1875) was born in Franklin County, Pennsylvania, May 11th, 1849, and came to Indiana with his parents when but two years of age. He attended the graded schools in this city until reaching his fifteenth year, when he entered college at Hanover, Indiana, and subsequently attended the Miami University at Oxford, Ohio. He began his preparation for college in the study of Latin, Greek and classical literature with James C. McIntosh, Esq., a well-known attorney of Connersville. He also studied medicine in the office of Dr. George W. Garver, and attended a course of lectures at the Bellevue Medical College, New York city, the leading educational institution of its class in the Union. On his return to this city he entered the office of Judge John S. Reed, where he remained until tendered a position in the Citizen's Bank of this city, of which his father was president. In a few months he was appointed assistant cashier and subsequently cashier. After the death of his father he engaged in various industrial and commercial enterprises as his father's successor. He is at the present time sole owner of the Citizen's Bank, having purchased the interest held by other partners. He is also president of the City Gas Works, and that company owes much of its success to his efforts and indefatigable exertions in its behalf. He owns a controlling interest in the stock of this company, and is a large stock-holder in the Indiana Furniture Company. He is the president of the Connersville Buggy Company. He has recently established a model creamery here that bids fair to be the most complete establishment of its kind in the country. One hundred thorough-bred Jersey cows yield up their rich treasure to this establishment; the present capacity of this new industry is 2,500 lbs. of pure fresh butter, produced by the most approved scientific methods. He is also prominently identified with numerous other enterprises. In political affairs he is a consistent and enthusiastic member of the Republican party, in the councils of which he is recognized as a leader, and, although not an office-seeker in the general acceptance of that term, he has been frequently called to positions

of honor and trust by his fellow citizens. He was twice elected to the City Council from a strong Democratic ward, and on October 12th, 1880, was chosen to represent his district in the State Legislature by a flattering majority of 791 votes over his opponent, who was confessedly the most popular Democrat in the district. He was again re-elected; and is at the present time (1884) the nominee by acclamation of his party for the State Senate, representing the district composed of Fayette, Rush and Union counties. And although his extensive business interests renders it almost impossible to accept the honor, he has yielded to the wishes of his friends, and will undoubtedly be triumphantly re-elected. He is an extensive real estate owner in this city, and conducts a model farm by the assistance of a competent superintendent, and is deeply interested in the agricultural and horticultural development of this county. He was for several years president of the Fayette County Agricultural Society, a position which he filled to the entire acceptance of the society, but was compelled to decline re-election on account of other pressing business engagements. Few men in the state have become more widely known in public and private life, and few communities can boast the possession of so successful and energetic a citizen with such diversified and important interests so clearly defined and so successfully prosecuted.

P. H. & F. M. ROOTS,

FORCE-BLAST BLOWERS, ETC.

Among the many important discoveries and inventions which have characterized the march of industrial progress during the nineteenth century, there are probably none which have more completely revolutionized the methods of the past and exerted a more potential influence in a diversity of directions than the positive blowers and kindred devices which are such indispensable requisites in our manufacturing establishments, our mines, our lumber interests, our packing houses, and even in our telegraph offices and mercantile houses. It is now a recognized fact, not only in this country but in foreign lands, that the nearest approach to absolute perfection in this direction has been reached in the devices now manufactured by the representative firm of P. H. & F. M. Roots, of Connersville, Indiana, a firm that has for more than a quarter of a century been prominently identified with this special branch of industry, during which period they have been unremitting in their efforts and endeavors to bring their products to the highest standard of perfection. With a full practical knowledge of the wants and requirements of those having occasion to employ blowers for any purpose, they have spent thousands of dollars in experimenting and perfecting the improved positive blowers which are now constructed on an entirely new principle, being a radical change on the former methods of construction, combining all the advantages and good points of the old styles and at the same

time eliminating every feature which experience and careful observation have shown to be objectionable; retaining in their construction the important elements of simplicity, durability and thorough efficiency. These blowers are especially adapted for service in establishments where either blast or exhaust is required, where the atmosphere is used under ordinary conditions as regards moisture or temperature, such as foundries, smith-shops, rolling mills, steel works, brass works, copper-smiths, blast furnaces, gas exhausters, heating furnaces for bolt works, and all kinds of forging works; exhausting dust from grinding rooms of cutlery work; ventilation of buildings, mines, tunnels; for glass works, gunsmiths, smut mills; smelting works for silver, copper and lead; supplying blast for furnaces of all kinds, and all kinds of drying rooms, jewelers, dentists; sand blast process for engraving on glass and stone; vinegar manufactories, butter making, sugar refineries, glue works; burning liquid fuel and coal dust; grain elevators, conveyors and dryers; pitching barrels for breweries; coolers for distilleries, breweries, and lager beer cellars; blowing organs, feeding printing presses, conveying telegrams and packages in pneumatic tubes, and numerous other purposes. These blowers are now in successful operation in the leading manufacturing establishments, public buildings, etc., in this country and in Europe; and one which has been introduced at the great Chilton Colliery in England has attracted the attention of scientists and mechanical engineers throughout Great Britain, and elicited the most enthusiastic commendations. In addition to the specialty above mentioned, this firm manufactures improved styles of hand blowers, tuyere irons, portable fans, rotary pumps, hydraulic engines, gas exhausters, etc., many of which are made under special letters patent controlled by this firm. An elaborately illustrated descriptive catalogue of their products is issued by the firm, giving full information and particulars as to the advantages of their various mechanical devices, which will be forwarded to interested parties upon application. The present industry had its inception about twenty-five years ago, when it was inaugurated in this city upon a comparatively small scale by the two brothers, P. H. & F. M. Roots, both of whom were skilled and practical mechanics, who had devoted special attention to the subject of blowers and devices of a similar character. In 1878 Mr. P. H. Roots died, but the original firm name and style have been retained and the interests formerly held by him have passed into the possession of his heirs, who, together with Mr. F. M. Roots, one of the founders of the business, constitute the firm as it is now organized. During the early years of this house, the annual transactions did not exceed \$2,000 or \$3,000; while at the present time, with a trade extending to all sections of the United States, Great Britain and Europe, the sales will reach more than \$50,000 per annum, and more than 20,000 of their im-

proved blast blowers are now in actual use and successful operation. The plant of the extensive works in this city covers an area of about five acres, upon which is erected a solid and substantial three-story brick building 150x300 feet in dimensions, for manufacturing purposes, equipped with the most approved styles of special machinery, propelled by both steam and water power. In addition to these are numerous smaller structures for storage and other purposes, including a gas house for the production of gas for their own use; a lumber dryer, constructed upon improved scientific principles for seasoning material; an oil house, ware rooms, etc. Taken for all in all, this is the most complete and extensive establishment of its class in the United States, if not in the world; and for thorough reliability and special adaptability for the purposes for which they are intended, the products of these works cannot be duplicated in this or foreign countries. Mr. F. M. Roots is a native of Oxford, Ohio, but is an old resident of Indiana.

**GEORGE F. STEWART,
MARBLE AND GRANITE WORKS, CENTRAL AVE.**

The young men and boys who so nobly and patriotically responded to the calls of President Lincoln for troops to aid in suppressing the rebellion during the dark days of 1861-2 are the veterans of to-day. Of the thousands who so proudly followed the drum-beat, and rallied at the bugle's call, and who were permitted to return to the peaceful pursuits of civil life, many yet remain whose history during those eventful years is unrecorded and whose claims to recognition for services rendered during those troublous times, should not be disregarded by the pen of the historian. Each succeeding "decoration day" witnesses an augmentation of the grassy mounds in our cemeteries, over which float the glorious stars and stripes as a reminder of the gallant heroes gone to rest, and upon which patriotic hands strew bright flowers in memory of other days; and a corresponding diminution in the ranks of the veterans of the war, to whom has been entrusted by general consent this solemn yet patriotic observance. It is therefore eminently appropriate in a work of this description that due recognition should be accorded to those now in our midst, who, leaving home and friends for the battlefields of the Union, rendered such valiant and valuable service in their respective spheres of action as to restore the supremacy of our free government and the recognition of "Old Glory" from ocean to ocean, and from gulf to lakes. Mr. Geo. F. Stewart, the present proprietor of the marble and granite works on Central avenue, Connerville, at the very outbreak of the war enlisted as chief musician of artillery under Capt. W. W. Frybarger, March 1st, 1861. No provision being made by Congress at that time for artillery, the company was disbanded May 12th, 1861, and two days later Mr. Stewart was mustered for one year's service in Capt. Joseph

Marshall's Company, 16th I. V. I. Under a call for three-years men, he was, June 14th, 1861, transferred to the 15th Regiment, I. V. I. at Camp Tippecanoe, Lafayette, Ind., and assigned to Co. I. Being an accomplished musician he was transferred from Company I, to the regimental band. He was subsequently appointed recruiting officer by Gov. Morton, and secured twenty-two enlistments for Company A., I. V. I., and was defeated by one vote for the position of first lieutenant. Recognizing the value of his services the great war Governor of Indiana repudiated the result of the election and ordered a commission issued to Mr. Stewart as First Lieutenant. Although aware that his defeat was brought about by unfair means, he refused to accept the commission offered him by the Governor, and entered the ranks as a private soldier. Reaching Camp Wayne at Richmond, Ind., he was detailed by Col. John F. Kibby as chief clerk, which position he retained until the departure of the regiment for Indianapolis for final organization and equipment. The regiment was ordered to proceed to Nashville, Tennessee, and upon its arrival Mr. Stewart was appointed chief clerk in the quarter-master's department where he remained until June 26th, 1864, when on account of sickness he was sent to the Altoona hospital. A few days later he was transferred to the corps hospital, and, during his convalescence, was appointed clerk of the same by Maj. A. B. Meacham, Surgeon in Chief. On August 1st an officer's hospital was established, and he received the appointment of chief clerk, which position he held until his declining health and the pressure of business incapacitated him for active service, and he was granted a furlough. In the latter part of August he rejoined his regiment and was promoted to a position on the non-commissioned staff as sergeant-major. December 14th, he was commissioned as Second Lieutenant of Company E., and immediately thereafter detailed as acting commissary of subsistence for the 1st Brigade, 1st division 23d Corps *d'armee*. April 29th, 1865, he was promoted to first lieutenant, and on June 23d relieved from duty as A. C. S. July 1st, 1865, he was assigned to duty as A. A. G. of the 1st Brigade 2d Division, 23d Army Corps; and on the 10th of the same month, in addition to his duties as A. A. G., was appointed acting assistant provost marshal. Relieved from these positions August 12th, 1865, he was placed on detached service as A. A. D. C. on the staff of Colonel Chas. S. Parish, commanding 1st Division, 23d A. C. at Salisbury, N. C. Sept. 1st he was detailed by special orders from department headquarters to proceed from Greensboro, N. C., with the muster-out rolls of his regiment to Raleigh, N. C., and on the following day was designated by Maj. Gen'l. Ruger, commanding department of North Carolina, and detailed to proceed to Indianapolis, Ind. with the rolls of his regiment. On arrival he was placed on special duty at the union depot by Gen'l. Pritchett to examine soldiers papers,

discharges, etc., and refer them to the proper paymasters. He was mustered out of service at Indianapolis, September 16th, 1865, with an honorable record for meritorious services in camp and field of which he may well feel proud. In April, 1884, Mr. Stewart became sole proprietor of the marble and granite works in this city, with which he had been previously identified, and under his enterprising management, a prosperous and steadily increasing trade has already been established, with a patronage derived from this and adjoining counties. His establishment is noted for its elegant and artistic designs in monumental sculpture, and for its reliable and thorough workmanship. Mr. Stewart is also sole agent in this city for the champion iron fence, manufactured at Kenton, Ohio, which is not only highly ornamental, durable and cheap, but especially adapted to enclosing cemetery lots, public parks, private lawns, and for similar purposes where elegance, economy and practical utility are the prominent desiderata.

LUDWICK & TAYLOR.

LUMBER AND BUILDING MATERIALS,
EAST CONNERSVILLE.

The State of Indiana enjoys a more than national reputation as the head quarters for the valuable varieties of hard wood lumber which are at the present day so extensively used, not only for furniture and cabinet work, but for purposes of interior decoration and elegant finish in both public and private buildings in this country and Europe. Extensively engaged in this important branch of business, as manufacturers for home consumption and for shipment to other states, the firm of Ludwick & Taylor, of East Connersville, occupies a position of such marked prominence as to demand conspicuous recognition as among those who have been largely instrumental in developing the natural resources and industries of this section of the State. This representative house had its inception in 1872, when it was established by Messrs. Hamilton & Sherry who were succeeded by Hamilton & Naylor, who were followed by a stock company known as the Eagle Mill Manufacturing Company. This company was succeeded by Messrs. McCann, Bonsal & Co. In 1879 the present partnership was formed. This firm makes a prominent specialty of manufacturing and dealing, both at wholesale and retail, in all varieties of ash, walnut, cherry and poplar timber; and, in connection with this branch of business, conduct a finely equipped planing mill, and door, sash and blind factory, employing from twenty to thirty operatives, with a monthly pay-roll ranging from \$350 to \$400. They occupy three and a half lots in the eastern section of the city, upon which is erected a commodious structure for manufacturing purposes, 70x80 feet in dimensions, equipped with the most approved designs of wood-working machinery, propelled by one sixty horse power engine and boiler. Their facilities are unsur-

passed for the production of the best varieties of sash, doors, blinds, flooring, siding, moulding, etc., which they carry constantly in stock, or manufacture to order at the most reasonable rates. Their annual transactions, which will at the present time exceed \$50,000, are not confined to local demands, as they ship largely to adjacent counties and to the neighboring states. Mr. L. F. Ludwick was born in Preble County, Ohio, in 1838, and has been for several years identified with the lumber and manufacturing interests of this section. Mr. J. F. Taylor, also a native of the same county and state, was born in 1835. He was a member of the gallant 71st Ohio Volunteers, during the war of the rebellion, and with that command participated in many of the most eventful and stirring campaigns and engagements of that eventful period. He was honorably discharged in 1863, and since his return to civil life has been actively engaged in mercantile and manufacturing pursuits.

McFARLAN CARRIAGE CO.,

CARRIAGES AND BUGGIES.

The manufacture of fine carriages and buggies is one of the most prominent and extensive of Connersville's commercial and industrial enterprises. The favorable location of the city, with reference to its admirable facilities for procuring almost unlimited supplies of the best materials from the lumber-producing districts of this section especially adapted to carriage work, the advantages which it offers as a desirable and economical place of residence for skilled laborers, its excellent system of intercommunication by rail with all sections of the Union, and the enterprise exhibited by such representative establishments as that which forms the subject of the present sketch, combine to give to our progressive and thriving municipality a national reputation as a prominent manufacturing metropolis, especially in this department of industry. The McFarlan Carriage Company, now the most extensive of its class in this county, is the outgrowth of an enterprise which was inaugurated about a quarter of a century ago by Mr. J. B. McFarlan on a very small scale, and with but little capital. For the first few years the annual transactions did not exceed \$2,000; while for 1883 the sales of the company were more than \$170,000, a showing which reflects the highest credit upon the energy, enterprise and administrative ability with which its business has been conducted. The present company was organized in 1883, and the individual members are Messrs. J. E., C. E., J. E. and W. W. McFarlan. The senior member and founder of this extensive organization is a native of England, and the other members were all born in Indiana, and have been, since attaining their majority, identified with the interests of this establishment. An average force of about seventy-five skilled workmen is employed in the various departments in the manufacture of the different styles of carriages, buggies, light wagons, etc., and not less than 1,500 new jobs

are turned out annually, which are sold principally in the states of Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky and Illinois, although shipments are frequently made to more remote sections of the Union. From time to time the requirements of the steadily increasing trade has necessitated enlarged quarters and more ample facilities, and buildings have been added to the original factory until, at the present time, four buildings with an aggregate floor space of more than 36,000 square feet are utilized for manufacturing purposes, and even this has been found inadequate for the prosecution of their business and the company are at the present time (1884) contemplating the erection of one large substantial structure to take the place of the buildings now occupied, where, under one roof, the entire operations of the company may be more successfully conducted, and where all the requisite machinery, conveniences and facilities may be introduced, and the latest improvements utilized in the various departments. This, when completed, will be a credit alike to the city and to the enterprising members of this representative company, which has, from a comparatively insignificant commencement, attained its present magnitude and magnificent proportions by honest efforts, reliable workmanship and a strict adherence to the principles of commercial integrity.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK.

Justly ranked among the most solid and reliable fiduciary institutions of the State of Indiana, the First National Bank of Connersville occupies a prominent place and exerts an active influence upon the financial condition and general thrift of the community. This bank which has a capital of \$100,000, with a surplus fund exceeding \$30,000, was originally organized in 1864, as the "Connersville Branch of the Bank of the State of Indiana," by Messrs. B. F. and E. F. Claypool, and was reorganized as a national bank under the provisions of the United States national banking system, February 25th, 1865, when the following named officers were elected: B. F. Claypool, president; E. F. Claypool, cashier. The board of directors consisted of the two gentlemen above named, and J. M. Wilson, H. D. Carlisle, P. H. Roots and F. M. Roots. In 1873 Mr. P. H. Roots was elected president, and Charles Mount Cashier, occupying these positions until 1879, when after the death of Mr. P. H. Roots, in 1879, Mr. F. M. Roots was chosen president, and Mr. F. T. Roots vice-president. In 1873 Mr. G. W. Uhl was elected assistant cashier, which position he held up to the time of his death in 1883. The business of this institution is very extensive, aggregating more than \$2,000,000 per annum; and its transactions involve general banking operations in all departments. Deposits are received, loans effected, commercial paper negotiated, collections made on all points, and exchanges effected on all the principal cities in the Union upon the most favorable terms; also, government bonds bought and sold, and exchange

furnished on all principal cities of Europe. The present building occupied is a two-story brick structure 20x44 feet in dimensions at the corner of Central Avenue and Fifth St., which, in its interior arrangement, is admirably adapted for the purposes for which it is used. It contains a fine vault of the most approved construction, with fire and burglar-proof safe of the best make with improved time-locks, and every provision is made to ensure absolute security to depositors and patrons. The members of the board of directors and stock-holders are as follows: F. M. Roots, Chas. Mount, E. Mount, S. C. Roots, F. T. Roots and John Uhl of this city, and G. Y. Roots of Cincinnati, O., representing an aggregate responsibility of between one and two million dollars. These are widely known in financial, political and commercial circles, and with such a management the First National Bank of Connerville is a favorite financial and fiduciary institution, and while achieving success in its legitimate banking operations, has at the same time secured and retained the respect and consideration of the entire community throughout which its operations are conducted.

CONNERSVILLE FURNITURE MANUFACTURING CO.

The natural and acquired advantages of the city of Connerville, in respect to its geographical situation in the very heart of one of the best hard-wood lumber districts of the great State of Indiana, its admirable system of intercommunication by railroad with all points of the Union, its low rates of taxation in comparison with the great cities, and its desirability as a place of residence for mechanics, renders it one of the most eligible points in the country for the successful prosecution of the furniture business, and capitalists and practical business men have not been slow to avail themselves of these advantages in the establishment of great factories whose products have gained a national reputation, and meet with a ready sale in the trade centres of the United States. One of the most prominent of Indiana's important industries is that conducted by the Connerville Furniture Manufacturing Company, which was organized as a joint-stock company in February, 1882, and the following named officers (who still occupy their original positions) were elected: President, F. M. Roots; vice-president, Chas. Mount; Secretary, N. W. Wright, and E. V. Hawkins, superintendent. The premises occupied by this company embrace an aggregate area of about nine acres, upon which is erected a two-story frame structure 28x140 feet in dimensions, and a six-story brick building 50x150 feet in size, occupied for manufacturing purposes, and numerous smaller buildings and sheds for the storage of seasoned stock and materials. In the manufacturing department the most approved designs of special wood-working machinery are employed, which derives its motive force from one seventy-five horse-power engine and

boiler, and one forty-five horse-power water wheel, propelled by water from the White Water canal. An average force of one hundred and fifty skilled and experienced workmen is employed in the various departments, and the very best materials are used in the manufacture of fine and common furniture, bed-room suites, bureaus, etc. This company makes a prominent specialty of producing the latest and most desirable designs in high-priced furniture reduced to cheaper grades of walnut and other hard-wood goods, the demand for which extends to the most remote sections of the United States and territories. The officers and members of the company are among our most enterprising and public-spirited citizens and capitalists, and the operations of the organization, under its present able and effective management, are of great importance and benefit to the industrial and commercial thrift of this community.

CONNERSVILLE HYDRAULIC MILLS, H. L. WETHERALD & SONS, WASHINGTON STREET.

As one of the most important industries of Connerville, and one of the oldest established among her numerous and successful manufacturing enterprises, we notice especially the popular Hydraulic Flouring Mills, now conducted by Messrs. H. L. Wetherald & Sons, which were originally established half a century ago by Messrs. Moore & Lawrence, upon the old style principle then in vogue. The property came into the possession of the present proprietors in 1867, and in the following year the mills were totally destroyed by fire, but were immediately rebuilt upon a more extensive scale. The present building is a substantial brick structure 45x64 feet in dimensions, containing two and one-half stories with a commodious basement, and equipped throughout with the latest improved machinery and devices for the manufacture of a superior grade of flour. This is the largest and most complete flouring mill in the city, and was thoroughly remodeled in 1883, at which time the roller process system was introduced, and twelve sets of rolls with other improved devices of special machinery were substituted for that hitherto employed. In addition to the mill proper, this firm occupies for storage and shipping purposes, a large brick warehouse on line of C. H. & D. R. R., near depot, which is two stories, 40x100 feet in dimensions, with an "L" about the same size, giving a storage capacity of 50,000 to 60,000 bushels; a frame warehouse 26x40 feet in size, in convenient proximity to the mill and the tracks of the White Water Valley Railroad, from whence shipments are made to Cincinnati, Baltimore, New York, and to others of the principal cities in the Eastern States. The capacity of these mills is one hundred and fifty barrels of choice flour every twenty-four hours, and their products in which they make a prominent specialty, are strait grade and bakers' flour, the leading brands of which are the "Indiana Favorite," "Ravens-

wood," "Hometrade," "Morning Glory," etc. The individual members of the present firm are P. B. Wood and E. K. Wetherald, the latter a native and life-long resident of Connorsville, who has been prominently identified with the grain trade and milling interests in this section for many years. Mr. Wood is a native of the State of Ohio, and prior to the formation of the present partnership, was engaged in mercantile pursuits. Under the firm-name and style of Wetherald, Wood & Co. the same parties operate the well-known "Premium Mills" at Hebron, Nebraska; and, in addition to their extensive manufacturing interests, are among the most prominent dealers in, and shippers of grain to the eastern markets, their annual transactions aggregating an immense sum, and contributing in no small degree to the commercial thrill of our prosperous and progressive municipality.

GRAND HOTEL,

GEORGE WANLEY, PROPRIETOR.

The requisites of a first-class hotel are: that its location be central, its accommodations for the traveling public good, its management efficient and solicitous of the welfare and comfort of its guests, its table plentifully supplied with the necessities as well as luxuries of the season, its attendants courteous and polite, and all its arrangements and appointments on a liberal scale. These requisites are all possessed by the Grand Hotel of Connorsville, which is eligibly located on Fifth street near the Valley depot, and which, under the able and efficient management of its present proprietor, Mr. George Wanley, is justly entitled to a prominent rank among the leading caravanseries of Eastern Indiana. This popular hotel was erected in 1860 by Mr. Sherman Schofield, and was originally opened for the reception of guests by Mr. Grier, and was for some years known as the "Schofield House." Mr. Grier was succeeded in the management by Mr. Lawrence, and he in turn by Mr. Gray, then by Mr. Rockwell and Mr. Wm. Horton, after which the hotel remained vacant for some time. It was subsequently re-opened by Mr. Lou Fox who occupied a portion of the building and by whom it was re-christened as the "Sheridan House." He was succeeded by Mr. Clint Jones, after whom Messrs. Fribarger Bros. assumed the management, they having for some time previous been the owners of the building. They were succeeded by Mr. Wm. West, and after his retirement the house again remained vacant until 1878, when the present proprietor, after extensive alterations and repairs, re-opened it as the Grand Hotel. This spacious and commodious structure which is three stories in height, has a frontage on Fifth St. of 100 feet and a depth of 90 feet. On the first floor is the office, the dining-room with a seating capacity of fifty-six guests, a reading and writing room, a large double sample room for the accommodation of commercial travelers, bar and billiard parlors with two first-class tables, and the kitchen and culinary

departments. On the second floor are the ladies parlors and reception rooms, the family rooms and several sleeping rooms. The entire third floor is occupied for guest chambers and sleeping apartments. The rates at the Grand Hotel have been placed at popular prices of \$2.00 per day for transient guests, with liberal reductions to persons making a prolonged stay. Mr. Wanley is an old resident of Indiana, and has been prominently identified with hotel interests for many years in this section. Previous to assuming the management of the Grand, he had been successfully connected with many of the hotels in this city, and is perhaps the only one who has made a complete success of this hotel. Mr. Wanley is emphatically a self-made man, having commenced life without capital or means, and achieved his present position in life through his own exertions and ability, unaided by the influence or money of relatives or friends. He is one of the most popular landlords in this section, and enjoys a wide and influential circle of acquaintances among the traveling public.

WM. H. BECK,

MECHANIC TAILOR AND PROPRIETOR OF PIONEER CLOTHING HOUSE.

Whether in a great city, where there are many engaged in the same industrial or commercial pursuits, or in a community where there are but few, some one firm or individual will be found always at the head. Especially is this true in regard to the clothing and merchant tailoring business and its associated departments where proficiency, artistic ability, and enterprise are sure to meet with a merited reward and corresponding success. These qualifications are possessed in an eminent degree by the Pioneer Clothing House, located at No. 420 and 422 Central Avenue. At this location, in a small frame building originally occupied and erected by Mr. William Walton as early as 1825, the present proprietor and his brother, Mr. Christian Beck, under the firm-name of Beck Bros., commenced business on a comparatively small scale in 1836. The present commodious two-story brick structure was erected in 1868, and in 1876 the junior member of the original firm died, since which time Mr. Wm. H. Beck has conducted the business in his own name with a steadily increasing patronage and growing trade until his annual transactions at the present time will exceed \$40,000. The present salesroom is 33x65 feet in dimensions, and the stock of piece-goods of newest styles is among the largest and most complete to be found in eastern Indiana, comprising a choice and admirably selected assortment of imported and American fabrics for gentlemen's wear, from which patrons may make their selections and order full suits or single garments made up in the most elegant and artistic manner, gentlemen's furnishing goods, underwear and ready custom-made clothing for men or boys, hats, caps, notions, etc. The manufacturing department is presided over by Mr. Beck and T. M.

Jennings, his cutter, who has been with him twenty-two years. The most perfect and stylish fits are guaranteed, and an average force of twelve experienced workmen are employed turning out garments, which in style and workmanship will not suffer by comparison with those of any metropolitan establishment east or west. Mr. Wm. H. Beck is a native of Pittsburgh, Penn., where he was born in July, 1818, and came to this city with his parents when but a child. His father was one of the earlier citizens of this section and conducted a tailoring establishment in this city until 1850, soon after which he was succeeded by his sons, the present proprietor and Mr. Christian Beck. The latter entered the Union army at the outbreak of the war of the rebellion as a second lieutenant in the 2d Indiana Cavalry. He served during the war with great credit and distinction, and for distinguished gallantry and meritorious services was promoted to the rank of Major in the 7th and Colonel in the 9th Indiana Cavalry. He was taken prisoner late in the war and imprisoned in Atlanta and Libby, and shortly prior to the expiration of the war, he resigned on account of ill health, receiving an honorable discharge. He subsequently died in this city in 1876, universally regretted and highly esteemed by all with whom he had been associated in military or private life. Since that time the business has been continued by Mr. Wm. H. Beck, who has succeeded in securing and holding the leading business of this department of trade here.

DOWNES, READY & CO.,

PLANING MILLS, CONTRACTORS AND BUILDERS, REAR OF ANDRE OPERA HOUSE.

Among the prominent local industrial operations, and one which contributes in a marked degree to the thrift and prosperity of this section of the State, is the establishment of Messrs. Downes, Ready & Co., whose planing mills and lumber yards are located in the rear of the Andre Opera House in this city. The premises occupied by this firm embrace a large two-story brick structure 55x109 feet in dimensions, besides additional ground space, in which the latest approved appliances of labor-saving machinery is brought into requisition for the effective and rapid production of all work associated with this department of industry—the machinery being propelled by a thirty horsepower engine and boiler, and giving employment to an average force of forty to sixty hands in their extensive business operations. The building occupied was originally built many years ago, and was previously occupied as a pork-packing establishment, up to about 1875, at which time the building was fitted up for the present business and planing mills, conducted by Messrs. Stewart, Andre & Co. Several changes subsequently occurred in the proprietorship up to the time the business came into the hands, upon the organization of the present firm in 1881. Messrs. Downes, Ready & Co. are contractors and builders, and

manufacturers of doors, sash, blinds, mouldings, scroll-work, etc., and with facilities unsurpassed for the prompt and faithful execution of all work entrusted to their care, are prepared to supply contractors or builders with materials in this line, or to enter into contract for the erection of public or private edifices, and execute job-work, supplying designs and specifications wherever desired in this or adjoining counties of this State or adjoining states. This house has controlled and executed the work upon the buildings of our important manufacturing establishments here, and other public and private edifices, and is now executing the contract for the new buildings of the Oxford Female College at Oxford, Ohio—their annual transactions ranging from \$60,000 to \$80,000. The present firm is composed of Thos. Downes, Austin Ready and Richard G. Wait, all of whom are practical workmen and thorough business men, whose operations have contributed in no small degree to the progressive interests of this city and Eastern Indiana.

T. L. GRIFFIS,

DRY GOODS, CLOTHING, ETC., No. 426 CENTRAL AVENUE.

In the extent, variety and completeness of stock carried in its various departments, as well as in the magnitude of its annual transactions, the representative house of Mr. T. L. Griffis stands pre-eminently among the leading mercantile establishments in this section of the State. Nor has this result been attained by any grand flourish of trumpets, or extensive distribution of printers' ink; but is rather the legitimate fruits of enterprise, integrity, business sagacity, and well directed effort through a period of more than a quarter of a century on the part of its energetic, public-spirited proprietor, who, commencing business in this city in 1859 on a comparatively small scale, determined to deserve and achieve success, has steadily won his way by fair and honorable dealing to the proud position he occupies today among the representative merchants and self-made business men of our great and growing state. This house had its inception as above noted in a building adjoining its present location, and was removed in 1869 to its present quarters, where the entire first floor and basement, each 19x120 feet in dimensions, with two rooms on the second floor with an aggregate floor space of 19x75 feet, are occupied for the storage and display of an extensive and admirably selected stock of foreign and domestic dry goods, woollens, dress fabrics, ready-made clothing, ladies' and gentlemen's furnishing goods, carpets, notions, small wares, gloves, hosiery, and general family and house-furnishing supplies pertaining to this special branch of trade, ranging in value according to the season from \$20,000 to \$30,000. Seven competent and experienced assistants are employed in the sales department; and uniform prices, courteous attention and honorable dealing characterize the transactions of this model emporium. The trade is derived from the city

and from the adjacent towns and country, within a radius of twenty miles; and the annual sales at the present time will exceed \$60,000. Mr. T. L. Griffith is a native and life-long resident of Connorsville, and was born October 10th 1826. He commenced his mercantile career in this city in 1846 as a salesman in the establishment of Mr. Daniel Hankins, and in 1851 became a partner in the house, where he remained until embarking in business on his own account as above noted.

W. J. CAIN,

STOVES AND TINWARE, FIFTH STREET.

One of the leading houses in this line in the city of Connorsville is that conducted by Mr. W. J. Cain on Fifth Street, where one floor 22x75 feet in dimensions is occupied for sales and manufacturing purposes. In the former department may be found a fine assortment of the most popular varieties of cooking and heating stoves from the most noted manufacturers of the Union, hollow ware and kitchen turnishing goods in great variety, embracing tin, copper and sheet-iron ware of his own manufacture. This representative house came into the possession of its present proprietor in 1880, at which time he succeeded Nelson Bros., who had established the business some years previously. The stock carried ranges in value from \$3,000 to \$4,000 and the annual transactions will closely approximate \$20,000. From four to six skilled workmen are employed in the manufacturing department under the personal supervision of Mr. Cain, who is himself a practical worker in metals and a thorough mechanic. Mr. Cain is a native of Brookville, Indiana, and has resided in this city since 1880, where he has by industry, application and strict integrity, established a trade extending throughout this and adjoining towns. Especial attention is given to tin and slate roofing, and this house controls a large portion of the work for this and adjoining counties, offering special inducements in this line.

W. T. DALE & CO.,

LUMBER, LATH, SHINGLES, ETC., SIXTH STREET.

The well known house of W. T. Dale & Co. had its inception upon a comparatively small scale in 1862, and has steadily grown and prospered with the prosperity of our progressive and thriving municipality. This firm occupies on Sixth St., between Central Avenue and the Valley Railroad, a ground space of about a half an acre, upon which are erected office and buildings for the storage of manufactured material, seasoned stock, lime and building materials generally. In their yards they carry at all times a large stock of lumber of every description, flooring, siding, lath, shingles, etc., together with all the regular sizes of doors, sash blinds, door and window frames, moldings, lime, etc. The valuation of their stock ranges from \$5,000 to \$8,000, and their annual sales will considerably exceed \$20,000. This firm enjoys unexceptional facilities

for furnishing, in any desired quantity and dimension, finishing materials at the shortest notice, and carpenters, contractors and builders' estimates will be given especial attention and bottom rates. Mr. W. T. Dale, who is one of our oldest and most widely known and highly esteemed citizens, is a native and life-long resident of this city, where he was born in 1824. His father moved to this county in 1814. He is by education and training a practical mechanic, and prior to embarking in the lumber business as above noted, was engaged in mechanical pursuits for several years. He has filled the responsible and honorable position of Justice of the Peace for the past twenty years, and has been prominently identified with the growth, development and progress of this city for more than a quarter of a century. His son and business associate, M. E. Dale, was born in this county in 1851, and is also favorably known in connection with our local prosperity and commercial interests, and occupies a prominent position in social and political circles.

BUCKLEY HOUSE,

S. M. COOK, PROPRIETOR.

The popular hotel now known as the "Buckley House," located on Fifth street in convenient proximity to the business centre of the town, has been occupied for hotel purposes more than forty years. It was erected by Mr. Durner, whose name it bore for several years, and was originally a small establishment with a capacity for less than half the number of guests which can now be accommodated under its hospitable roof. In 1875 the property was purchased by Mr. Wm. Buckley, by whom extensive additions and alterations were made and the name changed to the Buckley House. It was rented by him to Mr. Wanley, now the manager of the Grand Hotel in this city, who conducted it successfully for about three years, when he was succeeded by a Mr. Brown. In September, 1882, Mr. S. M. Cook, the present proprietor assumed the management of the house, and under his liberal and energetic administration, the Buckley House has attained a prominent rank among the representative hotels of Eastern Indiana. The structure which was erected expressly for the purposes for which it is now used has a frontage of 100 feet on Fifth street, and of 60 feet on Eastern avenue. On the first floor is a spacious office, wash-room, reading and writing rooms, ladies' parlors, reception room, dining-room, kitchen and culinary departments, etc. The second and third floors are devoted exclusively to sleeping apartments and guest chambers, about fifty in number, which are neatly and comfortably furnished and kept at all times in the very best of order. The Buckley is a favorite stopping place for commercial travelers, business men and the better classes of the traveling public, and the rates having been placed at the popular price of \$2.00 per day for transient guests, ensure a liberal patronage. Mr. Cook is well and favorably known as a

genial and affable host, thoroughly conversant with the wants and requirements of his guests, and no pains are spared by him or those in his employ to render pleasant and agreeable the stay of those who are fortunate enough to avail themselves of his generous hospitality during their sojourn in our thriving and progressive municipality. Mr. S. M. Cook was born in Chester county, Penn., October 24th, 1836, but moved to this State with his parents in 1857. He is a self made man in the full acceptance of the word, commencing life without means, he and succeeded in amassing considerable property, although his business career has been attended with many reverses. The greater portion of his business life has been devoted to mercantile pursuits in Indianapolis and Plainfield, this State. By him the Mansion House at Plainfield was erected and successfully conducted for some years; he also conducted a successful mercantile house in that town prior to his removal here in 1882.

LEONARD, MORRISON & CO.,

GROCERS, No. 432 CENTRAL AVENUE.

Among the representative houses whose extensive transactions and high standing entitle them to recognition and favorable consideration, is that now conducted by the firm of Leonard, Morrison & Co., whose sales and warerooms are located at No. 432 Central Ave., with an "L" extending through to Fifth St. On the former thoroughfare, this firm occupies for business purposes, the entire first and second floors with basement, each 20x40 feet in dimensions, while the "L" fronting on Fifth street is 20x40 feet in size. The stock embraces a general line of the best grades of staple and fancy groceries, foreign and domestic fruits, and canned goods, tobacco and cigars, farm and dairy produce, provisions and table and culinary supplies of every description, together with a great variety of miscellaneous merchandise ordinarily classified under the generic term of grocers' sundries. They also are extensive dealers in china, crockery and glassware and house-furnishing goods pertaining to this special branch of trade. The average valuation of their stock in the various departments ranges from \$8,000 to \$10,000, and their annual transactions exceed \$50,000. The present firm are the successors in a direct line of the first exclusive grocery house established in this city, which was founded in 1860 by Messrs. Sellers & Leonard, who, after fifteen months, were succeeded by Leonard & Bro. The subsequent changes in the proprietorship of this establishment were Leonard & Ross, J. W. Ross, and Ross & Morrison, who conducted the business until 1882, when the present partnership was formed. Seven clerks and assistants are employed in the sales department, and the trade of this house is derived from both city and Country. Mr. J. S. Leonard, the senior member of the present firm, is a native of Fairfield county, Ohio, where he was born in 1839. He came to this city in 1860, and has since been

prominently identified with the grocery trade as well as with other industrial enterprises of the city, noticed at length in other portions of this work. Mr. N. T. Morrison is a native and life-long resident of Connerville, and was born in 1852; and Mr. Valentine Leonard was born in 1841. He devotes his personal attention to the management of the affairs of the Connerville Pearl Honey Co., in which this firm are extensively interested as stock-holders and prominent owners.

WM. DEVOR,

ROOFING AND CORNICE WORKS, CENTRAL AVENUE.

Conspicuous among the local industries of Connerville is the tinning and roofing establishment and galvanized iron cornice manufactory of Mr. Wm. Devor on Central Avenue, where one floor 20x45 feet in dimensions is occupied for manufacturing purposes. The specialties are galvanized cornices, window and door caps, finials, etc. They also pay especial attention to slate, tin and metal roofing, spouting, guttering, etc., and general jobbing, and repairing in all branches and departments of the above named pursuits. The present business was established in 1862 upon a comparatively small scale, and has grown to its present satisfactory proportions mainly through the exertions and enterprise displayed by Mr. Devor, who has been at the head of the establishment during the greater portion of this period. Mr. Devor is an old resident of Indiana, and has been for many years engaged in the present business, with all departments of which he is practically conversant. In addition to the business above referred to, he is exclusive agent in this city for the Minneapolis Twine Binder, and, during the past four years, he has sold to the farmers in this and adjoining counties, large numbers of these popular machines, which have in every instance given the most unbounded satisfaction wherever they have been used.

H. C. ELIASON,

HARD WOOD LUMBER.

Prominent among the manufacturers and dealers in the valuable products of our forests is the well-known mills and lumber yard now conducted by Mr. H. C. Eliason, which was founded in 1876 by Bower & Eliason, and came into the entire control and possession of the present proprietor in 1879. The premises occupied cover an area of about four acres, upon which is erected a commodious mill with a capacity for manufacturing 10,000 feet per day, and cutting lumber thirty-three feet in length. The machinery employed is of the best and most approved style, and the motive power is furnished by one forty horse-power engine and boiler. Eight hands are employed in the manufacturing department and yards, and the products of the mill, consisting chiefly of the best grades of walnut, poplar, ash and cherry lumber, are shipped in car-load lots to the principal cities of this and neighboring

states. Mr. Eliason, who is a native and life-long resident of this State, has been for many years prominently identified with the commercial and industrial interests of Connersville. He is one of our most enterprising, energetic, and public-spirited citizens, and has for the past two years represented the third ward of this city as a member of the city council.

CONNERSVILLE PEARL HOMINY COMPANY.

Among the numerous manufacturing establishments located here, none rank higher in quality of products than the above. It had its inception in 1882, and its products are hominy, grits, corn-flour, cream meal, pearl meal, feed meal, etc. The wide reputation of the products have secured a large trade, extending through the north, east and Southern States. The building utilized is a substantial three-story building 40x150 feet, equipped with improved machinery, propelled by water power; although steam power is also used when required. The capacity is 1,000 bushels of corn in twenty-four hours. The officers of the present company are W. H. Wherrett, president; Val. Leonard, secretary and treasurer.

A. ROTHERMEL, JEWELER, BOOKS, STATIONERY, WALL- PAPER, ETC.

The leading jewelry house of the city of Connersville, located at Zeller's old stand on Central avenue, is now conducted by Mr. A. Rothermel, who commenced business in this city upon a comparatively small scale in 1881, and has since that time established a large and lucrative trade, which will compare favorably with that of any contemporaneous establishment of a similar character in this section of the county. His sales room, which is 17x65 feet in dimensions, is fitted up in an elegant and tasteful manner, and his show-cases present an attractive display of elegant articles pertaining to this branch of trade, including fine American watches, clocks and jewelry, solid silver and plated ware, and a great variety of useful and ornamental articles, together with school books and supplies, stationery, picture frames, sewing machines, parlor organs, etc. His large and diversified stock also includes a full line of spectacles and eyeglasses. He also makes a leading specialty of fine watch repairing, and being practically familiar with the delicate mechanism of the various styles of watches now in use, is prepared to execute all work of this nature entrusted to his care promptly, and in the most thorough and workmanlike manner. Mr. Rothermel, who is a native of Germany, was born in 1848, and came to the United States in 1867. Previous to becoming a resident of Connersville in 1881, he had been engaged in the jewelry business at Laurel, Ind., where he commenced on his own account in 1870, and at Brookville, where he remained for nine years. In his present enterprise, he brings to the business extended experience in the me-

chanical department, a thorough knowledge of values, an excellent judgment in the selection of stock, and a character for integrity and honorable dealing which has secured for him the confidence of the community, and the esteem of all with whom he has enjoyed business relations.

A. M. ANDREWS, DRUGGIST AND PHARMACIST.

There is no department of our commercial and industrial system requiring for its successful prosecution more thorough knowledge and professional skill than that of the druggist and pharmacist, and the eminent degree of success which has attended the popular pharmacy located in Huston's block, during the past seven years, is a sufficient evidence of the practical adaptation of its enterprising proprietor, Mr. A. M. Andrews, to the requirements and peculiarities of the business in which during that time he has been so successfully engaged. This is one of the old-established and most favorably known drug stores of Connersville, and since passing into the possession of its present proprietor in 1877, its annual transactions have increased in a ratio of more than 100 per cent. Mr. Andrews occupies for salesroom, prescription department and laboratory, one floor 18x112 feet in dimensions, carrying a full line of the purest and freshest drugs, chemicals, paints, oils, varnishes, proprietary medicines, toilet articles, perfumeries, notions, stationery, druggists' sundries, etc., and makes a prominent specialty of compounding physicians' prescriptions, family recipes and pharmaceutical compounds. The proprietor, Mr. Andrews, is a native and life long resident of the State of Indiana, and having been identified with the drug trade for nearly a quarter of a century, is thoroughly and practically conversant with all the details of the business, and as an experienced chemist and pharmacist has gained the fullest confidence of the medical fraternity in this city and adjacent towns. He is also regarded as one of our most liberal and public-spirited citizens, and at the present time ably and acceptably represents his ward in the city government as a member of council.

J. M. HERON & CO., FINE BOOTS AND SHOES, S. W. COR. CENTRAL AVE. AND FIFTH ST.

One of the most enterprising boot and shoe houses of Eastern Indiana may be found in the city of Connersville, at the corner of Central Avenue and Fifth Street. This representative house which has for the past five years been conducted by Messrs. J. M. Heron & Co., had its inception more than a quarter of a century ago, when it was established by Mr. John F. Cassill, now of Greensburg. During this entire period it has at all times maintained a prominent rank among its contemporaries, and under its present energetic and enterprising management, is the recognized headquarters for the better grades of boots and shoes

for ladies', gentlemen's and children's wear. Messrs. Heron & Co. occupy the most prominent location in this city, embracing a fine business room 22x60 feet in dimensions at the above named central and desirable location, carrying a comprehensive and carefully selected stock of merchandise in this line, making a prominent specialty of the celebrated "X" kip boot, manufactured expressly for their trade. The average valuation of stock carried is not less than \$5,000, and their annual sales will compare favorably with those of any similar house in the larger cities of the state. The individual members of the firm are J. M. Heron and Miss Kate Heron, the former a native and life-long resident of this city, who was born in 1857. A determination to lead rather than to compete, a settled policy of handling only the best and most reliable goods, a uniform system of low prices and strictly honorable methods in the conduct of their extensive business have ensured for this representative house the enviable position which it occupies to-day.

THOMAS SHAW,
GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS, CENTRAL AVENUE.

Especially prominent among the leading grocery and provision houses in this city is the well known house now conducted by Mr. Thomas Shaw. This representative house was established in 1869 by Mr. T. J. Rittenhouse, who was succeeded in 1880 by the firm of Simpson & Shaw. In the following year Mr. Shaw became sole proprietor, and under his judicious management, the reputation acquired during a successful career of more than fifteen years has been fully maintained in every respect, and a new impetus has been imparted to the operations and transactions of this old-established house. The sales-room, which is eligibly and centrally located on Central Avenue directly opposite the court house, is 22x70 feet in dimensions, and in the rear of this is a ware-house 18x35 feet, used for the storage of heavy merchandise and duplicate stock in original packages. Mr. Shaw exercises the keenest discrimination and utmost care in the selection of his stock, aiming at all times to secure the best in every department, and his dealings with customers and patrons are characterized by unswerving integrity and a strict adherence to facts in all his representations. He carries at all times a complete and comprehensive assortment of staple and fancy groceries, foreign and domestic fruits and vegetables, grocers' sundries, tobaccos, cigars, provisions, and farm and dairy produce received daily direct from producers, and all kinds of table and culinary supplies for home consumption. The average valuation of stock in the various departments will aggregate fully \$5,000, and the annual transactions of this house will exceed \$50,000, with a trade derived not only from the city, but from adjacent towns within a radius of twenty miles. Mr. Shaw is a native of Butler County, Ohio,

where he was born in 1829. During the war of the rebellion he enlisted in the ranks of the Union army in 1862 as a member of the 123d Regiment, I. V. I., and served until 1865 when he received an honorable discharge, after participating in many of the most memorable campaigns and engagements of that eventful period of American history. He became a resident of this city in 1868, and has been for several years prominently identified with the commercial interests of the city and county.

GEORGE BALLE & SON,
MERCHANT TAILORS, CENTRAL AVE.,
BELOW FOURTH STREET.

In the merchant tailoring business of Connorsville, the house of Messrs. George Balle & Son, although by no means the oldest, has gained an enviable reputation since its inception in 1882, and established its claims to recognition in the front ranks of contemporaneous establishments, for its admirable and fashionable fits, superior workmanship, and thorough reliability in every respect. This representative firm occupies a finely arranged salesroom 25x40 feet in dimensions for the display of a large and seasonable stock of piece goods, comprising the choicest fabrics of foreign and American manufacture for gentlemen's wear, from which patrons may make their selections and have elegant and perfect-fitting suits made to order, at prices ranging from \$20 to \$45. The latest styles are received direct from importers and manufacturers, and fashion plates from the metropolitan merchant tailors and originators of style will always be found on exhibition at this representative establishment. The individual members of the firm, Messrs. George and C. A. Balle, are reliable and energetic business men; and the latter is a practical merchant tailor, who exercises a general supervision over his department of the business, and no garments are permitted to leave the establishment that have not been submitted to his critical examination.

J. L. BAILEY,
GENERAL STORE, No. 518 CENTRAL AVENUE.

Few business houses in any section of the Union at the present day can point to an uninterrupted and successful career extending over more than thirty years, and it is extremely doubtful if a parallel can be found to the prosperity and long continued commercial enterprise inaugurated in this city in 1852 by Mr. J. L. Bailey. In that year he engaged in the stove and tinware trade, and after two years, started a general store for the convenience of our then infant municipality, and its sparsely populated environs. His present quarters, at No. 518 Central avenue, comprise a two-story frame structure, 18x84 feet in dimensions, where he carries constantly in stock a complete and comprehensive variety of general merchandise, including foreign and American dry goods, domestics, notions, staple and fancy groceries, hats and caps, boots and shoes, farm

and dairy produce, grain, seeds, crockery, glass and queensware, and a great variety of articles, such as are usually found in an establishment of this character. The average valuation of stock carried ranges from \$4,000 to \$8,000, and the annual transactions aggregate from \$15,000 to \$20,000. Mr. Bailey, who is a native of Bucks county, Penn., was born in 1822, and has resided in Connersville since 1852, at which time his business career dates in this city. Previous to his removal to this city, he was engaged in mercantile pursuits at Tiffin, Ohio, and since becoming a resident of this city, has been prominently identified with its commercial and industrial enterprises in a variety of ways. He was one of the stock-holders and owners in the coffin factory in this city, which was destroyed by fire in 1879, and which caused the final abandonment of the enterprise. Through an active business life, Mr. Bailey has evinced an active interest in whatever promised to promote the thrift and public welfare of this community.

SHERA & MCINTOSH,

DRY GOODS, NOTIONS, ETC., CLAYPOOL'S BLOCK, FIFTH ST.

Among the responsible houses of its class, the dry goods house, now conducted by Messrs. Shera & McIntosh, claims special recognition at our hands. Founded originally in 1880, by Mr. Dan Milliken, this house came into the possession of its present proprietors in December, 1881, and under their energetic and enterprising management its trade has increased until it reaches at the present time from \$15,000 to \$20,000 per annum. The salesroom, located in Claypool block on Fifth street, is 17x30 feet in dimensions, besides basement for storage; and the stock, averaging about \$7,000 in value, comprises at all times a choice and carefully selected assortment of staple and fancy dry goods, dress fabrics of both foreign and American production, woollens, domestics, white goods and house-furnishing supplies, gloves, hosiery, corsets, notions, small wares, and miscellaneous merchandise pertaining to this special branch of trade. Their stock is full and complete in all departments, and selected with great care, especially to meet the requirements of the better class of city and country trade; and the facilities enjoyed by the firm for securing all the novelties and desirable styles simultaneously with their appearance in the markets of the East, enables them to offer to their patrons inducements which cannot fail to be appreciated, especially by the ladies of Connersville and vicinity. Mr. James Shera, who is a native of the State of Ohio, has resided in this city for the past three years, and his partner, Mr. Edwin McIntosh, is a native and life-long resident of Connersville. Both members of the firm are thoroughly and practically conversant with all the details and requirements of the dry-goods trade, and the high reputation enjoyed by this house has been the legitimate result of their enterprise, ability and sagacity in the management of their pros-

perous business, and their strict adherence to the principles of fair and honorable dealing, which has characterized their career since engaging in their present business.

BURK & MORRIS,

GROCERIES, ETC., CENTRAL AVE. AND WEST FIFTH ST.

This well known house was originally established in 1871 by Mr. E. W. Burk, who conducted the business for a period of ten years, when in 1881 Mr. G. Morris purchased an interest in the business, and the present partnership was formed. The premises occupied for sales and storage purposes embrace a two-story brick building 20x80 feet, and an "L" 20x40 feet in dimensions with commodious basements; and the stock, the average value of which will reach \$6,000, consists of a general line of staple and fancy family groceries and provisions, grocers sundries generally, crockery, queensware and glassware, fruit and vegetables in season, farm and dairy produce, and all kinds of miscellaneous merchandise, such as is usually found in first-class metropolitan establishments of this character. Purchasing in large quantities, and direct from importers, jobbers, manufacturers and producers, this representative firm offer special inducements to their patrons in city and country, which cannot be readily duplicated by any contemporaneous establishment in this section. Mr. E. W. Burk is a native and life-long resident of Connersville, and Mr. George Morris was born in Ohio, but came to this place when quite young, and has been a resident in the place for many years. Both members of the firm are thoroughly conversant with all the details of the business and the requirements of the trade, and the annual transactions of the firm at the present time will exceed \$60,000.

MARTIN MEYER,

HARNESS, SADDLES, ETC., No. 512 CENTRAL AVENUE.

Located at No. 512 Central Avenue is the saddlery and harness ware-rooms and manufactory of Mr. Martin Meyer, which were established by the present enterprising proprietor in November 1878. His general salesroom is kept stocked to its fullest capacity with a fine line of single and double harness of his own manufacture, saddles, bridles, collars, whips, robes, and every variety of horse-clothing and equipments and stable supplies. The salesroom is 17x60 feet in dimensions, with an additional room on the second floor 17x30 feet in size, occupied for manufacturing purposes; and from seven to twelve experienced hands (according to the exigencies of the trade) are employed in the production of first-class custom work and the manufacture to order of hand-made harness of every description, and general repairing, etc. Mr. Meyer, who is a practical harness-maker and saddler of many years experience, is a native of Germany, where he was born in 1852. He came to this

country when but a child, and has been a resident of this city for the past quarter of a century. He learned his trade here, and prior to embarking in business on his own account, was employed as a journeyman, becoming thoroughly familiar with all branches and departments of the business.

ANTHONY KEHL, JEWELER, FIFTH STREET.

Mr. Anthony Kehl whose claims to the title of the "Reliable Fifth Street Jeweler" are based upon a successful and prosperous business career extending over nearly a quarter of a century, characterized by strict integrity and honorable dealing, commenced business in this city in 1861 upon a comparatively small scale. In 1871 Mr. I. Seller purchased the stock and stand and continued the business for three years, at the expiration of which time Mr. Kehl resumed the management, and since then the trade has increased in a ratio of more than 100 per cent. In 1868 he erected the building which he now occupies on Fifth St., where, in an elegantly arranged and handsomely fitted up salesroom, he carries an admirably selected assortment of imported and American watches, clocks and jewelry, solid silver and heavily plated tableware, etc. Special attention is paid to fine watch and jewelry repairing by accomplished and experienced workmen, thoroughly conversant with the peculiar and delicate mechanism of the various styles of watches now in the market. Mr. Kehl is a native of Baden, Germany, where he was born in 1827; he came to the United States in 1857 and to Indiana in the following year, where he has since resided; and with the characteristic thrift of his race, industry, perseverance and application to his chosen avocation, he has amassed a handsome competency, and established a lucrative and prosperous trade, as well as an enviable reputation as a liberal and enterprising merchant.

JACOB GOODMON, GENERAL BLACKSMITHING, MANUFACTURER OF FARM AND SPRING WAGONS, HARROWS, PATENT GATES, ETC., CENTRAL AVE. AND THIRD ST.

The general blacksmithing, horseshoeing, wagon-making and repair shop of Mr. Jacob Goodmon, at the corner of Third Street and Central Avenue, was established in 1865 by its present proprietor, who has for nearly twenty years transacted the leading business in his line in this city. The premises occupied at the above named location are 82x165 feet in dimensions, and five skilled assistants are regularly employed in the iron and wood-working departments, with four forges in the blacksmith department. Mr. Goodmon manufactures the best varieties of farm and spring wagons, harrows, patent gates, etc., and devotes special attention to horse-shoeing upon scientific and practical principles, and to general blacksmithing in all its departments. Particular attention is also paid to repairing agricultur-

ral tools and implements of every description, and general jobbing in both iron and wood. Mr. Goodmon, who has been a resident of Indiana since 1858, is a thoroughly practical and skilled mechanic.

T. MAFFETT, GROCERIES, CROCKERY, ETC.

The every-day requirements of a prosperous community like Connerville, with its adjacent population in the agricultural districts, furnishes to the grocery houses of this city an admirable illustration of the application of the laws of supply and demand which regulate our modern commercial system. Groceries are absolutely essential to all classes of our citizens and the farm and dairy products of the rural districts (beyond the amounts required for home consumption) are convertible at all times into the various articles pertaining to the grocery line, through the intervention of such representative houses as that of T. Maffett on Fifth street, where may be found in great variety the best grades of teas, coffees, spices, sugars, canned goods, and grocers' sundries, as well as the choicest products of our farms and dairies, in the way of fresh vegetables in season, butter, eggs, etc., which, owing to the facilities enjoyed for procuring supplies, he is enabled to offer to city or country customers at the very lowest rates. Mr. Maffett commenced business in 1867 at his present location, where he occupies a commodious and conveniently arranged two-story building 17½x80 feet in dimensions for business purposes, and carries an admirably selected stock of about \$3,000 in value. His annual sales will compare favorably with those of any contemporaneous house in this city, and are steadily increasing with each succeeding month. Mr. Maffett, who is a native of the State of Pennsylvania, has resided in this city since 1867, at which time he embarked in business at his present location, and by his own unaided efforts has established a reputation entitling him to rank among the leading and most reliable merchants of the city and county.

H. G. BANES, BOOTS AND SHOES, NO. 409 CENTRAL AVE., OPPOSITE COURT HOUSE.

It has long been conceded that the greater advantages in trade to purchasers is found with houses who devote their energies to one particular department of trade. These remarks are specially applicable to the boot and shoe business in which keen discrimination, thorough knowledge of values, and an appreciation of the wants and requirements of customers are absolutely necessary to a successful prosecution of the business in an intelligent community. These requirements are possessed in an eminent degree by Mr. H. G. Banes, proprietor of the popular boot and shoe emporium at 409 Central Ave., opposite the court house, where a salesroom 20x60 feet in dimensions with an additional room 12x20 feet in size is occupied for business purposes, and

a stock carried of fine boots and shoes, selected with an express view to the requirements of the trade in this section. The valuation of the ordinary stock carried will approximate \$7,000, and the annual transactions will average about \$25,000. Mr. Banes commenced business in 1881, and by strict attention to business, and rigid adherence to the principles of fair and honorable dealing has established a steadily growing trade among the most substantial citizens of city and county. Mr. Banes is a native of Franklin County, Indiana, where he was born in 1848. He has been a resident of Connersville for the past four years, previous to which time he was associated with one of the leading boot and shoe houses of Cincinnati for a period of ten years.

W. H. MILLIKIN,

DRY GOODS, NOTIONS, ETC., No. 430 CENTRAL AVENUE.

In 1876 Mr. W. H. Millikin, a native of Hamilton, Butler county, Ohio, and for many years a resident and successful merchant of Cincinnati, established in this city the well known dry goods store at No. 430 Central Avenue, which he conducted until his death, which occurred in June, 1882, since which time the house has been carried on by his surviving wife and his sister—ladies who exercise rare discrimination and excellent judgment in the selection of stock, and whose qualifications are duly appreciated by purchasers. The sales-room, which is 20x75 feet in dimensions, is centrally and eligibly located, and fitted up in an attractive manner in modern metropolitan style; and the stock embraces an elegant and seasonable assortment of foreign and American dry goods, trimmings, notions, corsets, gloves, hosiery and ladies' furnishing goods, selected with an express view to the requirements of the trade in this section. To the ladies especially this popular emporium offers extraordinary inducements in style, quality and prices, and it is safe to assert that no contemporaneous establishment here enjoys better facilities for procuring supplies. The average valuation of stock carried is not less than \$10,000, and the annual transactions reach an aggregate that will compare favorably with any similar house in the city. Five courteous and experienced assistants are employed in the sales department, and the prominent position occupied by this house among the commercial enterprises of this county, justly entitles it to the full and liberal notice here accorded in a review of the progressive industries and commercial pursuits of this county and state.

ADAM SCHOENHOLTZ,

GROCERIES, EIGHTH STREET AND WESTERN AVENUE.

Without opposition or competition in his special branch of trade in this section of the city within a radius of several squares, Mr. Adam Schoenholtz, whose family grocery and provision store is located at the corner of Eighth Street and Western Avenue, has

secured a prosperous and steadily increasing trade. This house was originally established in September 1878 by Mr. Henry Weisel, and came into the possession of its present enterprising proprietor in October 1882. The premises occupied for sales purposes are 20x60 feet in dimensions, and the stock embraces a general assortment of the choicest varieties of staple and fancy groceries, teas, coffees, spices, sugars, syrups, foreign and domestic fruits, canned goods, cigars, tobaccos, notions, provisions, farm and dairy produce, and a great variety of articles for table and cooking purposes. In each department the stock is complete and varied, and special attention is devoted by Mr. Schoenholtz to the selection of the purest, freshest and best articles for family consumption. Mr. Schoenholtz is a native of Germany, born in 1853, came to America in July 1871, and has been a resident of this country for many years. Since embarking in business at his present location, he has made many friends and influential acquaintances in this section of the city; and each succeeding month witnesses a gradual and promising increase in the aggregate transactions of this popular establishment.

HUSTON HOUSE,

E. M. GOODWIN, PROPRIETOR, FOURTH ST. AND CENTRAL AVE.

To those visiting the city of Connersville, whose business or inclination necessitates a stay of either a longer or shorter period, the Huston House, located at the corner of Fourth St. and Central Avenue, is cordially commended. This old and well known house was established more than twenty years ago, and has been conducted under its present management since May, 1883, at which time many important improvements were introduced, the building thoroughly remodeled, painted and papered, and newly furnished throughout. It has a frontage of 100 feet on each of the important thoroughfares above mentioned, and contains, in addition to the office, reading-room, parlors, reception rooms, dining room and culinary department, thirty-one finely furnished and neatly kept sleeping apartments and guest chambers, together with suitable, commodious and well lighted sample rooms for the convenience of commercial travelers. The dining room, which is located on the first floor has a seating capacity for fifty persons at one time, and the tables are plentifully supplied with the choicest viands which the market affords, served in the most attractive and appetizing forms by polite and courteous attendants. Mr. E. M. Goodwin, the proprietor is a native and life-long resident of Indiana, and has had many years practical experience in the hotel business. He exercises a strict personal supervision over all departments of the house, and guests may always be assured of a cordial greeting and the best of attendance during their stay, and no pains will be spared by the host or his assistants to render the visit of patrons agreeable and pleasant.

PARKER & CO.,
AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS, FEED,
ETC., N. E. COR. SIXTH ST. AND CENTRAL AVE.

One of the leading houses of eastern Indiana engaged in this important department of trade is located on the north-east corner of Sixth St. and Central Avenue in the city of Connorsville, and conducted by the enterprising firm of Parker & Co. This house had its inception in 1878, when it was established by Mr. R. Marks, and two years later Mr. John Parker purchased an interest in the business, when the present firm name and style was adopted. The premises occupied for sales and storage purposes are 35x65 feet in dimensions, besides ground space; and, in addition to a general line of agricultural tools and implements, Messrs. Parker & Co. handle as exclusive agents in this section, the following well known and deservedly popular specialties: The Dorsey Reaper and Mower, manufactured at Milton, Indiana; the Morgan Mower, of Monroe, N. Y.; the Hankey Plows, of Dayton, Ohio; Gibbs' and Ball's plows, of Canton, Ohio; Adams' Chilled Plows, of Plymouth, Indiana; the Hoppood sulkies, of Alton, Illinois; Long & Allstetter cutter boxes, of Hamilton, Ohio; the Wilder cutter boxes, of Monroe, Michigan; farm wagons, manufactured by Mathers Bros., of Anderson, Indiana; pumps of the best makes and most approved styles, together with a great variety of improved machinery and implements. They also make a prominent specialty of farm seeds, grains, clover and grass seeds, hay, feed, etc. Mr. John Parker is a native and life-long resident of Indiana, formerly as now engaged in agricultural pursuits; and Mr. R. Marks, his business associate and the founder of this house, has been identified with the business interests of Connorsville for the past thirty-two years. He was formerly engaged in the manufacturing department for a number of years.

DR. D. RAWLS & CO.,
DRUGGISTS, No. 523 CENTRAL AVE.

Among the leading drug houses and prescription pharmacies of Connorsville, and the oldest established in Fayette County, is that located at No. 523 Central avenue, and during the past thirty-six years been conducted under the firm name and style of Dr. D. Rawls & Co. Established more than half a century ago, this well-known and thoroughly reliable house passed into the possession of Dr. Rawls in 1848, and has since that time maintained a high rank among contemporaneous establishments, and in the estimation of the medical fraternity throughout this entire section, special attention being given to physicians' prescriptions, family recipes, and pharmaceutical preparations of all kinds, compounded by the accomplished proprietor and his efficient assistants. The premises occupied at the above named location for salesroom, prescription department and laboratory are 18x100 feet in dimensions, and the stock,

which is full and complete in every department, comprises a general line of the purest and freshest drugs and chemicals, proprietary medicines, perfumeries, toilet articles, soaps, sponges, etc., paints, oils, varnishes, glass, putty, wines and liquors for medicinal purposes, cigars, tobacco and druggists sundries generally. Dr. Rawls, who is an educated and accomplished physician, chemist and pharmacist, came to this city from Ohio in 1845, and three years later embarked in his present successful business enterprise. He studied medicine in his native state under the celebrated and well-known Dr. Bacon, of Lebanon, and was for several years engaged in the practice of his profession prior to his removal to this city as above noted. He devotes his personal attention to the general management and supervision of the business, and employs three competent assistants in the sales and prescription departments.

MUNK & ROBERTS FURNITURE COMPANY.

This company was inaugurated in 1868 by Mr. Wm. Newkirk and Herman Munk. In 1874 the firm became Munk & Roberts, and in 1884 the present company was organized. The buildings embrace a four-story structure 60x100 feet, erected in 1878, and one five-story building 50x140 feet, erected in 1883. These works manufacture bureaus, stands and chamber suits, employing about one hundred and forty workmen.

W. W. MICHAEL,
GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS, SOUTH CENTRAL AVENUE AND CANAL STS.

At the corner of South Central Avenue and Canal Street is located the popular family grocery and provision store of Mr. W. W. Michael, which was established by its present enterprising proprietor January 22d 1883. The salesroom is 16x30 feet in dimensions, and is a tastefully arranged display of the choicest varieties of staple and fancy groceries, while in the rear is a room for storage purposes, etc. The stock embraces a general assortment of articles for table and culinary purposes, including fine grades of garden-grown teas, coffees, sugars, spices, canned goods, foreign and domestic fruits, vegetables, country produce, tobacco, cigars, etc. Mr. Michael makes a leading specialty of fresh butter and eggs received daily from the farms and dairies of this and adjoining counties, and is prepared at all times to pay the highest market prices, either in cash or merchandise, for all kinds of country produce. Mr. Michael is a native of this county and State, and was born March 20th, 1862. Although yet a young man he has had considerable experience in this special branch of trade, and possesses business qualifications of a high order. Since embarking in business on his own account, he has by industry, enterprise and honorable dealing, established a local trade which will compare favorably with that of any of his contemporaries, and

one which is steadily increasing with each succeeding season. Mr. Michael is employed by the Indiana Furniture Manufacturing Company, while the store, during the hours in which he is employed, is attended by his sister.

J. M. KELLUM, PHOTOGRAPHER.

At the photographic art gallery of Mr. J. M. Kellum may be seen on exhibition some admirable specimens of this interesting and beautiful art, which will not suffer by comparison with the productions of metropolitan establishments of a similar class, either east or west. Mr. Kellum inaugurated his present successful enterprise in 1883, and has already established a lucrative and prosperous trade, extending over a wide area of territory adjacent to Connersville, and the work executed by him has in every instance given the most unqualified satisfaction to his numerous patrons. His reception room, which is fitted up in an attractive and appropriate style, is 18x24 feet in dimensions, and his operating rooms are supplied with all the modern appliances and appurtenances, enabling him to turn out all varieties of pictures, either plain or finished in India ink, oil or crayon. He also makes a specialty of copying and enlarging pictures in the highest style of art, and in this special line executes some admirable specimens of photography. Mr. Kellum is a native and lifelong resident of this city, and possesses artistic abilities of a high order. He keeps fully abreast of the times in the various improvements which have been introduced in photography, and by strict attention and application to his business, has established an enviable reputation as an accomplished artist, and his establishment is well worthy a visit of inspection by all who are interested in examining works of art, or desirous of procuring life-like and pleasing pictures of themselves or friends.

JOHN H. WOOD, GENERAL BLACKSMITHING, EAST CON- NERSVILLE.

The blacksmith and general repair shop of Mr. John H. Wood, in the city of Connersville, was established by the present proprietor in 1869, and for the past fifteen years has maintained a prominent position. Special attention is paid to blacksmithing of every description, also general repair work, the manufacture of wagons, buggies, carts, harrow and other farm implements. Mr. Wood is a thorough and practical blacksmith, devoting his personal attention to the business; thus guaranteeing the most prompt attention to all work entrusted to his care, ensuring the utmost satisfaction in workmanship and price. Mr. Wood who is a native of Kentucky, was born in 1832, but has resided in this county since he was two years of age. During the war of the rebellion he enlisted in 1862 in the 16th Indiana Volunteers, and with that regiment participated in some of the most eventful and memorable

scenes of that historic period, receiving an honorable discharge in 1864, since which time he has been engaged in his present line of business. In the extent of business transacted and the quality of work turned out, this establishment will compare favorably with any similar one in this section of the county.

JOSEPH KUBLER, GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

Eligibly and centrally located at the corner of Central Avenue and First St., occupying a sales-room 18x40 feet in size, with a basement of corresponding dimensions, is the popular family grocery and provision store of Mr. Joseph Kubler, which although established as recently as 1883, has already secured a trade entitling it to a prominent rank among its older contemporaries. The stock carried by Mr. Kubler, which is fresh and desirable, is selected with an especial view to the requirements of his trade and comprises a general line of choice family groceries and provisions, teas, coffees, spices, sugars, syrups, foreign and domestic fruits, tobacco and cigars, canned goods and miscellaneous merchandise pertaining to this special branch of trade. The stock is daily replenished by fresh arrivals from importers, jobbers, manufacturers and producers, and the prices are uniformly the lowest consistent with the quality of the goods offered. The trade of this house, which is derived from both city and country, has steadily increased since its inception, and each succeeding month witnesses a most gratifying increase of business. Mr. Kubler, who is a native of Switzerland, was born in 1850, and came to this country when but four years of age. He first engaged in business on his own account in this city, and by a strict adherence to the correct principles of mercantile honor and fair and honorable dealing, has built up his present prosperous and lucrative business, and earned an enviable reputation as a conscientious and upright merchant, whose representations will always be found to accord strictly with the facts.

JOHN J. PETERS, MEAT MARKET, FIFTH ST.

The favorite meat market of Mr. John J. Peters on Fifth street, although established as recently as in July 1883, has already become deservedly popular with the house-keepers in this section of the city, and receives a liberal and encouraging patronage from the better class of trade. The salesroom, which is 15x30 feet in dimensions, is neatly and appropriately furnished with all the modern conveniences, including a fine refrigerator for the preservation of meat during the warm season. Two assistants are employed, and the trade at the present time requires not less than twenty-five head of cattle per month, with a proportionate number of smaller animals—such as hogs, calves, sheep, etc. Mr. Peters makes a specialty of supplying to families the choicest cuts of fresh beef, pork, veal, lamb, mutton, etc., and

all kinds of cured and smoked meats, sausage, bologna, head-cheese and similar articles of his own manufacture. Mr. Peters, who was born in Germany in 1849, has been a resident of this State since 1867, and is practically conversant with the business in which he has embarked, under the most favorable auspices. By fair and honorable dealing with his patrons, by strict attention to his business and the requirements of the trade, and a determination to keep the best articles in his line, he has established a prosperous and steadily increasing trade in this city and adjacent territory.

JACOB KRIBS,

MERCHANT TAILOR, CENTRAL AVE. AND SIXTH ST.

A practical experience of more than thirty years as a cutter and artistic designer of gentlemen's garments enables Mr. Jacob Kribs to guarantee to his patrons and friends in this section that perfection of fit and finish, which is at the present time so essential to the personal appearance of those who desire to create a favorable impression in society or in business circles. His popular establishment, located at the corner of Central Avenue and Sixth Street, now in the fourth year of a prosperous existence, occupies a floor space of 18x45 feet for the display of an admirably selected stock of textile fabrics for gentlemen's wear, embracing the choicest products of English, French and American looms, in cloths, cassimeres, vestings, suitings, etc., from which customers may make their selections and have full dress or business suits made up to order in the most elegant, thorough and workmanlike manner, at prices ranging from \$20 to \$45. His selection of piece goods is made with a special view to the requirements of the better class of trade in this section, and will always be found to comprise the most fashionable, durable, and seasonable goods in their respective lines, and the latest novelties in metropolitan fashions, as well as the individual tastes and inclinations of his patrons are consulted in the manufacture of suits or single garments. Mr. Kribs is a native of the province of Alsace, but has been for many years a resident of this country. During the war of the rebellion he enlisted in 1864 as a member of the 16th Indiana Mounted Infantry, Colonel Conover, in Capt. Macklin's Company (K), and as a member of the regimental band, served for eleven months, receiving an honorable discharge at New Orleans, La., in 1865.

WM. HEEB,

WAGON AND REPAIR SHOP.

For nearly half a century, the family name of Heeb has been familiar to the residents of Connorsville and vicinity, in connection with the wagon-making business; the well known manufactory and general repair shop now conducted by Mr. Wm. Heeb, having been established by his father early in 1844, and passing into the possession of the present proprietor and his brother in 1863, and continued as such

for two years, when the present owner took entire charge of the business. Mr. Heeb occupies for manufacturing and repair work a frame structure 20x90 feet in dimensions, and enjoys the best facilities for manufacturing to order all descriptions of farm and light wagons, carts, etc., using only the best materials and employing skilled and experienced assistants. He makes a leading specialty of repairing and general jobbing in both the iron and wood-working departments, and guarantees all work turned out at his establishment to give perfect satisfaction as to material, workmanship and price. Mr. Heeb is a native of Germany, and was born near the city of Mentz in 1836. He came to this country with his parents in 1843, and located in this city, where he learned the trade of wagon-maker with his father, and embarked in business on his own account as above noted. In 1878 he was elected to the city council, in which body he served continuously and acceptably to his constituents for 4 years.

PHIL. JOSEPH,

DRY GOODS, NOTIONS, CARPETS AND MILLINERY GOODS.

The inducements offered to purchasers of dry goods, notions, carpets, etc., at the popular emporium of Mr. Phil. Joseph on Fifth St. are of such a pronounced character as to elicit the most favorable commendations. Mr. Joseph commenced business in this city in 1851, and while his first year's transactions reached only about \$10,000, his trade steadily increased until for the year 1883 his sales aggregated nearly double that amount, and indications point to a proportionate increase for the current year. His salesroom is 40x50 feet in dimensions, fitted up and arranged in modern metropolitan style, and twelve assistants are regularly employed in the sales department. The stock embraces a general line of foreign and American dry goods, domestics, woollens, white goods, linens, dress fabrics, trimmings, notions, ladies and gentlemen's furnishing goods, millinery goods, small wares, carpets and miscellaneous merchandise legitimately pertaining to this special department of trade. Mr. Joseph purchases in large lots and for cash, directly from importers, jobbers and manufacturers in the principal trade centres and producing districts of the Union; and in addition to his extensive line of staple goods, receives the latest novelties and styles simultaneously with their appearance in metropolitan fashionable circles. Mr. Joseph, who is a native of the state of Kentucky, was born in 1858, and has been for the greater portion of his life engaged in mercantile pursuits in other localities, becoming a resident of Indiana three years ago, at which time his present enterprise was inaugurated. Mr. Joseph now occupies two salesrooms as described in the article, but expects, during the coming spring to erect a fine business block near his present store, which will afford facilities for his increasing trade, and in its architectural appearance will be a credit to the city.

M. H. O'TOOLE,
MARBLE AND GRANITE MONUMENTS,
AND PRACTICAL SURVEYOR, SOUTH SIDE
OF FOURTH ST., WEST OF CENTRAL
AVENUE.

The business operations of this house in this city dates its origin to 1857, at which time Mr. O'Toole started in the marble business, with his shop then located in the building which has since become known as the old stocking manufactory building. At that time the population was less than half its present number of inhabitants, and contained not more than one-third of the number of business houses. In 1868 Mr. O'Toole took possession of his present location, and in 1871 erected his present business room and shop. During the years of his association here with the growth and prosperity of this community, Mr. O'Toole has erected a large proportion of the monuments and tombstones to be found in our cemetery in this city and the burying grounds in various sections of this county. He gives his personal attention to supplying, upon the most reasonable terms, marble or granite monuments, tombstones or slabs, and is prepared to execute in the most artistic manner, fine monuments or stone work from original designs or of standard styles. Mr. O'Toole is also a practical civil engineer, and the large experience he has enjoyed in this department will, in many instances, make demands upon his services. He is a native of Scotland, where he was born in 1826. His parents were of Irish descent, and he subsequently learned his present trade in the county of Wicklow, Ireland, coming to this country in 1851. After working at the marble business in Brooklyn and New York, he was subsequently employed as civil engineer on the railroad, (now controlled by the Pennsylvania Company) putting in all the grade stakes from that place to Gittanning Point, at the foot of the Alleghenys. Afterward he worked in Pittsburg as chief engineer, subsequently removing to Cincinnati, Ohio, from which he came to this city as above indicated. He employs an eight horse-power engine and boiler, with special improved machinery for the cutting of stone to any desired dimensions—the only one in the county.

JAMES McCANN,
GROCERIES, PROVISIONS, DRY GOODS,
BOOTS, SHOES, NOTIONS, ETC., EAST CON-
NERSVILLE, IND.

The grocery and provision house now conducted by Mr. James McCann, at East Connorsville, was originally established by B. McCann & Son in 1872. This partnership remained in force until 1878, when the senior member of the original firm retired, and since that time the business has been successfully prosecuted by its present enterprising proprietor, who occupies for sales and storage purposes two floors and basement, each 20x40 feet in dimensions, carrying a large and carefully selected stock of staple and fancy family groceries, fruits, vegetables, canned goods, farm

and dairy produce, provisions, table and culinary supplies. This is the leading house of its class in this section of the city; its transactions will compare favorably with older and more pretentious houses. Mr. B. McCann, one of the original founders of the house, and father of the present owner of this well-known house is a native and life-long resident of this county and is one of our oldest and most highly respected citizens. He has been prominently identified with the business interests and material prosperity of the city and state for nearly half a century, and has occupied the honorable and responsible position of Justice of the Peace for the past fourteen years. Mr. James McCann was born in this city in 1849, and during his mercantile career has established an enviable reputation for integrity and honorable dealing, which has ensured for him an established and lucrative trade, extending throughout this city and adjoining towns.

ELLIS & McFARLAN.

LIVERY, FEED AND SALE STABLE, FIFTH STREET.

For nearly a quarter of a century the popular livery, feed and sale stables on Fifth St. have been a familiar landmark to the residents of Connorsville and visitors to the city, having been established in 1860 by Capt. W. J. Orr. Since disposing of his interest in the business, Capt. Orr has been succeeded by the following named individuals and firms in the order herewith given: Moses Long, Edward Stone, William Middleton, J. W. Sample, C. C. Sample, and by Mr. H. T. Ellis in January 1883, who conducted the business alone until 1882, when Mr. J. E. McFarlan was admitted to an interest in the business. The buildings occupied for stable purposes have a frontage of sixty-two feet on Fifth St. with a depth of one hundred feet and are fitted up with all the modern conveniences, with ample capacity for the accommodation of one hundred horses at one time. Special attention is paid to the wants and requirements of traveling men, in furnishing suitable conveyances of all descriptions, with or without experienced drivers, and upon the most favorable and reasonable terms. They keep from fifteen to twenty fine horses for livery purposes, with a choice selection of new and stylish buggies, carriages, and single and double vehicles for business or pleasure purposes. They also make a specialty of boarding horses by the day or week, and parties visiting the city by their own conveyances can have their teams properly cared for by competent and experienced hostlers. The advantages and facilities enjoyed by this well known firm are not surpassed by those of any similar establishment in this section. Messrs. Ellis & McFarlan are both natives and life long residents of this state and are thoroughly familiar, and practically conversant with the business in which they are engaged, being thorough judges of value in horse flesh, and gentlemen whose representations under all circumstances may be implicitly relied upon.

C. C. ACKERMAN,

JEWELER, No. 518 CENTRAL AVE.

The old established jewelry house of Mr. C. C. Ackerman, on Central avenue, claims conspicuous recognition as among the representative business houses of Connorsville, and an important factor in its commercial thrift. Established by its present proprietor in 1869, this house has maintained during the past fifteen years an unblemished reputation for reliability, integrity and honorable dealing, which has ensured for it a lucrative and established trade with the better class of citizens in both city and country. The salesroom which is 15x60 feet in dimensions is fitted up in modern style, and the stock carried embraces an elegant assortment of imported and American watches of the best makes, a fine line of gold and heavily plated jewelry, clocks, solid silver and plated-ware, fine spectacles and eye-glasses, and a great variety of useful and ornamental articles, such as are usually found in first-class metropolitan establishments of this description. Special attention is paid to fine watch and jewelry repairing in all its branches, and parties entrusting their time-keepers to Mr. Ackerman may confidently rest assured that they will be properly cleaned, regulated and adjusted, and perfect satisfaction guaranteed. Mr. Ackerman is a native of the State of Pennsylvania, and was born in 1837. He is an old resident of Indiana, and a practical jeweler and watch-maker of more than twenty-five years experience—thoroughly familiar with all the details of the business which engages his attention, and in which he has met with such a gratifying degree of success.

MURPHY BROS.,

GROCERIES, COR. FIFTH AND EASTERN AVENUE.

Nearly a quarter of a century has elapsed since Messrs. Buckley & Ross commenced business in this city in the grocery line, from which the present store derived its origin. In 1864 this partnership was dissolved and Mr. Buckley conducted the business alone until 1883, when the firm of Murphy Bros. took possession of this old and well known stand, and, under their energetic administration, the high reputation gained by Mr. Buckley during the past twenty years has not only been maintained, but new life and energy infused into the business; and notwithstanding the fact that numerous other houses have come into existence, and to a certain extent divided the trade, the transactions of this representative house will compare favorably with those of any of its contemporaries in this section. Messrs. Murphy Bros. occupy one floor 25x60 feet in dimensions, where they carry an admirably selected stock and complete assortment of the best grades of staple and fancy groceries, teas, coffees, canned goods, fruits, vegetables, provisions, farm and dairy produce, queens and glassware, tobacco, cigars, notions, etc. Their merchandise is new, fresh and pure, and comprises at all times the choicest goods in the

market, and it is the determination of this firm, as expressed in the motto they have adopted, to "Please and accommodate all classes of trade alike." Both members of the firm, Messrs. William and John Murphy, are natives and life-long residents of Indiana, and have had an extended experience in the grocery trade. In all their transactions their dealings are characterized by a spirit of liberality and honorable dealing which cannot fail to ensure them a liberal share of the general trade from the residents of the city and country.

DICKEY & CO.,

MANUF'RS. OF CARTS AND BUCKBOARDS, THIRD ST., BETWEEN CENTRAL AVENUE AND EASTERN AVENUE.

In order that a clear idea of the advantages presented in the products of this enterprising firm may be more clearly understood, we append a brief description of this house from its origin to the present time. The business was originally started as a repair shop by Messrs. Dickey & Applegate in 1880, which firm was dissolved the following year. Mr. Dickey continued the business up to February 1883, and having received a patent from the United States Government, dated March 27th, 1883, upon improvement in carts, he soon afterward entered into partnership with John W. Grout for the manufacture of this article, and the associated interests. This partnership ended in the burning of the premises located on the south side of Fifth St. May 26th, 1883, in a manner which reflected great discredit upon his partner, who subsequently decamped with the insurance money, compelling Mr. Dickey to again rely upon his own well-earned reputation for honor and integrity for his future operations. In July of the present year, the present company was elected, and ample premises secured for present operations on Third St., where special attention is given to the manufacture of carts and buckboards, and to all kinds of general job-work and repairing, both in wood and iron work, painting, etc. relating to the general carriage manufacturing business. The principal features of his patent on carts consists in the peculiar shape of the shaft by which the motion of the horse is so far lost in its effect upon the seat as to be scarcely perceptible, and also in the adjustment of the bar, regulating the weight held in the seat, and the convenience of getting into and out of the vehicle. These features cannot fail to commend the products of this company to all using or desiring to purchase this class of vehicle. Mr. Dickey has also invented an improved spring for buckboards, which has many advantages over anything in the market, for which he has applied for a patent. Mr. A. H. Dickey, the senior member of this firm is a native of this place, in which he was born in 1836. He learned his trade with Mr. John Applegate in Rush County, and subsequently worked at his trade in various sections of this and other states, up to the time of commencing business here as above noted. Mr. M. Hart-

zell, the junior member of the firm, is a native of Northampton County, Penn'a., where he was born in 1856. He came west with his parents when quite young, and learned the trade of blacksmithing at Hope, Bartholomew County, with his father, Mr. Geo. W. Hartzell, after which he worked at various places up to the time of forming present partnership. This firm keep finished work on hand and are prepared to execute work to order, guaranteeing good stock and first-class workmanship in every particular.

INDIANA FURNITURE MANUFACTURING CO.

This company was organized in 1875, with a capital stock of \$50,000, subsequently increased to \$100,000, for the manufacture of walnut, ash, and poplar French dressing sets, bureaus, bedsteads, wash-stands, etc. The premises occupied for manufacturing purposes embrace several substantial structures, and employment is given to about one hundred and forty workmen. Wm. Newkirk is president, and Geo. M. Sinks, secretary and treasurer.

HENRY RIEMAN, FLORIST AND GARDENER, NORTH CENTRAL AVENUE.

The leading establishment in this section of the State devoted to the cultivation of plants, flowers, etc., and to gardening in all its branches, is that conducted by Henry Rieman on North Central Avenue, whose extensive and admirably arranged grounds in the highest state of scientific cultivation, cover an area of six and three-fourth acres. Upon these grounds are erected two green houses 10x40 feet in size, and one 25x40 feet, while not less than 6,000 square feet of sash are employed for hot beds; seed beds, and propagating and forcing purposes. Mr. Henry Rieman and his son Charles, both of whom are practical and experienced florists and landscape gardeners, devote their personal attention to the management and general supervision of their extensive business, and employ four competent assistants. This business was established by the present proprietor about ten years ago, and from a comparatively moderate commencement, has attained its present gratifying proportions through the efforts, enterprise and ability manifested by the gentlemen above named. Parties desiring plants, shrubs or flowers of any description appropriate to this climate, will find them at this establishment at the most reasonable rates, and those wishing their gardens, grounds or lawns laid out in artistic style are cordially commended to the Messrs. Rieman as accomplished and scientific landscape gardeners. This house is also prepared to furnish, at the shortest notice, choice bouquets, floral decorations and cut flowers for festive occasions or for funerals, in any desired quantity or form. Mr. Henry Rieman is a native of Germany, but has resided in this country for more than twenty years. He was educated to

this business in the Fatherland, and has followed it uninterruptedly since coming to America. Previous to his removal to this city, he conducted a similar establishment at Oxford, Ohio. He is ably assisted in his present establishment by his son, Mr. Charles Rieman, who is also a practical florist and landscape gardener, and who is active in the management of the gardens and general business above described.

GEO. LOEPER & SON, CARRIAGES, BUGGIES, ETC., HUSTON HOTEL BLOCK; MANUFACTORY AT FAIRFIELD, FRANKLIN CO., IND.

The carriage repository and ware-rooms located in the Huston Hotel block, one of the numerous branches of the extensive carriage works of Messrs. Geo. Loeper & Son at Fairfield in this state, were established in this city in 1877. The branch in this city being under the supervision of Mr. D. B. Millikin. The stock carried at these commodious ware-rooms comprises a fine assortment of carriages, buggies, road wagons and wheeled vehicles in a great variety of styles, manufactured from the best material and guaranteed to be fully equal, if not superior in quality, style, durability and finish to those of any similar contemporaneous establishment in the country. The main office, factory and general headquarters of this representative firm are located at Fairfield, Indiana, where unexceptional facilities are enjoyed for the production of the best varieties of carriages, and an average of about three hundred finished jobs of the various patterns are turned out annually. In addition to the repository in this city, branch houses for the convenience of customers, have been established at Brookville, Indiana, Liberty, Indiana, and Hamilton, Ohio, each of which are under the general direction of the members of the firm, and the immediate supervision of experienced and efficient managers. Mr. Geo. Loeper, the senior member of the old established firm, is a native of Franklin County, Indiana. He is an experienced carriage manufacturer, having established the factory and works at Fairfield on a comparatively small scale nearly a third of a century ago. His son and business associate, Mr. Lewis Loeper, was also born in Franklin County, and was educated to the business in his father's establishment, becoming a member of the firm in 1881.

G. WOOD, WAGON AND BLACKSMITH SHOP, SIXTH ST.

The wagon and blacksmith shop of Mr. G. Wood was first established in this city, nearly opposite its present location, in 1862, where the business was conducted for five years upon a comparatively small scale. In 1867 Mr. Wood removed to his present quarters on Sixth St. between Central Avenue and the railroad, where he occupies a frame building 30x40 feet in dimensions for general blacksmithing, wagon-making and repairing in all branches

and departments of iron work. He devotes his personal attention to the general supervision of the business, and employs two skilled and experienced workmen, giving special attention to horse-shoeing, repairing and general jobbing. Mr. Wood is a native of Fayette County, Ind., where he was born in 1833, and for almost his entire life has been a resident of this city. He has been three times elected by his fellow-citizens as a member of the city council, in which capacity he has given the most unqualified satisfaction to his constituents, and won the esteem of all with whom he has been associated in public or private life, and few men enjoy a wider reputation in this section.

CITIZENS BANK.

This is one of the most important financial concerns of this section, and was established in 1870 by Wm. Huston and others as a private bank. Wm. Huston died in 1875, and his son, J. N. Huston became sole proprietor by purchasing interests of other partners. A general banking business is transacted. A brief sketch of the head of this institution will be found in connection with the article on the Western Hosiery Mills on another page.

T. F. THOMAS,

LIVERY, FEED AND SALE STABLES, AND
GENERAL UNDERTAKING, NOS. 513 AND
515 CENTRAL AVENUE.

The well known livery, feed and sale stables now conducted by Mr. T. F. Thomas, on Central Avenue, were originally established by Mr. Wm. Bunnell nearly a quarter of a century ago. His immediate successors were Messrs. Greer & Tappin, and then Greer & Thomas. In 1878 Mr. Thomas purchased the interest of Mr. Greer in the establishment, and conducted the business alone for about two years, when he disposed of the stand to Mr. Stephen Parry. Two years later he again became sole proprietor, and under his judicious administration the business has assumed proportions of considerable magnitude. The stables, which are substantially built, and conveniently arranged, with ample accommodations for one hundred head of horses, cover a ground space of 52x150 feet. Twelve fine horses are ordinarily kept for livery purposes, with numerous stylish carriages, buggies, road-wagons, etc., to let upon the most reasonable terms for business or pleasure trips; while special attention is paid to furnishing appropriate turn-outs for funeral occasions. Mr. Thomas also makes a prominent specialty of buying and selling horses, mules and stock, and has the very best facilities for boarding horses by the day or week. In addition to his extensive interests in this line, he conducts a general undertaking and embalming business, with an office at Moyer's furniture store, No. 507 Central Avenue, where he carries constantly in stock a full line of coffins, caskets, burial cases, robes, etc., and is now prepared to undertake the entire management of funerals in accordance with the wishes of friends of

the deceased, or with the rites and ceremonies of the different religious denominations or secret societies. He devotes especial attention to embalming bodies by the most approved processes known to modern science. Mr. Thomas is a native and life-long resident of Indiana, and was born in 1837.

G. S. PRATT,

BOOTS AND SHOES, No. 320 CENTRAL
AVENUE.

It is only by patronizing established houses of acknowledged reliability, and those making an exclusive specialty of this important branch of trade that customers can be absolutely certain of procuring the best goods at the most reasonable prices. A representative house of this class, which has for years maintained an unsullied reputation, is that of Mr. G. P. Pratt at No. 320 Central Avenue, where in the commodious two story brick building, an aggregate floor space of 24x160 feet in area is occupied for sales, manufacturing and storage purposes. Mr. Pratt commenced at this location with his brother in 1872, and for the past seven years has conducted the house alone, transacting an annual business of more than \$30,000. His stock, which is selected with great care from the unbroken lines of the leading manufacturers of the Union is valued at not less than \$14,000, and embraces a fine variety and complete assortment of fine and common boots and shoes for ladies' and gentlemen's, youths and children's wear, especially adapted to the requirements of the trade. Fine custom work is a prominent specialty of this representative house, and perfect fits, superior workmanship, and first-class material are special features of all goods manufactured here. Mr. Pratt is a native of Albany County, N. Y., where he was born in 1832. He has resided in this city since 1862, and has for nearly a quarter of a century been prominently identified with this special department of our commercial and industrial enterprises. Mr. Pratt also deals extensively in wool during the season, generally shipping to Eastern markets.

A. C. COOLEY,

FURNITURE AND UNDERTAKING, No.
524 CENTRAL AVENUE.

Mr. A. C. Cooley, proprietor of the furniture and undertaking establishment at No. 524 Central Avenue, is a native of New York State where he was born in 1812. He came to this state when but nine years of age, and has resided in Connorsville since 1846. He commenced business in this city in the following year as a dealer in furniture, and in 1865 engaged in the manufacturing business, in which he remained until 1874, when he disposed of his interest in that department, and since that time has devoted his attention exclusively to the retail furniture and general undertaking business. He occupies a two-story frame structure 18x93 feet in dimensions at the location above designated, carrying a general line of fine upholstered and common

furniture, including parlor, drawing-room and chamber sets, dining-room and kitchen furniture, and makes a specialty of undertaking in all its branches. His stock in this line embraces metallic burial caskets, coffins, shrouds, etc., and he is prepared at all times to undertake the management of funeral obsequies in accordance with the forms prescribed by different religious denominations, secret and benevolent societies, or the private wishes of friends of the deceased. His long experience in all departments of the business in which he is engaged is a sufficient guarantee of his thorough ability and reliability in all matters entrusted to his care which will always receive his prompt personal attention.

I. B. YOUNG,

BOOKS, STATIONERY, ETC.

With a thoroughly practical and comprehensive knowledge of all departments of the business in which he is engaged, acquired during an experience of more than fourteen years as a dealer in books, stationery, etc. Mr. I. B. Young, in January 1884, purchased the stock, stand, fixtures and good will of the well known book store in Connorsville, which had been founded in 1872 by Mr. R. T. Curry, and assumed the management of this well established business, infusing new life and energy into its different departments, and adding greater variety to its already desirable assortment. Mr. Young occupies the first floor and basement each 20x60 feet in dimensions of a substantial brick building on Central Avenue, for general sales purposes, and a ware house 15x18 feet in dimensions for the storage of original packages and duplicate stock. He carries at all times a desirable and attractive assortment of school and miscellaneous books, embracing the standard publications in history, biography, poetry and fiction, together with a choice assortment of the popular literature of the day, fine stationery, blank books, etc., wall papers, curtains and window shades, and miscellaneous merchandise pertaining to this special department of trade ordinarily classified under the generic term of stationers' sundries. The average valuation of stock carried ranges from \$6,000 to \$7,000, and the annual transactions of this representative house will closely approximate \$20,000. By special arrangements with the leading publishers and dealers, Mr. Young is enabled to supply at short notice either foreign or American books at publishers' prices, and volumes not carried in stock will be procured for patrons, upon the most advantageous terms. He also makes a specialty of commercial, legal, school and fine stationery of every description, and his stock in this department will compare favorably with that of any contemporaneous establishment of the kind in the large cities east or west. Mr. Young is a native of Preble County, Ohio, and was born in 1849. He came to this city November 27th, 1883, previous to which time he had been engaged in the book business for fourteen years at Eaton, Ohio.

GEORGE HEEB,

WAGON AND REPAIR SHOP.

The manufacture of buggies, wagons, carts, wheel barrows, revolving rakes, etc., as conducted by Mr. George Heeb, in connection with general jobbing and repair work, is one of the local industries of Connorsville, which cannot be overlooked in the present historical review of our representative establishments in the different departments of trade. Mr. Heeb's shop, which is a one-story frame building 18x30 feet in dimensions, is situated on Sixth St., between Central Avenue and the railroad, where he commenced business on his own account in 1880, and has built up a prosperous and lucrative trade, derived from both city and adjoining towns. He devotes his personal attention to the business, and whether in the production of new work or in the repairing and jobbing departments, uses only the best material and guarantees all work performed by him to be thorough, reliable and satisfactory. Mr. Heeb is a native of Germany, where he was born in 1841. He came to this country with his parents when but five or six years of age, and has resided in Connorsville for the past thirty-seven years. He is a thorough mechanic and practical carriage builder, who is familiar with all branches of the business.

CONNERSVILLE BUGGY CO.,

MANUFACTURERS, BUCKBOARDS, ETC.

This company was incorporated in 1883 with a capital stock of \$20,000. Commodious buildings are occupied and a force of fifty men employed. The company make a specialty of this line, and turn out large quantities of the vehicles. The officers are, J. N. Huston, president; L. T. Bower, secretary; J. D. Larned, treasurer, and John Pohlman, superintendent.

COOLEY-MORRISON FURNITURE MANUFACTURING ASSOCIATION.

This establishment was originally organized as Cooley, Morrison & Co. in 1866, but has operated under the present firm name since 1874. They occupy several buildings of various sizes for the manufacture of walnut and ash bureaus, dressers and stands, giving employment to about one hundred workmen. Curtis Wright is president, and F. J. Rittenhouse secretary and treasurer.

Other firms doing business here not already mentioned, are: Ellis & Serodino, hardware; M. J. Frankel, dry goods; W. T. Galbraith & Co., drugs; A. Morrow, hats and caps; J. M. Shaefer, boots and shoes; M. E. Woolsey, drugs; C. W. Cook, confectionery; Keller & Co., clothing; J. Mulheeren, baker; Tatman & Cooley, photographs; Snider & Pfafflin, cigars; J. S. Mills, groceries; Keller & Uhle, flour; Holberg & Co., clothing; J. F. Gentry, livery; M. H. Updegraph, harness; Griffith & Co., hardware; G. W. Brown, lumber; Barrows & Co., coal and wood; Wm. Ready, hats and caps; Turkenkoph Bros., cigars; F. Schopenholtz, baker; F. M. Gipe, confectionery.

FAYETTEVILLE.

This place has long been among the most important trade centers in Fayette County outside the county seat. Among the early settlers may be noticed Mr. Triplett Lockhart, who came to this section and "camped out" as early as 1819. Mr. Elias B. Stone came to this section when the county was a wilderness in 1820 and purchased land. The town was located about 1826, and the first store or trading place was established the following year, but the name of the person keeping it is in doubt. The first church built was the Christian in 1829. Some years later the M. E. Church was built. The present population of the place is

about 250 inhabitants, and they have a fine graded school. It is surrounded by a rich agricultural district and its business firms enjoy a liberal local patronage. Its business houses are noticed at length editorially, besides which we mention the wagon and carriage shops of Heeb & Shoenett and blacksmith shop of James Striker. Fayetteville is located near the county line, about half way between Connersville and Rushville and three miles south of the C. H. & I. Railway. As indicative of the enterprise of the place, we notice that an excellent cornet band has recently been organized and handsomely equipped, reflecting credit to the place.

L. S. HUNT.

GENERAL STORE.

In a comprehensive publication of this character, the great object is the enumeration of the various resources and industries, including departments particularly pertaining to the different branches of commerce, wherein are embraced the historical, descriptive, biographical and statistical, it would be an act of great injustice were we to omit the mention of these enterprises which are the soul and the life of our smaller trade centers. Therefore, in giving an historical sketch of the village of Fayetteville, it is with pleasure that we are permitted to make mention of the general store conducted by Mr. L. S. Hunt, whose present enterprise dated its inception as far back as 1867, when he began on an exceedingly small stock of goods. The salesroom is 33x18 feet in dimensions, wherein is constantly kept in stock a fine and complete line of foreign and domestic dry goods, groceries, tobaccos and cigars, and all those commodities usually handled by an establishment of this character. In the rear of the salesroom are two smaller rooms, which are used for storage purposes, the first being 18x10 and the latter 18x12 feet in size. The average valuation of stock carried is not less than \$4,000, and the annual transactions of this house will reach fully \$10,000, the trade extending throughout this section. Mr. Hunt is ably assisted by his son Riley, a young man who is fully competent to perform the work in

which he is now engaged. Mr. Hunt is a native of Rush County, having been born in 1838. Prior to the time of embarking in his present business, he was engaged in agricultural pursuits in Rush County, where his boyhood days were passed, as well as those of early manhood. Starting in business life with almost nothing, procuring and disposing of only the better grades and purer goods, and transacting business on first principles, Mr. Hunt has succeeded in building up a trade which is a credit to his town and an honor to himself.

SAMUEL TUTTLE.

HARNESS MAKER.

Samuel Tuttle was born in 1840, in Penobscot County, Maine, way up in old New England. His boyhood days were spent in the state of his nativity, where he lived until 1850, when he came to Fayetteville. In 1858 he learned the trade of harness maker, which he worked at until 1861, when, in August of the same year, he enlisted in Co. A, 1st Battalion 19th U. S. Infantry. He served three years, during which time he participated in many of the most important engagements as well as skirmishes with the enemy. Some of the most notable battles through which he passed were Shiloh, Stone River and Chancellorsville, where he was taken prisoner in 1863. He was taken to the prison at Richmond, Va., from whence he was removed to Danville, and then back to Richmond, where he was

paroled in September, 1864, having been a prisoner of war for more than one year. Although his time was out in August, 1864, he was not paroled until September of the same year, after which, at Fort Wayne, Indiana, he was honorably discharged. After receiving his discharge as a veteran of war, Mr. Tuttle traveled very considerably as a journeyman harness maker. In 1876, centennial year, he came back to Fayetteville and established his present enterprise. He does all kinds of work, making all kinds of harness, from common to the finest, as well as all kinds of repairing. The premises occupied are 18x20 feet in dimensions, in which may at all times be seen specimens of Mr. Tuttle's work. The trade extends to all parts of this section of country, and, although at first not extensive, has gradually increased until to day Mr. Tuttle has his share of the patronage of the farming community.

JOSEPH GEORGE & SON, GENERAL STORE.

There is no branch of commercial pursuit requiring for its successful operation more sound judgment, more experience and ability than are demanded in conducting large establishments of miscellaneous merchandise, and there are no trade centres but which appreciate houses of this character. In this respect Fayetteville is exceedingly fortunate in the possession of a general store, which in magnitude of extent of trade and great success in amount of annual transactions, is equal to any contemporaneous establishment in this section of Indiana. This firm was inaugurated three years ago and occupy a fine two-story structure 71x25 feet in dimensions, which was erected especially for them. Two floors are utilized in the prosecution of the business, the first or ground floor being used as a general salesroom. The stock carried is always full and complete, embracing dry goods, foreign and domestic; groceries, staple and fancy; canned and shelf goods, tobacco and cigars; hardware, heavy and papered, together with those goods so essential and generally pertaining to this branch of commerce. The trade of this house is quite extensive, being derived from the surrounding country generally. The individual members, Joseph and W. A. George, are both natives and life-long residents of Fayetteville. Joseph was born in 1836, and ever since quite young, has been identified with commercial pursuits in Fayetteville. In 1851 he entered the scenes of active business life by establishing himself in the same line of

business in which he is now engaged, and which, although a small beginning, has steadily and gradually increased, until to-day, when its annual transactions will compare very favorably with any similar establishment in Eastern Indiana. In 1864, during Mr. Lincoln's administration, Mr. George was commissioned to act as post-master, which responsible position of trust he has since filled, and still holds to-day. Mr. W. A. George was born in 1862. When quite a young lad he was placed behind the counter of his father's store, where he rendered valuable service as an assistant and salesman. In 1871, three years ago, having long since recognized his business ability, and believing that he was destined to become a very successful business man, his father admitted him into the firm as a partner, the firm assuming the style and name of Joseph George & Son, which it still retains.

C. E. MOOR, DEALER IN DRUGS, GROCERIES, TOBAC- COS AND CIGARS.

Probably there is no department of trade so vastly important to the general welfare of the public as the one known as the drug trade; and certain it is that to the druggist located in the small trade centre is the farming community greatly indebted. Mr. C. E. Moor, the gentleman whose name heads this sketch, is a native of Rush County, Ind., where he was born in 1843. Prior to the time of the inception of his present enterprise, he was engaged in agricultural pursuits in Fayette County, in which avocation his life was occupied until 1877, when he came to Fayetteville and engaged in the drug business, which was inaugurated two years previous. The premises occupied comprise the salesroom 36x18 feet in dimensions, together with one room in the rear, which is utilized for storage purposes. The stock carried consists of such drugs, proprietary medicines, paints, oils, and articles generally needed to supply the demands of the farming community; also groceries, tobaccos and cigars, and goods generally kept in stock by houses of this character. The business annually transacted is moderately lucrative, and the trade which has considerably increased under the management of Mr. Moor, extends throughout this section, being derived very largely from the farming community. Mr. Moor is a comparatively young man, possesses good business ability, and is well and favorably known in both Rush and Fayette counties.

FAIRVIEW.

The village of Fairview, chiefly situated on the Fayette County side of the pike dividing Rush and Fayette counties, was laid out in 1824. It is located near the north-west part of the county and is one mile from Falmouth the nearest railroad point. The post office is called

Groves. Mrs. Caldwell is the post mistress. The town contains an M. E. and a Christian Church, a fine seminary or graded school, a grocery and provision store a blacksmith shop and a boot and shoe maker.

W. W. GIBBS,

GROCERIES, PROVISIONS, ETC.

Originally established by Mr. Geo. C. McClure, this popular house came into the possession of the present proprietor, March 1st, 1883, since which time a prosperous and lucrative trade has been secured. Mr. Gibbs carries a complete and comprehensive assortment of the choicest varieties of staple and fancy groceries, teas, coffees, spices, sugars, syrups, soaps, canned goods, provisions, fine cigars and tobaccos, glassware, queensware, hardware and miscellaneous merchandise, such as are usually found in a first-class establishment of this class. His facilities for procuring supplies are such as to enable him to compete with more pretentious houses. Mr. Gibbs is a native of Rush County, but was educated in this place and at Kokomo, Indiana, where he was for some time engaged in mercantile pursuits. He located in Fairview in 1881, and embarking in his present successful enterprise in the spring of 1883.

WM. HIGLEY,

BLACKSMITH.

With a thorough knowledge of all departments of the business, acquired during many years practical experience as a journeyman in

the principal blacksmith and wagon making shops of Cincinnati and Indianapolis, Mr. Wm. Higley embarked in his present enterprise in Fairview in 1872, and during the past twelve years has gained an enviable reputation throughout this section as a careful, skilled and conscientious workman in his special branches of business; which comprise horse-shoeing upon scientific principles, ironing wagons, carriages, carts, buggies, etc., and general jobbing and repairing of the same in both the iron and the wood-working departments. He also makes a specialty of repairing agricultural tools, implements and machinery in the most thorough and workmanlike manner, and at reasonable rates. Mr. Higley is a native of Germany, and was born at Baden in 1834. He came to the United States with his parents when but four years of age, landing at New York, and from thence proceeding to Chillicothe, Ohio, where he remained until he was twenty-three years of age, and where he learned the trade of blacksmith and carriage ironer, with all departments of which he is practically conversant. He has been a resident of this state during the greater portion of the past twenty years, and since embarking in business on his own account, has secured a lucrative trade, extending to different sections of this and adjoining counties.



RUSH COUNTY.

The incidents of pioneer life in trackless forests such as once abounded here, cannot be given in detail in the limits prescribed to the present work and we can only open the history of Rush County by introducing the reader to a number of the early settlers. Among these were Stephen Lewis, Aaron Lewis, Hon. Stanley Cooper, A. Hackleman, Benj. F. Reeve, Jacob Goble, John Hawkins, John Talbert, John H. Lines, John Perkins, Jno. Julian, Dr. W. B. Laughlin, Conrad Sailors and John Smith.

Among the early preachers was Rev. Wm. Mauzy, baptist, who had been a soldier in the Revolution. In 1830 he removed to New Salem, where he died April 6th, 1837. Among the pioneer Methodist ministers was Rev. J. B. Havens. Among early Presbyterian ministers may be mentioned Dr. J. F. Crowe and Rev. Wm. Seckles.

No school houses were erected for several years after early settlement although schools were taught for a few weeks each winter, usually in some abandoned cabin. Early teachers were Esquire Phipps 1820, Francis Clark, John Talbert, Isaac Fowler, 1831; James Ross, 1833; Benj. F. Reeve, 1834; James Mathews also being among the first teachers. The first school house was built on the farm of Judge Gregg, a few miles west of the town of Fayetteville; another was built on the farm of John Hawkins. They were constructed of logs, the windows being made of paper saturated with grease; afterward sash and glass were added.

The county of Rush was organized in 1822 and was named after Dr. Benjamin Rush. The first Board of Commissioners met at the house of John Perkins, five miles south-east of the present county seat, April 1st, 1822; and consisted of Amaziah Morgan, Jno. Perkins and Jno. Julian. The first officers by appointment were John Hays, sheriff; Robt. Thompson, clerk. The commissioners here divided the county into six townships, viz: Union, Ripley, Washington, Noble, Richland and Orange. The first regular election was held April 27th, 1822. At a called meeting held June 17th, 1822, to locate a county seat, the present site was selected, then in the township of Green which had been formed chiefly from Washington but was now changed to Rushville. The first prison was built of hewn oak logs and was erected on the south-east corner of the Public Square. The first court house was a square two story brick so peculiar to those days. For the purposes of a county seat Dr. W. B. Laughlin donated to the county 25 acres and Z. Hodges 45 acres, to secure the location. The first court held in the county was at the house of Stephen Sims, April 24, 1822, but was adjourned to the house of John Perkins; Perkin's Corners was a trading point in those days and was a widely known and popular resort.

The "*Dog Fennel*" Gazette was the first paper published in the county, by Wm. D. Wickham in September, 1822, size 10x12. The bed of the press was on the top of a sycamore stump, and the power applied

by a long pole inserted in a mortice of an adjoining tree. He afterward made a press after the style of a cider press when he called his paper "Wickham's Velocity Press." Thus we have a glimpse of the earlier days which were promotive of the present populous and prosperous county.

Rush County is bounded on the east by Fayette and Franklin, on the south by Decatur, on the west by Shelby and Hancock, and on the north by Henry County. The county is 23 miles long by 18 miles broad and embraces about 264,960 acres. The county as at present divided embraces the following townships: Anderson, Center, Jackson, Noble, Posey, Orange, Richland, Ripley and Rushville. The principal towns outside the county

seat are Carthage, Milroy, Arlington, Homer, Glenwood, Manilla and Falmouth. This is one of the best grain producing counties in the state, with undulating surface and finely watered by rivers and streams in all sections. The soil is rich alluvium possessing superior fertility. In some parts of the county lime stone, sand stone and crystal rock abound. The timber which is yet in comparative abundance is beach, black and white walnut, poplar, ash, hickory, sugar and maple, red and white oak, elm, buckeye, sycamore, etc. The various railroads which traverse the county are noticed elsewhere giving as they do excellent shipping advantages east, west, north and south.



City of Rushville.

As noticed in the history of the county this now flourishing and beautiful city was laid out in 1822 by Conrad Sailors as agent for the county, the sale of lots ordered for July 29th, 1822, and the first lot purchased by the celebrated John Smith. It is supposed that the first house was built by Samuel Alley or Z. Hodges. The first store was kept by Reuben Pugh (east side) in 1823. It should be mentioned among the early incidents of this place that at the first regular term of court there were admitted to the bar persons who have since attained both a state and national celebrity, among whom we may mention Hon. C. H. List, Martin M. Ray and Joseph Hopkins. The first prosecuting attorney was Hiram M. Curry. While it is claimed by some that John Arnold had the first store, yet it appears evident that Conrad Sailors had the first. Dr. Jefferson Helm was among the first physicians. Perhaps to no one person is due a greater degree of credit for his arduous and successful efforts toward the promotion of taste, culture and refinement, than to Dr. W. B. Laughlin who erected at his own expense a two story building for the purpose of teaching the higher branches. He came here in 1820, and it was the first classical school in the county. The first blacksmith shop in the town was conducted by Harvey Laughlin. The first postmaster was Chas. H. Vurder. The first church was held in a school building erected in 1823. The first Justice of the Peace was Stephen Sims. The first grist mill near here

was by John H. Lines, while the first steam mill was by Gen. Robinson.

Thus came into activity one of the most prosperous trade centers as well as one of the most beautiful towns in the state of Indiana.

RUSHVILLE TO-DAY

possesses a population of about 4,000 inhabitants. Its manufacturing and business facilities are indicated in the abundant shipping facilities it enjoys in its railroads extending in every direction; the C. H. & I. running east and west, the J. M. & I. from north-east to south-west, and the Greensburg, Rushville and New Castle railway north and south. Its business houses are unsurpassed in extent and enterprise, while its local trade, supported by a flourishing and wealthy class of agriculturists, will bear favorable comparison with any city of its size in the state. From the first "velocity press" it now has three ably conducted and well supported weekly papers; the *Republican*, the *Graphic*, and the *Jacksonian*. It enjoys the very best common and high school advantages, while all the prominent denominations are well represented among its various church congregations. The city is handsomely laid out and its streets beautifully shaded, while it possesses most of those modern improvements which at the present day go so far toward marking a community as progressive and enterprising.

Its leading business concerns to which is largely due its present thrift and prosperity, are noticed specially in the pages which follow, and worthy careful perusal.

RUSH COUNTY NATIONAL BANK,

CORNER OF MAIN AND RUTH STS.

The Rush County National Bank, which was organized and incorporated under the national banking laws in 1871, with a capital stock of \$100,000 paid up, and a charter for twenty years was practically a re-organization of the Rush County Banking Company, which had been in existence for many years. The original stock-holders and incorporators were Lewis Maddux of New York city, Thomas Maddux of Cincinnati, Ohio, Wm. B. Maddux of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Oliver Posey, E. H. M. Berry, Leonidas Sexton, Jacob H. Oglesby, John Carr, and John Carmichael of this city. The first officers of the bank under its present charter were, Oliver Posey, president, and James Lakin, cashier; and the present officers are, L. Link, president, elected January 1st, 1884; and E. D. Pugh, cashier, elected January 28th, 1884. The bank transacts a general banking business in loans, deposits, discounts, collection and exchange with correspondents in all the principal cities east and west, and will be found a most desirable institution with which to open an account or transact any legitimate financial business matters. Mr. Link, the president, is a native and life-long resident of this county and state, and is favorably known throughout this section in business and financial circles. He has been identified with the interests of the bank in the capacity of director for the past two years. Wm. Pugh, the cashier, was born in this city, and was formerly employed as an assistant cashier in the Rushville National Bank. The board of directors is composed of the following well known and prominent citizens, whose connection with the management of its finances is a sufficient guarantee of its solvency, reliability, and safe conservative administration of affairs: Oliver Posey, T. N. Link, W. T. Brann, B. L. Smith, Lewis Maddux, J. H. Oglesby and L. Link.

THE MAUZY COMPANY,

DOUBLE STORE, RUTH ST.

"The Mauzy Company," one of the most important of Rushville's commercial houses, which is prepared to substantiate its claims as "the cheapest place in Rush County to buy goods for cash," is the outgrowth of a consolidation of two large dry goods establishments, formerly conducted in this city by the individual members of the present combination—Messrs. G. G., W. J., C. A. and E. H. Mauzy. The magnificent storerooms occupied by this representative company are among the finest and largest in the state devoted to trade purposes, having a floor space of 42x165 feet, which are fitted up in elegant metropolitan style for the advantageous display of their immense stock of merchandise, embracing the finest and most fashionable fabrics in foreign and American dry goods, woollens, domestics, white goods, dress goods, house furnishing supplies, ladies', gentlemen's and children's furnishing goods and underwear, laces, em-

broideries, trimmings, notions, small wares, haberdashery, carpets, boots, shoes, rubbers and miscellaneous merchandise in great variety pertaining to these special departments of trade. In comparison with other mercantile establishments in this section, the double stores occupy the same relative position that Macy's in New York, and Wanamaker's in Philadelphia do to the smaller houses in these great cities, carrying immense lines of merchandise of a diversified character, and leading rather than competing in the matter of variety and magnitude of stock, and in low prices as well. The individual members of this company, whose names are given above are all natives of this state, and have been for many years prominently identified with the commercial interests of Rushville. Their characters and reputations for integrity and enterprise are too widely known to require comment at our hands.

WINDSOR HOTEL.

The general reputation of a town or city depends largely upon its hotel accommodations. Many of our smallest towns are noted to the general traveling public, not on account of their manufacturing or mercantile interests, but because of their widespread reputation as a model hotel town, where the traveling man's comfort is amply provided for. Rushville is not behind her sister cities in her hotel accommodations, possessing two hotels of ample capacity for the general public—the leading one is known as the "Windsor;" it was built in 1854 by Harvey Carr, whose name it bore for some years. Since Mr. Carr's management, this well known house has passed through many changes of ownership. Specially among its list of landlords were Squire Poe, Ricketts and Payne, W. C. Jones, F. A. Capp, whose name it also bore for a few years. He was succeeded by Johnson Bros., followed by F. A. Jones, who was succeeded by the present proprietor, Geo. P. Davis, October 2d, 1883. The building is 70x70 feet in dimensions, three stories in height; it contains about forty rooms. On the first floor is the large and commodious office, fronting on two streets. On this floor is also the reading room, writing room, wash room reception room and parlor; on this floor is also the large and well furnished dining hall and kitchen; this floor also contains two sample rooms for commercial men. The second and third floors are all devoted to sleeping apartments, well furnished and ventilated. This hotel, under its present management, is not surpassed by any hotel in Eastern Indiana. The *cuisine* department is worthy of special mention. The tables are supplied at all times with the best the market affords, served up in the highest style of the culinary art. The transient rates are put down to the popular prices of \$2.00 per day. As may be inferred, the Windsor is the favorite stopping place for the general traveling public, especially popular with the merchant traveler. Mr. Geo. P. Davis, than whom few hotel men in this section

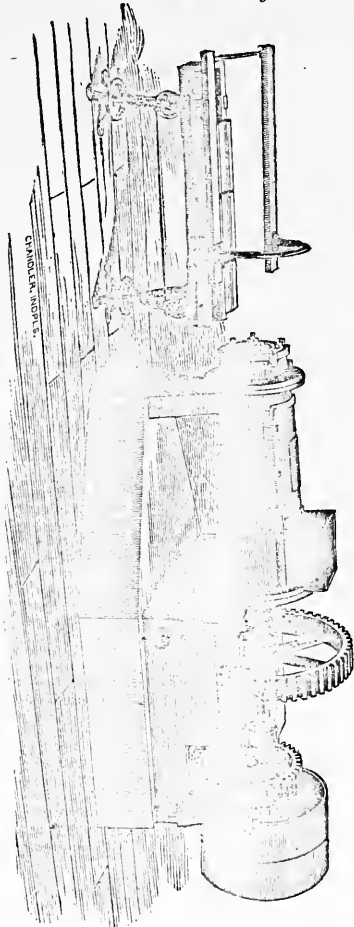
of the State are better known, is a son of Col. Davis, one of the best known hotel men in the State of Ohio. Under its present popular and judicious management, the Winisor has secured a leading position among the hotels of this section of Indiana.

RUSHVILLE MACHINE WORKS, NOLAN, MADDEN & Co.

Prominent among the industrial enterprises which have aided in giving to our progressive inland city a national reputation as a manufacturing centre is the Rushville Machine Works of Messrs. Nolan, Madden & Co., manufacturers of tile machinery, etc., and general founders and machinists. This representative firm was established in 1876, at which time they commenced the manufacture of tile machinery as a special feature of their business, and during the intervening period they have made a prominent feature and constant study of this now important industry. At the very inception of their enterprise, they recognized the importance of using only the best material in all parts of the machines, and employing skilled labor and the most approved machinery for their construction. They have from time to time, as the result of careful observation, practical tests and experiments involving great expense, introduced valuable and important improvements, many of which are used by no other manufacturers, retaining the best features and rejecting entirely, or obviating by new methods all the objectionable points hitherto connected with tile machinery, until, as the result of their efforts, they confidently present to the notice of tile manufacturers everywhere their perfected Hoosier Tile and Brick Machines, made in a variety of styles for special purposes, as the absolute *acme* and *ne plus ultra* of tile machinery. As an evidence of the high appreciation with which these machines are regarded, it may be stated that, without special effort on the part of the firm to extend their sales, the machines manufactured by them are now in successful operation in thirteen states and territories of the Union and in British America, and orders continue to come in in such rapid succession as to tax the utmost productive capacity of their extensive works. Their spacious buildings, two stories in height, covering an aggregate ground space of 82½x165 feet, are equipped throughout with the most approved designs of special machinery, propelled by one steam engine and boiler, and an average force of thirty-five skilled laborers are constantly employed in the various departments of their business, at a weekly expense for the item of labor alone of nearly \$400. This is the only establishment of its kind in the city. The special products are improved styles of mill machinery, the Hoosier Clay Crushers, auger and plunger tile machines, revolving cut-off table, kiln doors, trucks, axles, spring barrows, cut-off wire, etc., and possesses the amplest facilities for turning out light or heavy castings of every description. The firm has issued for the convenience

of their patrons a finely illustrated descriptive catalogue containing views and detailed information as to the various styles of machinery manufactured, and directions for ordering the

AUGER TILE MILL NO. 5.



interchangeable parts thereof, which are always carried in stock, and can be shipped without delay. They have also published in pamphlet form an exhaustive and able treatise

on the subject of tile manufacturing, entitled "The Handbook of Tile Manufacturers," giving full and complete instructions for the selection of material and clay, the construction of tile works, the purchase of machinery, the various processes of pressing, drying, burning, yarding and selling drain tile. This little book gives in plain and concise terms valuable information that should be in the possession of every manufacturer who would make his business a success, and it will be cheerfully forwarded to manufacturers or interested parties upon application in person or by mail to Messrs. Nolan, Madden & Co., Rushville, Ind. The individual members of this representative and enterprising firm are Michael Nolan, Bernard Madden and Thomas Madden, all of whom are natives and life-long residents of Indiana, and practical and experienced mechanicians, who have made a special study of the branch of industry in which they have achieved such a gratifying degree of success, and placed their firm at the head of the tile making machinery establishments of the United States.

RUSHVILLE NATIONAL BANK.

The marked success attendant upon the career and operations of the Rushville National Bank is of such a pronounced and obvious character as to demand more than ordinary attention in making a careful review of the fiduciary and financial institutions of the State of Indiana. This bank, which was organized under the national banking system, February 22d, 1865, commenced operations in the following September as successors to the old Rushville branch of the Bank of the State of Indiana, which had been in existence for many years previously in this city. The first president of the bank under its new charter was Geo. C. Clark, Esq., who has acceptably filled that responsible position till the present time. Mr. Joseph Oglesby was the first cashier, but in January, 1870, he tendered his resignation and was succeeded by the present incumbent, Mr. Edwin Payne. The original capital stock was fixed at \$100,000, and the latest reports show in addition to this, an accumulated surplus fund of more than \$20,000, with a list of depositors numbering more than 1,600. The Rushville National conducts a general legitimate banking business in loans, discounts, deposits, collections and exchange, with correspondents in all the principal cities; and its management has been safe and conservative, and at the same time enterprising and liberal to its patrons. Mr. Geo. C. Clark is a native of North Carolina, and came to this state with his father in 1835. He soon after returned to his native state and fitted himself for the bar. In 1844 he returned to Indiana and commenced the practice of law in this city. He was for many years the attorney for the old Branch Bank, and in 1864 became its president, and when that institution was merged into the present national bank, he was persuaded to accept the presidency, which position he has

since held in connection with an extensive law practice, which he is now closing up as rapidly as possible, with a view to retiring permanently from the profession which he has so long adorned. Mr. Edwin Payne is one of our best known and public spirited citizens, and in addition to fulfilling the responsible duties of cashier, is also prominently identified with the milling and manufacturing interests of this section.

J. B. SCHRICHTE,

RUSHVILLE MARBLE WORKS.

Of the many industrial occupations requiring a high grade of skilled labor, and one which, rising above the mere power of mechanical skill verges into the artistic, none are more worthy of our highest praise and consideration than that of monumental sculpture as conducted at the present day in our principal cities. Within the past few years greater attention than ever before has been devoted to making attractive by natural and artificial methods our "cities of the dead," and the beautiful monuments which mark the last resting places of the departed, testify alike to the appreciation of the living and to the artistic skill and abilities of those whose cunning art has designed and evoked from imperishable marble and granite these tasteful tributes of regard and affection. The only establishment in the city of Rushville engaged in this special department of the mechanical arts is that now located in the commodious new brick building on Main St., opposite the Grand Hotel, conducted by Mr. J. B. Schrichte, who commenced business in this city in 1859, and removed to his present quarters in 1884, where he occupies a fine building 18x60 feet in size, erected by himself expressly for the accommodation of his steadily increasing trade. Mr. Schrichte, who is an artistic designer and practical marble worker, has turned out some elegant specimens of monumental work during his successful career in this city, noticeable among which we may especially mention in this connection, a fine monument in the East Hill Cemetery, erected to the memory of James Wilson, at a cost of \$2,500. He carries in stock a fine line of Scotch and American granites and Italian, Tennessee and Vermont marble in blocks and slabs, as well as an elegant assortment of finished monuments, headstones and cemetery devices, ready for the inscriptions, and enjoys the most excellent and complete facilities for the prompt execution of all work pertaining to this line. He employs five experienced assistants, and transacts an annual business of about \$10,000, with a trade extending to all parts of this and adjoining counties. Mr. Schrichte is a native of Hanover, Germany, where he was born in 1835. He came to America in 1853, and to Indiana in 1857, establishing his present business two years later, in which, by industry, frugality and energy, he has amassed a handsome property. His business block, now in course of erection, is one of the best in the city. He has

attained an enviable position among the solid and successful business men of our inland city.

PAVEY & BROWN,

HARDWARE, STOVES AND TINWARE.

In a descriptive revision of the industries and commerce of Rushville, it is highly pertinent and important that all the vocations contingent upon any staple line of business enterprise should be recognized as having no little to do with the general facilities and advantages of the city as a trade centre. In examining, therefore, the claims of those firms which are most prominently identified with the progress and welfare of the city, it would be impossible to overlook the representative house of Messrs. Pavey & Brown, dealers in hardware, stoves, tinware and house-furnishing goods, whose salesrooms are located on Ruth St. near Main, covering a ground space of 20x160 feet, where is constantly carried a complete and comprehensive assortment of merchandise in each of the departments above enumerated. This firm commenced business in this city in September 1881, with a capital of \$15,000, and their first year's transactions did not exceed \$9,000. The valuation of their present stock is not less than \$7,000, and their sales for the present year will closely approximate \$18,000, an increase in three years of fully 100 per cent. The individual members of this enterprising firm are, Absalom Pavey and Andrew C. Brown, both of whom are natives of Indiana. The former was born in 1848, and the latter in 1854. Mr. Pavey is at the present time a member of the city council, representing the first ward in that body. It is not too much to assert that, as a firm, Messrs. Pavey & Brown are fully entitled to the prosperity which has attended their successful business career, and in achieving for themselves their present prominent position in commercial circles, the legitimate fruits of their enterprise, integrity and honorable dealings.

CHURCHILL & BUSH,

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS, MAIN ST.

Conducted strictly upon a cash basis, purchasing directly from importers, jobbers, manufacturers and producers for cash, and opening no time accounts, compelling cash customers to pay indirectly the bad debts and losses incurred in "trusting out" merchandise to irresponsible parties, Messrs. Churchill & Bush are enabled to offer to their patrons extraordinary inducements not readily duplicated by any contemporaneous establishment in Eastern Indiana in this special line. This model "cash grocery," centrally and eligibly located upon the principal business thoroughfare of the city, was established by its present proprietors in May, 1882, and has steadily won its way to public favor by a strict adherence to the cash system, and to the correct principles of mercantile honor and business integrity. The premises occupied for the sales department are 32x46 feet in dimensions and the stock carried embraces a general line of

staple and fancy groceries and provisions, farm and dairy produce, fruit and vegetables in season, family flour, choice teas and coffees, pure spices, canned goods and grocers' sundries generally, selected with a special view to the requirements of the better class of city and country trade. The average valuation of stock carried ranges from \$2,500 to \$3,000 and the annual transactions at the present time will exceed \$12,000. Mr. Wm. Churchill is a native and life-long resident of this state, and Mr. C. C. Bush, also a native of Indiana, was born in 1854. Mr. Bush has exclusive charge of the business, Mr. Churchill being engaged in the lumber trade here, requiring his whole attention. Residents of Rushville and adjoining towns will find this a most desirable house with which to establish pleasant and profitable business relations.

RUSHVILLE ELEVATOR,

W. C. MAUZY & CO., GRAIN DEALERS.

The city of Rushville, by reason of its natural and acquired advantages, its geographical situation in the heart of the grain producing districts of this fertile section of the states, its admirable systems of inter-communication and transportation with all parts of the Union, its mammoth elevators, and especially the enterprise displayed by such representative merchants as those which form the subject of the present sketch, Messrs. W. C. Mauzy & Co., has become an important trade centre and distributing point for the cereal products of Rush and adjoining counties. This well-known house was founded more than twenty years ago by Mr. Wm. Churchill, who was succeeded by the firm of Mauzy & Churchill, and that in turn by the present firm in 1880. The main elevator building is 36x80 feet in dimensions, with an L 25x50 feet, and has a storage capacity for 60,000 bushels of grain at one time. Steam power is utilized for loading and unloading cars and hoisting grain, and the facilities enjoyed by this firm for the shipment of grain are not surpassed by those of any contemporaneous establishment in the state. Since the inauguration of this important enterprise, the average amount of grain handled annually by this house will considerably exceed 200,000 bushels, with a trade extending to all sections of the Union. Messrs. Mauzy & Co. are at all times prepared to pay cash and the highest ruling rates for wheat and grain, and their annual transactions exert an important influence upon the commercial thrift of this community, and the agricultural development of this section. The individual members of the firm as at present organized, are W. C., G. G. and E. H. Mauzy, and Seth Monroe. Mr. W. G. Mauzy is a native of Kentucky, but has been a resident of and permanently identified with the commercial interests of this state for more than half a century. The other members of the firm are "natives here to the manner born," and in addition to their extensive interests in the grain trade, have been for many years actively engaged in mercantile

pursuits, and are still prominent in other fields of commercial enterprise, referred to at greater length under their appropriate heads in other portions of this historical review of Rushville's representative merchants and business houses.

CITY MILLS,

THOS. W. HILLIGOSS, PROP'R.

The well known and popular "City Mills" of Rushville, located on South Main St., were originally established in 1875, and transacted a prosperous custom business until 1880, when the buildings were destroyed by fire. They were almost immediately rebuilt upon a more extensive scale by Mr. J. B. Fouch, who at the same time introduced numerous important improvements upon the original plan, and conducted the business successfully until the time of his death in 1883. In October of that year Mr. Thomas W. Hilligoss, the present enterprising proprietor, purchased a half interest in the business, and on the following Christmas the entire management and control of the mills passed into his possession. The main building, which is 48x50 feet in dimensions and two stories in height, is constructed with an especial view to affording fine bolting facilities and capacity, and is provided throughout with the latest improved devices of machinery, including one run of stone on midlings, one on corn, and three sets of double rollers of improved construction for the production of the finest grades of family flour, which meet with a ready sale in the home markets to the local trade. The machinery employed is propelled by one thirty-five horse power engine and boiler, and the mills have a capacity for turning out sixty barrels of choice flour every twenty-four hours. Mr. Hilligoss is a native of this county, and was born in 1839. He was engaged in agricultural pursuits until attaining his majority, when he embarked in general merchandizing at Manila, where he remained until 1868, when he removed to Greensburg, and was actively engaged in commercial life until 1878, when he retired to a farm, and remained until embarking in his present business.

HART & PRENDERGAST,

GROCERS, COR. MAIN AND NOBLE STS.

Among the grocery establishments of Rushville, we notice the popular house now conducted by the enterprising firm of Hart & Prendergast, located on the corner of Main and Noble Sts., where, in a tastefully arranged salesroom 20x80 feet in dimensions, may be constantly found a choice and carefully selected stock of the best grades of staple and fancy groceries and provisions, table and culinary supplies, fruits and vegetables, choice imported wines and liquors, old rye, bourbon and sour mash whiskeys, ales, beers, tobacco, cigars and miscellaneous merchandise, such as is usually found in first-class metropolitan establishments of this description. This house was established by Mr. Patrick Hart in 1879, and he conducted the business successfully

until March 1883, when Mr. P. J. Prendergast was admitted to an interest, and the present firm name and style was adopted. Mr. Hart is a native of the Emerald Isle, and was born in the County Leitrim in 1825. He came to the United States in 1847, landing at New Orleans, and first secured employment at railroad building. He was variously employed at whatever pursuit he found opportunities, until becoming a resident of this township in March, 1853. Mr. P. J. Prendergast, also a native of Ireland, was born in County Mayo in 1846, and landed at New York in 1867. He came to this section of the state in 1870, and was engaged in agricultural pursuits until the formation of the present partnership.

II. G. HILLIGOSS,

BOOKS AND STATIONERY.

No better evidence of the civilization and culture of the people of any community need be adduced than the patronage bestowed upon establishments devoted to the dissemination of standard and miscellaneous literature, and associated articles, such as ordinarily constitute the stock in trade of the modern bookseller and stationer. Judged from this standpoint, and from the character of its representative establishment in this line, (that conducted by Mr. II. G. Hilligoss) the city of Rushville is not behind her sister cities of the west in these distinctive characteristics, which indicate education, culture and aesthetic taste. This popular house which was established in 1879, by its present enterprising proprietor, is centrally and eligibly located on Main St. in a two-story brick structure 23x60 feet in dimensions, and the stock carried embraces a general line of standard publications, including works on history, biography, science, art, poetry, theology, and fiction, school and miscellaneous books, the standard libraries of the day, periodical literature, blank books, legal, commercial and family stationery, school supplies, fancy articles, stationers' sundries in great variety, new and desirable styles of wall papers of the common and finer varieties, Windsor shades, curtains and articles of this description for decorative purposes and home adornment. The stock is at all times complete and comprehensive, and all new publications are received direct from the leading publishers east and west, simultaneously with their issues from the press; while books in any department of literature, not found in stock, will be procured at short notice by Mr. Hilligoss, who is in constant communication with metropolitan publishing houses and dealers; and furnished to patrons at publisher's prices. This is one of the largest if not the most extensive houses of its class in Eastern Indiana, and the annual transactions will compare favorably with any similar establishment in this part of the state. Mr. Hilligoss is a native of this state, and was born in 1858. He possesses a comprehensive acquaintance with ancient and modern standard literature, and his facilities for procuring supplies in books, stationery and wall papers,

are not surpassed by those of any similar establishment in the interior.

JOHN A. READLE,

PAINTS, GLASS, WALL PAPER, ETC.

The class of merchandise handled by Mr. Jno. A. Readle, its comprehensive variety and extent, the magnitude of his transactions, and his honorable and conscientious methods of dealing, render his establishment worthy of more than ordinary consideration in a historical review of the representative business houses of Rushville. This house which was founded by its present enterprising proprietor in 1874, has during the past decade established a trade extending throughout Rush and adjoining counties, and its career has been onward and upward in public favor, the annual transactions at the present time aggregating more than \$15,000. The premises occupied comprise a two story brick building 19x7½ feet in dimensions, where two assistants are regularly employed in the sales department. The stock carried embraces a general line of paints, oils, varnishes, brushes and painters' supplies, picture frames and mouldings, wall-papers of the latest styles and designs, curtains and shades, window glass of all sizes, putty and glaziers' supplies in great variety, and miscellaneous merchandise pertaining to these special branches of trade. Mr. Readle is a native of the State of Kentucky, where he was born in 1848. He has been a resident of this state since 1869, and of Rushville for the past fifteen years. During the war of the rebellion Mr. Readle entered the service of the United States as a member of the Fourth Ohio Cavalry, Col. Kennet, and with that organization went to the front and was engaged in numerous battles and skirmishes with the enemy at various points, receiving an honorable discharge after eighteen months active service in the field. He is an ex-member of the Rushville City Council.

CLINE & PLOUGH,

LIVERY, FEED AND SALE STABLES, MORGAN ST.

As one of the best equipped, conveniently arranged and well managed establishments of this class in Eastern Indiana, we notice that now conducted by the enterprising firm of Cline & Plough, whose spacious and commodious stables 40x120 feet in dimensions, with a stabling capacity for 175 head of horses, are eligibly and conveniently located on Morgan St. These stables were originally established by Mr. Joseph Johnson in 1877; he was succeeded by Mr. A. S. Cline, who conducted the business alone until February, 1884, when Mr. John Plough became associated with him in the management of the business which has since grown to be one of considerable magnitude, comparing favorably with that of any of their older contemporaries. These gentlemen are well and favorably known throughout this section as thoroughly reliable in all their dealings and transactions, and as thorough

judges of value in horse flesh. They make a leading specialty of buying and selling, both on their own account and on commission, trotting and blooded stock, road, carriage, draft and saddle horses, and in this line transact a large and steadily increasing business. They also keep in stock for livery purposes a fine lot of horses, carriages, buggies, phaetons, light wagons, road carts, buckboards, etc., which they will let for business or pleasure purposes at the most reasonable rates. Mr. A. S. Cline is a native of this county and state, and has been for the greater portion of his life engaged in agricultural pursuits, prior to embarking in his present line of business. Mr. John Plough, who is also "native here and to the manner born," was engaged in farming until the formation of the present partnership.

C. H. JOHNSON,

DRUGS, BOOKS, STATIONERY, ETC.

Few pharmacies, even in the larger cities of the Union, present a more attractive appearance in their interior appointments and arrangements than the popular drug store of Mr. C. H. Johnson, at No. 22 Melodeon Block on Ruth St. The furniture, fixtures, shelving and cases are of the latest modern style, and the stock carried, which is full and complete in all departments, embraces a general line of the purest and freshest drugs, medicines and chemicals, the standard proprietary remedies of the day, toilet articles, soaps, sponges and perfumery, fancy goods and druggists' sundries, school, blank and miscellaneous books, legal commercial and family stationery, school supplies, cigars, tobacco and miscellaneous merchandise in great variety pertaining to these two important branches of commerce. In the prescription department the purest ingredients only are employed, and special attention is devoted to the accurate preparation of physicians' prescriptions, family recipes and pharmaceutical compounds by skilled and educated pharmacists. This popular pharmacy was originally established in 1872 by Messrs. Spurrier & Armstrong, who were succeeded by N. H. Talbot, and he in turn by the present proprietor in 1883. The salesroom at the location above designated is 22x70 feet in dimensions, and two competent assistants are employed. The annual transactions at the present time will exceed \$12,000, and the trade which is derived from both city and country, is steadily increasing. Mr. C. H. Johnson is a native of the State of Virginia, where he was born in 1830. He has been a resident of this state since 1861, and is a practical pharmacist and chemist of many years experience. For the past ten years Mr. Johnson has devoted his attention to the breeding of fine poultry. In this special branch of industry he is known and recognized by breeders and connoisseurs as a leading representative. In his model poultry yards are to be found the best varieties of imported fowls; the demand for his beautiful imported birds and eggs for setting purposes come from every section of this country.

MATT. R. HULL & CO.,**HARDWARE.**

Under the generic and comprehensive classification of hardware in commercial phraseology is included a great variety of articles composed entirely of iron and steel, or into the composition of which these or other of the baser metals enter to a greater or less extent. The purposes for which these articles are employed are almost innumerable, embracing every department of the mechanical arts, of agricultural, commercial, industrial and domestic life. Consequently the stock of a well regulated and properly conducted hardware establishment is, paradoxical as it may appear, of a homogenous as well as heterogenous character, and the business is one which requires for its successful prosecution a thorough comprehension of the wants and requirements of all classes of the community. One of the most completely stocked and extensive establishments of this class in Eastern Indiana is that of Messrs. Matt. R. Hull & Co., located on Ruth St., near Main, where may be found at all times a full and carefully selected stock of heavy and shelf hardware, cutlery, iron, nails, builders' materials, carpenters' and mechanics' tools and implements, agricultural tools, bent wood, churns, and miscellaneous merchandise, such as strictly pertains to this branch of commerce. This representative house was established in 1874, and came into the possession of the present firm in 1883, at which time they purchased the stock, stand, and good will of Messrs. Cook & Son. The salesroom is commodious and conveniently arranged, covering a ground space of 24x125 feet, and two assistants are regularly employed in the sales department. The trade is principally local and derived from a radius of twenty miles in each direction, and the annual transactions will aggregate more than \$25,000. Mr. Matt. R. Hull is a native of the State of Ohio, where he was born in 1848. He has been a resident of Indiana for the past twenty years, during the greater portion of which time he has been engaged in mercantile pursuits.

THEODORE ABERCROMBIE,**MERCHANT TAILOR, RUTH ST.**

When silks, velvets and laces were worn by the rich, poor men were proclaimed by their coats; but, at the present time, in the matter of costume, under our democratic form of government, rich and poor are on a level. The day also when rich men only could have their clothing made to order, was, but is no more; the day that poor men were compelled from necessity to wear ready-made and ill-fitting garments has also fled. Mr. Theodore Abercrombie, the popular merchant tailor of Ruth St., is prepared to furnish first-class fabrics for gentlemen's wear, either of foreign or domestic make, in all the fashionable and seasonable styles, and to manufacture to order faultless fits in suits or single garments, at prices which are not perceptibly higher than is frequently

charged for shoddy goods of inferior workmanship by irresponsible dealers in clothing made to fit no one in particular. Mr. Abercrombie, who is a practical merchant tailor and artistic cutter, established his present business in this city in 1857, and for nearly a quarter of a century has maintained a high reputation for the superior excellence of his fits and the uniformly reliable character of his workmanship. His salesroom is 20x80 feet in dimensions, and his stock of piece goods for gentlemen's wear is complete in every department, selected with an express view to the requirements of his own trade, which will compare favorably with that of any similar establishment in this section of the State. Mr. Abercrombie is one of our most enterprising merchants and public-spirited citizens, and has, for the past six years, been an active and influential member of the school board in this city; his present term will make a period of six continuous years in that municipal body. He has also during his long residence here, taken a deep and active interest in the progress, growth, and development of our thriving municipality, and in all legitimate enterprises having for their aim and object the commercial advancement and thrift of this community.

LOM. H. HAVENS,**GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS, MAIN ST.**

Unquestionably occupying a leading position in this branch of trade in this city is the house now conducted by Mr. Lon. H. Havens, whose annual transactions will considerably exceed \$25,000. This old established house was founded in 1865 by Mr. G. H. Havens, brother of the present proprietor, who commenced business on a comparatively small scale one square above the present location, to which he removed in 1872. In 1881 Mr. Lon. H. Havens purchased an interest in the business, which was conducted under the firm name and style of G. H. & L. H. Havens until 1882, when the senior member of the firm retired. The premises occupied for sales and storage purposes comprise one floor 18x100 feet in dimensions, with a basement 18x50 feet and an additional ware-room 18x40 feet. The stock carried embraces a general line of staple and fancy groceries, teas, coffees, spices, sugars, syrups, soaps, canned goods, foreign and domestic fruits, cigars and manufactured tobaccos, provisions, vegetables and country produce, queens and glassware, etc., while first-class goods and uniform lowest prices prevail. This house enjoys telephonic communication with all parts of the city; a horse and wagon is kept for the prompt delivering of merchandise to patrons in all parts of the city. Mr. Havens, who is a native of this county, was for six years prior to embarking in his present business, engaged in the United States postal service with headquarters at Indianapolis. The house now conducted by him has a lucrative and established trade in the city and environs, which is steadily increasing with each succeeding season.

**W. H. MOFFETT & CO.,
MACHINISTS, GAS, STEAM AND PUMP
FITTERS.**

The gas, steam and pump fitting establishment of W. H. Moffett & Co. on Main St. possesses the amplest facilities for the prompt and satisfactory execution of all work pertaining to these important departments of industry, and for the introduction of steam, gas or water pipes into public buildings or private residences, upon sanitary and scientific principles, at the most reasonable rates. This house was organized in October 1882, under the firm name of Moffett & Gregg. In April 1884, Mr. Gregg withdrew from the house and now occupies for manufacturing and work rooms a one-story building 16x40 feet in dimensions, with a sample room for the display of gas fixtures, chandeliers, brackets, globes, shades, etc., on the second floor of Commercial Block. They also handle all descriptions of wrought iron piping, malleable and brass fittings, pumps, steam and gas fixtures, etc., and pay particular attention to general jobbing and repairing in all branches. Their trade is principally derived from this city and adjoining towns in Rush County, and their annual transactions reach from \$8,000 to \$10,000. Mr. Moffett is a skilled mechanic and practical gas, steam and water fitter, thoroughly conversant with all branches of the business in which he has had an extended experience prior to the establishment of his present business.

EGAN & SON,

STAR GROCERY, COMMERCIAL BLOCK.

Among the latest accessions to the commercial enterprises of Rushville, may be especially mentioned the new family supply store, known as the Star Grocery, located in the Commercial Block on Main St., which was established under the most favorable auspices by the firm of Egan & Son, in January, 1884, and which has already secured a trade entitling it to a prominent rank among the representative houses of the city in this special department of trade. The salesroom, which is fitted up in first-class modern style, is 20x70 feet in dimensions, and the stock carried which is full and complete in every department, comprises a general line of the choicest varieties of staple and fancy groceries, teas, coffees, spices, canned goods, foreign and domestic fruits, vegetables, provisions, table and kitchen supplies, cigars, tobaccos, notions and miscellaneous merchandise, such as legitimately pertains to the grocery and provision trade. This is one of the most attractive and completely stocked establishments of its class in this section of the state, and its success has been fairly earned and richly merited. The individual members of the firm are Mr. D. J. and P. J. Egan, both of whom are natives of Ireland, but have resided in this state for the past twenty-two years. Mr. D. J. Egan, the senior member of the firm, conducts a first-class grocery store in another part of the city, which is mentioned at length under its appropriate head in another

portion of this volume. He has been identified with the grocery trade in this city since 1865, and is one of our most highly esteemed citizens and successful business men. Mr. P. J. Egan, his son, prior to the formation of the present partnership, and the establishment of the Star Grocery, was associated with his father in the same business, becoming practically familiar with all its details and requirements, and with the trade of this city and its environs, from whence the patronage of the new house is principally derived.

JOSEPH L. FINLEY,

SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY ASYLUM.

Mr. Joseph L. Finley, the present Superintendent of the Rush County Asylum, was appointed to that responsible position by the county commissioners in September, 1877, and has since that period discharged the duties thereof in a most acceptable manner. Mr. Finley is a native of Ohio, and was born in Adams County in 1840. At the outbreak of the war of the rebellion, he was among the first to respond to the call of President Lincoln for troops, and in 1861 enlisted as a member of the 36th Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and was discharged in the following February by order of the Secretary of War. In August 1862 he re-entered the service as a member of Co. F, Seventh Ohio Cavalry, which command was assigned to the Army of the Ohio under General Burnside, and rendered effective and valuable aid to the cause of the Union arms in Tennessee. In November 1863, during an engagement with the enemy near Rogersville, in the eastern portion of the state, he was captured by the Confederate forces and taken to Belle Isle, where he was confined as a prisoner of war until March, 1864, when, with others, he was transferred to Pemberton Prison, opposite the famous (or rather *m*-famous) Libby Prison in the city of Richmond. After a brief sojourn at this place, he was again removed to the prison pens of Andersonville, where he endured the hardships and privations of that notorious reproach to modern civilization and southern chivalry, until September, 1864, when he was removed to Charleston, S. C., and with other Union prisoners placed under fire of Gilmore's artillery for four days and nights. From thence he was taken to Florence, S. C., and retained until February 1865, when he was again removed to Wilmington, N. C. After four days the rebels were attacked by the Union forces under General Terry, and retired, taking their prisoners with them to Goldsborough, N. C., where, four days later, they were paroled, taken to Wilmington and subsequently exchanged at North Eastern River, fourteen miles from that city. After the exchange, Mr. Finley with impaired health and a broken constitution, proceeded to Annapolis, Md., and from thence to Columbus, Ohio, where he remained for seventeen days in the military hospital. He was subsequently transferred to Camp Dennison Hospital, and on April 26th received a furlough

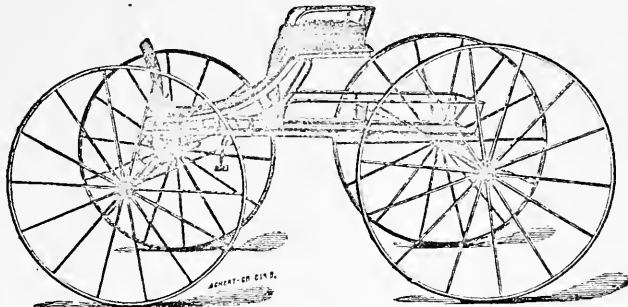
and returned to his home. He received an honorable discharge from service May 26th, 1865, and shortly afterward removed to this city, and was chiefly engaged in agricultural pursuits prior to his acceptance of his present position. Mr. Finley has written a series of articles on prison life for the *Republican* of this city.

RUSHVILLE ROAD CART CO.

CARTS, BUCKBOARDS, BUGGIES, ETC., S. E. COR. PUBLIC SQUARE.

The manufacture of road carts of improved varieties, buckboards, fine buggies, light wagons, etc., is one of the most prominent and important industries of Rushville. One of the most widely and favorably known establishments is that which, under the style of the Rushville Road Cart Co., is engaged especially in the manufacture, upon an extensive

features of practical utility which commend them to public consideration. In their repository are displayed a fine assortment of carts, buckboards, buggies and carriages of their own manufacture, which they offer at prices which will defy successful competition by any of their contemporaries in this section. The average number of hands employed in the different departments is from ten to fifteen; and an average of sixty to eighty new vehicles were turned out each week during last year, which meet with a ready sale, not only in this market, but throughout the Southern States, and from New York City to Denver. Mr. Flechart is a native of this state and county, and prior to the organization of the present company, was engaged in a variety of commercial pursuits in this state and in Michigan. At the outbreak of the war of the rebellion he was among the first to respond to the President's proclamation



scale, of these now universally popular vehicles in a great variety of styles, adapted to a great variety of purposes. This company was organized in 1882 by John Carroll, Joseph B. Frazier, B. F. Tingley, and John Flechart. On the 1st of March, 1884, Messrs. Carroll, Tingley and Frazier retired from active participation in the business; but Mr. Carroll subsequently returned, and the individual members of the company, as now organized, are Messrs. Flechart & Carroll. The premises occupied for manufacturing purposes comprise commodious two-story buildings, one 25x80 feet, and one 30x35 feet, including a ground space of 82½x165 feet in dimensions, subdivided into four distinct departments, viz.: the wood-working, the blacksmithing, the painting and the trimming departments, in each of which skilled and experienced workmen are employed under the immediate personal supervision of the members of the firm, who are practically conversant with all departments of the business. The road carts manufactured by this company are made under special letters patent issued by the United States Government in 1882, to Carroll & Frazier, and now controlled exclusively by this company. They possess new and important

for troops, and in 1861 enlisted as a musician in the 27th Indiana Volunteers, and at the organization of the company was elected first lieutenant, and subsequently promoted to captain. He commanded his company with distinguished gallantry throughout the memorable marches, campaigns and engagements in which that gallant organization participated; and was actively engaged in the battles of Rocky Face Ridge and Kennesaw Mountain. His regiment was with General Sherman until the evacuation of Atlanta, when it was ordered to Rome, Georgia, and from thence to Nashville, Tennessee—participating in the pursuit of Hood's demoralized army to the Tennessee river. They subsequently rejoined Sherman at Goldsboro, North Carolina; and their last exchange of compliments with the enemy was an engagement near Kingston, North Carolina, just prior to the final overthrow of the rebellion. Captain Flechart was mustered out of service, September 15th, 1865, after a faithful discharge of his military duties during almost the entire period of the civil war. Mr. John Carroll, his business associate, is a native of Ireland, and was born in County Kerry in 1850. He came to this country with his parents when but nine years of age, landing at

New York January 14th, 1859. He went direct to Cincinnati, Ohio, and learned the trade of carriage blacksmith in that city, becoming an expert and accomplished workman. He was for three years in the service of the United States Government in the capacity of teamster during the war, and connected with the quartermaster's and commissary departments in Kentucky and Tennessee. After his return to civil life, he was employed at his trade in Cincinnati until 1872, when he became a resident of this city.

HENRY ORMES & CO.,

MANUF'RS. OF "NEW ERA" WIND MILL
AND DEALERS IN AGRICULTURAL IMPLE-
MENTS, PUMPS, ETC.

Among the numerous varieties of wind mills which have of late years been placed upon the market, the nearest approach to absolute perfection has been attained in the New Era mills manufactured only by the firm of Henry Ormes & Co., of Rushville. Retaining the best features and most important advantages of other styles, the New Era combines therewith several improvements of great practical value, which are controlled exclusively by this firm. Among others, we may especially mention that it has a perfectly adjusted self-regulator; the longest shaft of any windmill made with two boxes, one at each end, the crank being in the centre with pumping rod attached, going direct to the pump, thus obviating the employment of the intermediate pitman, and numerous other important mechanical improvements, rendering it absolutely the best windmill made. This firm are also extensive dealers in chain pumps, water tanks, gas pipe, and the latest improved styles of agricultural implements, tools and machinery. They are exclusive agents in this city for the celebrated Plano and Walter A. Wood self-binders, the B. D. Buford wheel land side, light draft sulky plows and cultivators, Gibbs' improved walking plows, and numerous other improved devices of labor-saving machinery and implements for agricultural purposes. This representative firm was established in 1880 by Messrs. Ormes & Sterns, who conducted the business until December, 1882, when Mr. Sterns retired, and Mr. J. M. Felts was admitted to an interest in the business, under the present firm name and style. The premises occupied as salesrooms on Ruth St. are 20x70 feet in dimensions, in addition to which are their shops and ware rooms, located near the C. H. & D. R. R. depot. Mr. Henry Ormes is a native and life-long resident of this county and state, and, in addition to his interests in the above named business, is extensively engaged in agricultural pursuits, being one of the largest and most successful farmers in this county. Mr. J. M. Felts is a native of Kentucky, and came to this state about seven years ago. He is a skilled practical mechanic, and has made several important and valuable inventions of great practical utility.

J. T. KITCHEN & CO.,

FURNITURE DEALERS AND UNDERTAKERS.

This well known house is located on Main St., the principal business thoroughfare of Rushville. It was formerly established under the firm name of Stewart & Kitchen. In 1878 Mr. Kitchen, the present owner, took entire control of the business. From a comparatively small beginning a trade has been established which, at the present time, will exceed \$25,000 per annum and is steadily increasing. The premises occupied comprise two entire floors of a spacious and commodious brick building on Main St. 20x124 feet in dimensions. In addition to the members of the firm who devote their personal attention to the business, one assistant is employed. This house is the leading one of its class in Rushville. The stock carried is full and complete, comprising as it does, a general line of the finer and common grades of furniture, including upholstered and plain goods, parlor, library, and dining room and chamber sets, kitchen furniture, tables, bureaus, chairs and general house furnishing supplies pertaining to this special department of trade. In the undertaking department is carried a fine stock of coffins, caskets, burial cases, shrouds and undertakers' supplies of every description. The house possesses the most ample facilities for undertaking the general management of funeral obsequies in accordance with the wishes of the friends and families of the deceased, or with the requirement and rituals of secret societies and organizations. Messrs. J. T. and M. C. Kitchen, the individual members of the firm, are natives and life-long residents of this state, who have, by a steady, honorable business career, secured the confidence and esteem of the public.

SAMUEL TEMPLIN,

CHALLENGE BAKERY AND RESTAURANT.

In adopting the designating title of "Challenge Bakery," Mr. Samuel Templin confidently and unhesitatingly flung his banners to the breeze, challenging his contemporaries to successful competition in the quality, excellence, and price of fine family bread, cakes, pies, confectionery, pastry, etc. His model establishment, which is located on Main St., occupies one floor 20x70 feet in dimensions, and is one of the most eligibly situated and most attractive stands on this busy thoroughfare. In the sales department may be found at all times a choice assortment of the best varieties of bread, cakes, pies, etc., of his own manufacture, choice French and American confectionery, caramels, bon bons, etc., foreign and domestic fruits, nuts, etc., cigars, tobacco and fancy articles in great variety in the bakery and confectionery line. In connection with this branch of the business are finely furnished and tastefully arranged parlors, where oysters and ice cream are served during their appropriate seasons, and lunches and refreshments at all hours. In the manufacturing department seven barrels of choice flour

are used weekly in the manufacture of the specialties for which Mr. Templin has acquired a more than local reputation. Mr. Templin who is a native of the State of Pennsylvania, was born in 1843, and has been a resident of this state since 1867. He is a practical baker and confectioner, and is thoroughly conversant with all branches of the business. During the war of the rebellion, and before attaining his majority, Mr. Templin was very patriotic and desirous of entering the service of his country in defence of the old flag, and the perpetuity of the Union, and enlisted three separate times in different organizations, but his release was twice secured by his parents on the grounds of minority. He however served for four months as a member of Co. E, 48th Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and received an honorable discharge at the expiration of that time.

J. H. SPURRIER, M. D.,

PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON; OFFICE MAIN ST.; RESIDENCE COR. NOBLE AND MORGAN STS.

Dr. J. H. Spurrier, one of our most accomplished physicians and surgeons, now engaged in the practice of his profession at Rushville, is a native of Mason County, Kentucky, where he was born in 1829. After completing his literary education, he engaged in the study of medicine and surgery at Morristown, Indiana, in 1852, with Dr. J. G. Wolf. He commenced the practice of medicine in connection with his preceptor, but shortly afterwards removed to Marion, where he remained for four years, subsequently locating at Manila, where for six years he enjoyed a lucrative and successful practice. In 1862 he entered the service of the United States, and received a commission as assistant surgeon of the 16th Regiment Indiana Volunteers. He was subsequently assigned to duty as surgeon in charge of the military hospital at Memphis, Tennessee; but owing to impaired health and physical disability, was compelled in January, 1863, to tender his resignation which was accepted and he returned to this city. Recognizing his ability and eminent qualifications for the position, Governor Morton requested him, two weeks after his return, to accept the position of special sanitary agent for the state at Paducah, Kentucky, which he filled for about two weeks, and completing his duties at this point, was assigned to duty at Memphis in the same position. Here he was stationed for about four months, performing the arduous duties devolving upon him with a marked degree of success. At the expiration of this period he returned to Indiana, and, although in poor health, he devoted his utmost energies to the practice of medicine and surgery among the sick and disabled soldiers until March, 1864, when the "great War Governor" of Indiana tendered him a commission as surgeon of the 123d Indiana Volunteers with the rank of Major, and strongly urged his acceptance thereof. Dr. Spurrier, although still suffering from illness

occasioned by his services in camp and hospital, accepted the position, and upon the reorganization of the First Division 23d Army Corps, he was assigned by general orders from department headquarters to the responsible position of surgeon in chief of that division, in which position he served with distinction until the close of the war. Since his return to civil life he has been actively engaged in the practice of medicine in this city, and graduated from the Indiana Medical College at Indianapolis in the class of 1877-8.

W. W. CARR,

HARNESS, SADDLES, ETC., MAIN ST.

More than half a century ago, when the now prosperous and progressive city of Rushville was but an obscure western hamlet, almost on the outskirts of civilization; long before the shriek of the iron horse had waked the echoes of the primeval forests of Indiana, or the onward march of human progress had crossed our pathless prairies with its present net-work of iron rails, there came to this county with his parents, the subject of the present sketch, Mr. W. W. Carr, then a boy but four years of age, from his native State of Kentucky, where he was born in 1824. His early life was not unlike that of the youths of our hardy pioneers of that early period, who, amid hardships, privations and difficulties, of which the present generation can have no adequate conception, carved out their own fortunes and their own destinies, boldly asserting in their independence and native strength of character that "nothing succeeds like success." Mr. Carr, when yet a young man, learned the trade of saddler and harness maker, and in 1848 commenced business in this town on a very limited scale, but sufficiently large to meet the demands and requirements of that period. He has been uninterruptedly engaged in the same line of business since that time, his trade steadily increasing from year to year, growing with the growth and prospering with the prosperity which has attended this settlement from its infancy to the present time. By industry, frugality and strict attention to his business, which has ever been conducted in strict accordance with the true principles of commercial honor and mercantile integrity, with a conscientious fulfillment of all contracts and obligations, he has secured a handsome competency and an honored name. He is owner of one of the finest business blocks on Main St., and also considerable other real and personal property in other sections of the city; but still devotes his personal attention to the business in which he has been engaged for nearly four decades. The premises occupied for sales and manufacturing purposes are centrally and eligibly located on the principal business thoroughfare, and his stock, which is full and complete in all departments, embraces fine single and double harness of his own manufacture, saddles, collars, bridles, whips, blankets, robes, halters, combs, brushes, horse clothing, stable supplies and turf goods gener-

ally. Special attention is devoted to repairing, and all work sent out is warranted, both as to material, workmanship and price. In connection with the business above mentioned, Mr. Carr is the local agent in this city for the Adams and American Express Companies.

MOCK & HINCHMAN.

PLANING MILLS; CONTRACTORS AND BUILDERS, MANUFACTURERS OF EXTENSION TABLES, TABLE SLIDES, STAIRS, DOORS, SASH, BLINDS, FINISHED LUMBER, ETC.

This firm are lessees of a fine and thoroughly equipped planing mill, situated near the line of the C. H. & I. Railroad track, where they enjoy the amplest facilities for efficiently conducting the various branches of business which engages their attention. The buildings and ground space occupied are 16x165 feet in dimensions, and in their operations they furnish employment to an average force of from fifteen to thirty-five men. The mill is equipped with newest improved labor-saving machinery, the motive power of which is supplied by a fine thirty-five horse power engine and boiler. In addition to their extensive operations as carpenters, contractors and builders, in which they enjoy unsurpassed facilities for the prompt and effective execution of all work in this line, this firm are manufacturers of stairs, doors, sash, blinds, flooring, and are prepared to take contracts for supplying carpenters and builders with all kinds of building materials. This firm also make a prominent specialty of the manufacture of extension tables and table slides, in which they transact a business which will bear favorable comparison with any contemporaneous establishment in Eastern Indiana. These tables, in addition to their beauty, solidity and durability, unsurpassed in the market, embrace superior advantages in the patent slide; which is manufactured exclusively at the present by this company, which commend them to the special consideration of both dealers and consumers in all sections of the country. This superior adjunct to the table, known as Bowen's Patent Excelsior Table Slide, a cut of which is here

(BOWEN'S PATENT.)



given, possesses the advantages of durability, with the most simple and ingenious construction, which renders its working so easy that a child may easily adjust it. The tables are manufactured and sold with slides, or the slides are separately supplied to meet the requirements of various sizes and styles of tables, the demand for which extends already to various portions of this state, Ohio, Kentucky, and other remote sections of the Union. The firm are able to quote prices which make it of interest to those interested to open correspondence

with them. The premises now occupied by this firm was originally erected and established in 1876 by Mr. Samuel Austin. In 1880 a lease was taken by the firm of J. W. Mock & Co., who were shortly after succeeded by the present firm, the individual members of which are C. M. Mock and A. B. Hinchman. Mr. C. M. Mock is a native of this state, and was born in Fayette County in 1828. He has been intimately associated with this branch of business since 1867. He was formerly interested in two large planing mills in this city, one of which was destroyed by fire in 1869 and the other in 1871. Though suffering considerable loss, he was possessed of that material which surmounts all difficulties and soon achieves the front position in the ranks of business life. Mr. A. B. Hinchman is a native of Rush County, this state, and was, during his early life and for many years, prominently engaged in agricultural pursuits. He subsequently engaged in livery business in this city, prior to becoming associated with the present enterprise, and is widely and favorably known in this and adjoining counties.

A. P. ALEXANDER,

STAPLE AND FANCY GROCERIES.

In the compilation of authentic and reliable data of the diversified business interests of the prosperous and progressive city of Rushville, it is found that the grocery trade occupies a prominent rank, and among the leading houses engaged in this important branch of our modern commercial system, may be especially mentioned as worthy of more than ordinary consideration, that conducted by Mr. A. P. Alexander, whose salesrooms, 20x160 feet in dimensions, are centrally and eligibly located on Ruth St., fitted up in modern metropolitan style and stocked with an admirably selected assortment of the choicest varieties of staple and fancy groceries, teas, roasted and ground coffees, pure spices, canned goods, fruits, vegetables, provisions, farm and dairy produce, and miscellaneous merchandise of every description, pertaining to this special branch of trade, classified in commercial phraseology under the comprehensive head of notions and grocers' sundries. This representative house was originally established by Mr. W. T. Brann, who was succeeded by R. W. Patton, who conducted the business until 1882, when he disposed of his interest in the stock and stand to the present proprietor. Mr. Alexander devotes his personal attention to the business, and employs three assistants in the sales department. His trade is derived from the city and surrounding towns, and his annual transactions at the present time will considerably exceed \$300,000. Mr. Alexander is a native of this county and was born in 1847. He has been for several years actively engaged in mercantile pursuits, and under his enterprising and energetic management, the house conducted by him has attained the prominent position which it now occupies among the leading establishments of its class in this county.

A. G. MAUZY, GRAIN DEALER.

Members of the Mauzy family have been for many years so prominently identified with the grain interests of this section as extensive buyers and shippers that no history of Rush County can be considered complete or reliable without frequent reference to them collectively or individually, since at one time the entire grain interests of Rush County were controlled by brothers in this family, where shipments at one period aggregated more than 1,000,000 bushels annually. One of the most extensive dealers and shippers at the present time is Mr. A. G. Mauzy, proprietor of the mammoth elevator which was erected in 1850 by Mr. Louis Mattocks. He was succeeded in this business by Mr. W. C. Mauzy, he in turn by Murray, Perkins & Co., this firm by Mauzy & Bro., and in 1880 the present enterprising proprietor assumed the management and control of this old established house. The original elevator was 30x70 feet in dimensions, but in 1880 Mr. Mauzy erected an addition 40x80 feet in size, giving at the present time an aggregate storage capacity of 80,000 bushels. Gas engines are employed for hoisting and discharging grain, and the amplest facilities are enjoyed for the successful prosecution of the extensive business now conducted by Mr. Mauzy, who handles annually not less than 150,000 bushels, shipping largely to Toledo, Ohio, and to the principal grain centres of the Eastern States. Mr. Mauzy, who is a native of Kentucky, has been a resident of Rushville for the past fifty-five years, during which period he has been prominently identified with the grain interests of this section and the commercial thrift of the community, in the growth and development of which he has played a most important part, as one of our most energetic and successful merchants.

V. B. BODINE & SON, BOOTS, SHOES AND RUBBERS.

For more than a quarter of a century, the name of Bodine has been so intimately identified with the boot and shoe trade of Rushville, as to be indissolubly associated in the minds of our citizens with that special department of our local commerce. In 1855, Mr. V. B. Bodine, who had previously been engaged in the same branch of business at other points for more than seven years, commenced in this city on a comparatively small scale, the business which has since been so successfully conducted by him, and by the present firm of V. B. Bodine & Son, which firm dates its inception since 1874. The senior member retired from active business life for about three years, but resumed his place in the firm in 1877. The premises occupied by this representative firm are located in the spacious brick building on Ruth St. near Main, where a finely arranged salesroom 19x51 feet in dimensions is filled to repletion with an admirably selected line of boots, shoes and rubbers for ladies, gentlemen's and children's wear, from the leading

manufacturers of the Union, selected with an express view to the requirements of the better class of city and country trade. This firm also represents, as exclusive agents in this city, the well known Hartford and Walker boots. The stock carried comprises full and unbroken lines of the best boots and shoes made, and the prices are uniformly the lowest consistent with good goods—first-class material, reliable workmanship, and honorable dealing; and the annual transactions of this popular house will, at the present time, considerably exceed \$12,000. Mr. V. B. Bodine, who is one of our pioneer citizens and most successful merchants, is a native of the State of Ohio, where he was born in 1826. He has resided in this state since 1836, and been prominently identified with the growth, progress and commercial thrift of our progressive city for nearly a third of a century. He has been elected by his fellow citizens to the responsible positions of school trustee and township trustee, in each of which he has served for two terms, and is at the present time, treasurer of the East Hill Cemetery of this place. His son and business associate, Mr. V. C. Bodine, is a native of Cincinnati, but a resident of this state since childhood.

COX & PUGH, DRUGGISTS AND CHEMISTS, MAIN ST.

Possessing a thorough and practical knowledge of the principles of chemistry and pharmacy in all their branches, acquired during an extended experience of more than ten years, Messrs. Cox & Pugh the enterprising proprietors of the popular pharmacy and drug store on the west side of the public square, opposite the court house, offer to the citizens of Rushville and its environs, inducements in the purity, excellence and reliability of the merchandise constituting their stock in trade, to the selection of which they give their personal attention. Their salesroom, which is fitted up in modern metropolitan style, with all the latest improvements in furniture and fixtures, is 24x80 feet in dimensions, and the stock carried embraces a general line of pure drugs and chemicals, proprietary medicines, toilet articles, perfumery, soap, sponges, combs, brushes, fancy articles, paints, oils, varnishes, dye-stuffs, chewing and smoking tobacco, Havana and domestic cigars, wines and liquors for medicinal purposes, druggists' sundries in great variety, and miscellaneous merchandise, such as legitimately pertains to a first-class, well regulated establishment of this description. A leading specialty is made of the prescription department, and of the accurate preparation of pharmaceutical compounds of every description, family recipes and physician's prescriptions. The present firm was organized in November 1874, and the premises first occupied were located directly opposite what is now known as the Windsor Hotel. In 1875 they removed to their present commodious and centrally located quarters, where they have established a trade which will compare

favorably with that of any similar contemporaneous house in Eastern Indiana. The individual members of this representative firm, Messrs. R. W. Cox and F. B. Pugh, are both natives of this city, and are thoroughly qualified by education and experience for the business in which they are engaged. Mr. Pugh was elected treasurer of this city in 1879, and filled that responsible position for one term.

HAVENS & WILSON,

AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS AND SEEDS,
RUTH ST.—SEXTON BUILDING.

Among the leading establishments of Eastern Indiana engaged in the sale of the leading varieties of agricultural implements, machinery, grain, garden, grass and field seeds, etc., is that of Messrs. Havens & Wilson, located in the Sexton building on Ruth St., where, in a brick building 20x70 feet in dimensions, with ample yard space, this firm carries a full line of the standard machines, including among others, the Champion light binders and mowers, wheat drills, Hoosier corn drills, Dayton Champion steel plows, cultivators, etc.; Champion bob tail sulkies, Red Jacket and Hamilton steel plows, South Bend plows, Hoosier Boy cultivators, corn planters, check rowers, the Reeves & Co. straw stacker, and a variety of other improved implements, seeds, etc. This firm was established in the spring of 1883, and although their trade is confined principally to this county, they have secured a large and steadily increasing patronage. The individual members of the firm, Mr. G. H. Havens, and Mr. R. E. Wilson, are both natives of this county and state, and have been for many years prominently identified with the commercial and industrial interests of this section. Mr. Havens, prior to the formation of the present partnership, was for nearly two decades engaged in the general grocery trade in this city, and Mr. Wilson was formerly proprietor of a saw mill at Arlington, and engaged in the lumber and grain trade.

J. C. BOYD,

CARRIAGE MANUFACTORY, SPECIALTY
OF CARRIAGE BASKET WORK, SOUTH
MAIN ST.

The carriage works and repository of Mr. J. C. Boyd demand conspicuous consideration and favorable mention among the local industries and commercial enterprises of this thriving and progressive city. The premises occupied for sales and manufacturing purposes are located on South Main St., in buildings erected by Mr. Boyd expressly for the purposes for which they are employed, in the fall of 1883 at which time the present enterprise was inaugurated. The main building is a commodious and conveniently arranged structure 32x60 feet in dimensions two stories high. The front portion of the first floor is occupied as general salesroom and repository, with a work room in the rear for wood work, while the blacksmithing department is in a separate building. The entire second floor is utilized for the

painting and trimming departments. Mr. Boyd manufactures for stock and to order every variety of fine carriages, buggies, light wagons, etc., and is exclusive agent in this county for the Heeb Carriage Works of Fayetteville, Fayette County, carrying a full line of their products, which, by special arrangement, he is enabled to offer at factory prices. He also makes a prominent specialty of general repairing, painting, trimming, etc.

CARRIAGE BASKET WORK.

The establishment of Mr. Boyd has perfected arrangements for giving special attention to the manufacture of carriage basket or willow work. The advantages possessed by these are in giving lightness, coolness, beauty and convenience to vehicles, for seats or for phaeton bodies, etc., and this feature alone will commend these works to liberal public consideration both at home and abroad. They guarantee all work, both in elegance, beauty, and durability; while in their method of construction, there is a great saving which is an important item to consumers. Mr. Boyd, who is a thoroughly practical and experienced carriage maker, conversant with all departments of the business, is a native of this county, and learned his trade at Cincinnati, Ohio. He first embarked in business on his own account in Millroy, subsequently removing to Greensburg in this state in 1860, returning to Millroy the following year. In 1878 he came to this city, and accepted the superintendency of the "C" Spring Cart Factory, which position he retained for about one year, when the works were destroyed by fire, after which he inaugurated his present business enterprise.

H. S. STEPHENS,

PHOTOGRAPHER; SOUTH SIDE RUTH ST.

The art gallery and photograph rooms of Mr. H. S. Stephens, on the south side of Ruth St., present an inviting appearance in the fine specimens of solar pictures and works of art which adorn the walls of his reception rooms. This gallery was formerly conducted by Mr. James McIntosh, and was originally located at the corner of Main and Elizabeth Sts. It came into the possession of Mr. Stephens in 1874, who carried on business at the old stand until December 13th, 1879, when he removed to his present quarters, where a floor space of 20x54 feet in dimensions is occupied for reception parlors, operating and finishing rooms, studio, etc. All the latest improvements in cameras, and scenic effects are employed, and a fine light is obtained for the production of fine likenesses in either clear or cloudy weather. Mr. Stephens executes the best photographic work of every description, finishing pictures as desired, in India ink, oil or water colors, and makes a specialty of artistic portraiture, copying and enlarging in all branches of the art. He also carries in stock a choice assortment of picture frames in a great variety of styles, for the benefit of his patrons. Mr. Stephens is a native of Franklin County, this state, and was born in 1831. He was first engaged in the

practice of photography at Richmond, Indiana, in 1872, and during the past twelve years has devoted his attention exclusively to this interesting and important art, keeping pace with all modern improvements.

J. P. FAIRLEY,
LIVERY AND FEED STABLE; SOUTH
MAIN ST.

As the oldest livery stand, feed and sale stables in Rushville, that now conducted by Mr. J. P. Fairley, near the Grand Hotel, claim recognition. In January, 1883, Mr. Fairley purchased the stock, stand and good will of Mr. A. S. Cline, and under his judicious management a new impetus has been given to the business of this old established stand. The premises occupied are 66x165 feet in dimensions, with a stabling capacity for the accommodation of one hundred and sixty horses at one time. From fourteen to twenty fine road and carriage horses are kept for livery purposes, with stylish and comfortable carriages, buggies, phaetons, light wagons, etc., for pleasure or business purposes, at the most reasonable rates. Mr. Fairley makes a prominent specialty of buying and selling horses, blooded stock, family, road, draft and saddle horses, on his own account or on commission. He is at the present time owner of the fine blooded stallion known as Roger Hanson with a trotting record of 2:24 $\frac{1}{2}$; and has also several excellent horses of minor note in his well regulated stables. Mr. Fairley, who is a native of this county and state, was born in 1836. He has traveled quite extensively in the capacity of commercial agent for several of the leading metropolitan houses, and was also engaged in mercantile pursuits on his own account in Indianapolis and Cincinnati. Previous to his removal to this city in 1872, he carried on a wholesale tobacco house at Indianapolis, and since embarking in his present enterprise, has made many additions to his already large and influential circle of business acquaintances.

MRS. R. H. LEWIS,
MILLINERY, MAIN ST.

The admirable taste exhibited by Mrs. R. H. Lewis in the selection of her stock, and the artistic ability and skill evinced by her and her assistants in the trimming departments, have been duly appreciated by the ladies of Rushville and vicinity, who have accorded by mutual consent to her popular millinery parlors on Main St. the verdict of universal approval as the recognized headquarters in this city for fashionable millinery, and the latest styles and novelties in ladies' head-wear. Mrs. Lewis, who is a native of the State of Ohio, has been a resident of this state for the past fifteen years, during which entire period she has been engaged in the millinery business, establishing her present emporium of fashion in September, 1883. Her stock embraces at all times the latest styles of hats, bonnets, ribbons, laces, feathers, tips, plumes, birds,

flowers, wreaths, buds and ornaments, received direct from the leading metropolitan modistes. She is in constant receipt of pattern hats and bonnets and the latest fashion plates in styles and shapes, which she is prepared to duplicate at short notice and upon the most reasonable terms. While making a prominent specialty of the latest Parisian and New York styles, she does not lose sight of the fact that different faces, complexions and figures require special effects and modifications, and her rare taste and judgement enables her to offer judicious advice and counsel to her patrons in making their selections, which has added largely to her popularity with the ladies of culture and refinement, who appreciate the beauties of harmonious blending of colors to produce a pleasing result.

N. WEEKS,
MEAT MARKET.

The old reliable meat market now located on Main St., a few doors south of the post office, was originally established in 1877 on the opposite side of the street. In 1879 the present conveniently arranged building was erected by Allen, Weeks & Co., and occupied by them as a meat market until 1882, when Mr. N. Weeks purchased the interest of his partners, and has since conducted the business on his own account. The salesroom, which is 22x40 feet in dimensions, is fitted up with all the modern conveniences, with a fine refrigerator for the preservation of meats. Mr. Weeks uses monthly about thirty fine beefs, and a proportionate number of smaller animals, and manufactures in season, sausages, bologna, etc. Mr. Weeks is a native of Henry County, Indiana, and was born in 1841. He learned the trade of carriage trimmer, when a young man, but was among the first to respond to the call of his country for troops, during the dark days of the civil war, enlisting in 1861, as a member of Co. D, 36th Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry. This regiment, which was assigned to the Army of the Cumberland, rendered most valuable and effective service to the Union cause. At the battle of Shiloh Mr. Weeks, while in the discharge of his duty, received a severe gunshot wound in the left thigh, incapacitating him from further active service. He was sent home three days after, and for eight months walked on crutches. He was honorably discharged in 1862 for disability.

NEW YORK MILLINERY STORE.

MRS. JOHN KENNARD, MAIN AND RUTH STREETS.

The popular New York millinery store, located on the second floor, corner of Main and Ruth Sts., was established at its present location in 1879 by Mrs. John Kennard who has successfully conducted the business since that time with a steadily increasing patronage from the ladies of this and adjoining counties. The elegant suite of rooms occupied for sales and trimming purposes constitute one of the prin-

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cial attractions of Rushville to the ladies, for here are displayed in great profusion the latest Parisian and New York styles in hats and bonnets, together with an admirably selected assortment of the latest novelties in flowers, buds, wreaths, feathers, plumes, tips, birds and brilliant plumages, ribbons in almost endless variety of shades and styles, laces, ruches, trimmings, ornaments and a great variety of millinery goods especially adapted to the requirements of the better class of trade.

A. J. SARGENT,

PHOTOGRAPHER, RUTH ST., OVER
HULL'S HARDWARE STORE.

At the attractive art gallery and photograph rooms of Mr. A. J. Sargent on Ruth St., over Hull's hardware store, are exhibited some admirable specimens of his handiwork in photography, finished in India ink, oil and water colors, which will not suffer by critical comparison with similar efforts in the leading metropolitan galleries. Mr. Sargent commenced business in this city during the Centennial year, in a car located on a corner of the public square, and shortly after removed to a vacant lot on the opposite side of the street. In 1879 he fitted up his present commodious and conveniently arranged galleries, where with a strong, clear, northern light, he is enabled to produce in bright or cloudy weather, admirable likenesses, single or in groups. His reception, operating and finishing rooms are fitted up in the most approved style, with all the latest improvements pertaining to the mechanical department. To meet the requirements of his steadily increasing trade, which is derived not only from the city, but also from this and adjoining counties in Ohio and Indiana, Mr. Sargent has deemed it necessary to enlarge his present quarters, and when the contemplated improvements are completed, this gallery will rank among the finest in this section of the West. In Mr. Sargent's gallery may be found two groups of the early settlers of this county, who had been residents of the county in 1877, (at which time the pictures were taken) over thirty-five years, and were all over fifty years of age, embracing in the groups over three hundred and seventy-five persons. Mr. Sargent is a native of Ware, New Hampshire, where he was born in 1829. He removed to New York State with his parents when but a child, and his early education was acquired in that state. He was for several years engaged in railroad, and for some time employed as an engineer on the B. & O. R. R. In 1860 he first engaged in the photographic business, shortly afterwards establishing a gallery at Indianapolis. He subsequently removed to St. Louis, returning to this state in 1870. With an experience of nearly a quarter of a century, during which time he has made photography a study, and kept fully informed upon all the improvements and new inventions which have been introduced from time to time.

HAYS & MEGEE,

SURGEON DENTISTS.

Mechanical dentistry is one of the triumphs of our time and country. Not only is the present excellence in the art a comparatively recent achievement, but it is more thoroughly understood in this country than elsewhere, while the improvements which have been introduced in the several departments of operative dentistry and surgery—the use of harmless anesthetics, and the application of delicate instruments and appliances may be mainly credited to the skill and genius of American dental surgeons. Among the most skillful and accomplished professors of this important science in this section, we invite the attention of our readers to Drs. Hays & Megée, whose offices and dental parlors are located over Matt. R. Hull's hardware establishment on Ruth St., where, with all the modern improvements in both departments of mechanical and operative dentistry, they enjoy unequalled facilities for the successful prosecution of all branches of the business. Dr. Hays established an office in this city about ten years ago, removing to his present finely furnished parlors in 1878. In March, 1884, Dr. Megée was admitted to an interest in the business, under the present firm name and style; and the success which has attended the efforts of these gentlemen has been richly merited and fairly earned by the superior excellence of their work. Dr. Hays is a native of Boston, where his literary education was acquired. He subsequently was engaged in the drug business prior to commencing the practice of dental surgery, in which he has had many years practical experience. Dr. Megée is a native of this state and county, and was educated in this city. In 1882 he entered the Ohio Dental College, at Cincinnati, Ohio, from which he graduated with high honors in 1884, shortly after, becoming a member of the present firm.

J. E. MERRILL,

HARNESS, SADDLES, ETC., WEST SIDE
PUBLIC SQUARE.

The fine harness and saddlery emporium of Mr. J. E. Merrill, located on the west side of the Public Square, was established in February, 1879, at its present location, and from its very inception has met with a most gratifying and encouraging degree of success. The general sales and stock rooms are 22x50 feet in dimensions, and the manufacturing department occupies a space of 20x22 feet, where an average force of five skilled and experienced workmen is employed in the manufacture of fine single and double harness of the best hand-made varieties. The stock carried in the sales department embraces a fine line of harness, saddles, collars, bridles, summer and winter horse clothing and equipments, stable supplies, turf goods, Columbus toe weight, etc. From a comparatively moderate commencement, Mr. Merrill has, by enterprise, ability and strict attention to business, established a trade which

will aggregate fully \$12,000 per annum, and compare favorably with that of any contemporaneous house in this section of the state. Mr. Merrill is a native of Franklin County, and was born in 1856. He was engaged in a variety of business pursuits and avocations prior to embarking in his present successful enterprise, and is well and favorably known throughout this and adjoining counties.

W. S. ORWIN,

JEWELER, No. 14 RUTH ST.

The favorite jewelry house of Mr. W. S. Orwin, at No. 14 Ruth St. was established by its present popular proprietor in 1879, since which time a steady and gratifying increase of trade has rewarded his energetic efforts and application to business. His sales room at the above named location is 14x56 feet in dimensions and is fitted up in a neat and attractive manner for the display of his admirably selected stock of American and imported watches fine clocks, gold and plated jewelry, solid silver and plated table ware, etc. Mr. Orwin makes a prominent specialty of repairing watches, clocks and jewelry and devotes his personal attention to cleaning, repairing and adjusting fine watches and time keepers of every description. He employs one assistant and each succeeding year has witnessed a considerable increase in his annual transactions which will compare favorably with those of any contemporaneous establishment in the city. Mr. Orwin is a native of Washington County, Pa. where he was born in 1846 and has been a resident of Indiana since he was five years of age. He is a practical and experienced watch maker and jeweler, thoroughly familiar with all branches of the business and with the delicate mechanism of all the various styles of watches now in use, whether of American or European make.

J. T. BARNES,

DEALER IN FINE CARRIAGES, BUGGIES, BUCKBOARDS AND ROAD CARTS.

The Barnes patent road cart, although introduced to the public as recently as 1882, has received the most flattering testimonials of approbation from all classes, its sales now extending into many of the principal states of the Union. These popular vehicles are constructed upon scientific principles, embodying advantages which cannot fail to be appreciated by those familiar with the ordinary styles of carts now in use. By the application of peculiarly formed springs, and special devices invented and patented by Mr. Barnes, that peculiar jolting motion occasioned by and partaking of the movements of the horse is entirely obviated, giving ease in riding, mounting and dismounting. Added to the special advantages obtained by both front and rear springs, these carts are constructed throughout of the best material, finished in the highest style of mechanical art, and combine the highest maximum of strength with the lowest minimum of weight. These carts, which are

protected by letters patent from the United States Government, issued September 26th, 1882, are manufactured only by J. T. Barnes, of Rushville, whose office and salesrooms are located on Noble St., near the southwest corner of the public square. This house was established in August, 1882, and has built up a large and steadily increasing trade. Mr. Barnes is exclusive agent for the Columbus Buggy Co., Columbus, Ohio, and carries in stock, in addition to his own products, a fine stock of Columbus wagons, open and top buggies, etc., which he is enabled by special arrangement to offer at factory prices. Mr. J. T. Barnes, the inventor and patentee of this special style of road cart, is a native of this state and county, and was born in 1843. He was chiefly engaged in agricultural pursuits until 1872, when he conducted a livery and sale stable for about four years, at the expiration of which time he returned to the farm where he remained until embarking in his present line of business as above noted.

GRAND HOTEL,

S. STOCKDELL, PROP'N., S. W. CORNER PUBLIC SQUARE.

Strangers visiting Rushville who are fortunate enough to register at the Grand Hotel, cannot fail to form a favorable opinion of our prosperous and pleasant metropolis, under the hospitable roof of this popular hostelry, so ably and efficiently conducted by the accomplished proprietor, Mr. S. Stockdell, a gentleman of extended experience in catering to the wants of the traveling public. The present "Grand" was for many years known as the Hamilton, and subsequently as the Laken House, receiving its present appropriate title in 1879. It came into the possession of Mr. Stockdell in June, 1881, at which time he succeeded Messrs. Evans & Riggs. The main building is a substantial and conveniently arranged four story structure 50x100 feet in dimensions, with a commodious "L." During the past few years the house has from time to time undergone numerous important improvements, alterations and additions, and is now first-class in all its arrangements and appointments. On the first floor is the office, reading room and writing room, barber shop, fine sample rooms for commercial travelers, dining room, culinary and laundry departments, etc. On the second floor are the ladies' parlors and reception rooms and apartments for guests, single and *en suite*. The entire third floor is devoted to sleeping rooms, guest chambers, etc. The rooms are neatly and comfortably furnished, well kept and supplied with gas and all the modern conveniences. The *cuisine* is presided over by experienced and competent cooks and caterers, and the table bountifully supplied with all the substantial, luxuries and dainties of the season, served in the most attractive and appetizing manner. Mr. Stockdell is a native of Kentucky, but came to this state with his parents when but two years of age. He was for about twenty years engaged

in commercial pursuits at Seymour in this state, after which he assumed the management of the Western Hotel at Columbus, Indiana, where he remained for four years prior to assuming control of the Grand, which has, under his liberal and efficient administration, become deservedly popular with the traveling public.

DR. I. N. HARRIS, DENTAL SURGEON.

While there are few equally skilled in the practice of applied dentistry in this section, there are none who occupy a higher professional, scientific or social position than the subject of the present sketch, Dr. I. N. Harris, whose residence, office and laboratory are located on Perkins St., near the north-east corner of the public square. Dr. Harris is a native of Allegheny County, where he was born in 1834. He came west in 1848, and in the same year commenced the study of operative and mechanical dentistry at Madison, Indiana, in the office of N. B. Slayton, an eminent dental surgeon of that city. After completing his course of instruction and studies, he traveled extensively in various sections of the West and located permanently in Rushville in 1852; where for more than a quarter of a century, he has enjoyed a lucrative and successful practice. He is a prominent member of the State Dental Association of Indiana, and is thoroughly conversant with all the latest methods and improvements which modern science has introduced in the practice of both operative and mechanical dental surgery. Dr. Harris makes a prominent specialty of the preservation of natural teeth—never recommending extraction while there is a reasonable chance of saving the teeth of his patrons. He however pays particular attention to extracting teeth in the most careful manner, when deemed advisable, and administers harmless anæsthetics when so desired. His laboratory is filled up with the latest improved and most expensive devices for the manufacture of artificial sets, upon metallic, rubber or celluloid plates, and he guarantees the most perfect satisfaction at reasonable prices. Dr. Harris enjoys a practice extending throughout a wide area of adjacent territory, his well earned reputation for skill and thorough reliability ensuring for him the confidence and patronage of the better class of citizens in Rush and neighboring counties.

B. F. REA, RESTAURANT AND DINING ROOMS, WEST SIDE PUBLIC SQUARE.

A neatly arranged, well appointed restaurant is to be found in Rushville on the west side of the public square, directly opposite the court house, conducted by Mr. B. F. Rea, successor to Stephens & Brooks, who opened these popular rooms in January, 1884, in connection with Mr. Stephens, whom he afterwards bought out. Everything is new, neat and clean, and special care is taken to furnish to patrons the choicest viands which the mar-

ket affords, served in the best and most attractive styles at reasonable rates. Meals and lunches are served at all hours, and a specialty is made of choice oysters and ice cream in their appropriate seasons. The front portion of this establishment is fitted up in modern metropolitan style, with fine show cases, etc., for the display of an admirably selected assortment of French and American confectionery, foreign and domestic fruits, nuts, etc. The dining room is furnished in the best style, and occupies the remainder of the room, which is 20x80 feet in dimensions, while the culinary department is located at the rear. Mr. Rea is a native of Fayette County, and was born in 1846; he came to this city in 1884, previous to which time he was for over six years agent for the J. M. & I. R. R., at Falmouth, Indiana; and during a portion of this time, express agent at the same point, where he was also quite extensively engaged in buying and shipping grain, stock, etc.

JAMES GERAGHTY, GROCERIES, No. 7 NOBLE ST.

Mr. James Geraghty, proprietor of the popular family grocery house, No. 7 Noble St., is a native of Ireland and was born in County Mayo in 1839. He came to the United States in 1864, landing at New York. He first settled at Ashland, Schuykill County, Penn'a., where he was engaged in coal mining for a time, becoming a resident of this city in 1865. Here he was employed in a variety of pursuits, and among others worked for Mr. Geo. C. Clark for about six and a half years. He subsequently was engaged as a contractor on street construction, etc., and by industry, economy and energy amassed a handsome competency, and in 1881 embarked in his present successful mercantile pursuit in a substantial brick building 20x40 feet in dimensions, with basement, which he erected expressly for the purposes for which it is now employed. He is at the present time erecting another building of the same dimensions on the east side of his present establishment, which will be occupied by him for the accommodation of his steadily increasing trade. Mr. Geraghty carries in stock an admirably selected assortment of the choicest varieties of staple and fancy family groceries, teas, coffees, spices, canned goods, fruits, vegetables, produce, provisions, cigars, tobacco, wines, liquors, ale, beer, etc., and has, since the inception of his present business, built up a large and established trade in both city and country. Mr. Geraghty enjoys the fullest confidence of all with whom he has had business transactions, and his unswerving integrity has ensured for him a wide and influential circle of acquaintances. He was appointed guardian of the estate of the late Michael Toolen, a most responsible position, involving the management and control of a large amount of valuable real estate and other property, and has fulfilled the obligations of this important trust with marked ability and fidelity.

THE RUSHVILLE CASH STORE, CALDWELL & JONES, RUTH STREET.

As one of the leading dry goods houses of Eastern Indiana, that now conducted under the firm name and style of Caldwell & Jones and familiarly known as the "Rushville Cash Store" claims conspicuous consideration in the present historical review, both on account of the extent and variety of its stock and the magnitude of its transactions which will at the present time considerably exceed \$25,000 per annum. This representative house was founded in 1873 by Messrs. Mauzy, Caldwell & Magee, which firm was succeeded by Caldwell & Ayers and they in turn by the present proprietors in January, 1884. The premises occupied for the display of their extensive and admirably selected stock are centrally located on Ruth St. opposite the court house, where two entire floors, each 24x100 feet in dimensions are required for sales and storage purposes. The stock which is at all times full and complete and especially adapted to the requirements of the trade in this section, embraces a general line of imported and American dry goods, elegant and fashionable dress fabrics, woollens, white goods, domestics, corsets' hosiery, gloves, ladies' and gentlemen's furnishing goods and underwear, small wares, notions, hats, caps, boots, shoes, etc. Mr. Wm. A. Caldwell, a native and life-long resident of Rush County, was born in 1814 and has been for many years prominently identified with the commercial interests and dry goods trade of this city. Mr. John A. Jones, a native of Kentucky, was born in 1847 but has resided in this state for several years and been engaged in mercantile pursuits prior to the formation of the present partnership. They are both young men of more than ordinary business ability and enterprise, and with facilities of the highest order, ample capacity and a brilliant and untarnished career this representative house has acquired a place in the consideration of this community to which few firms attain and perhaps fewer still deserve. In the advantages offered to our citizens, both in quality and prices, they are able to successfully compete with any contemporaneous house in Eastern Indiana.

CITY BAKERY & RESTAURANT, HILLIGOSS & SON; WEST SIDE PUBLIC SQUARE.

This establishment was opened nearly seven years ago by Mr. J. D. Gloré, who was succeeded by the firm of Hilligoss & Kelly, and in February, 1884, Mr. Kelly retired and the firm name and style became Hilligoss & Son. The premises occupied are 22x80 feet in dimensions. In the sales department will be found French and American confectionery, foreign and American fruits, nuts, canned and bottled goods, cigars, tobacco, etc. In the restaurant are nicely furnished tables and lunch counters, with a seating capacity for nearly fifty guests at one time; and the bill of fare embraces the choicest substantial and luxu-

ries the market affords. In the manufacturing department, or bakery, special attention is paid to the manufacture of choice family bread, rolls, cakes, pies, etc., which are sold over the counter, served at the table, or supplied to customers in the city or county. This firm also enjoys unrivalled facilities for supplying weddings, parties, festivals, picnics, etc., with fancy cakes, ice-creams and refreshments of every description at reasonable rates. Mr. Ambrose Hilligoss, the senior member of the firm is a native of this county, and was born in 1830. He has been prominently identified with the agricultural interests of this section, and in addition to his connection with the present firm, owns and carries on a fine farm about three miles from the city limits. His son, Mr. Omar Hilligoss, the general manager of the business, is also a native and life-long resident of this county, and previous to the formation of the present partnership, was principally engaged in agricultural pursuits.

J. K. JAMISON, SURGEON DENTIST.

The wonderful advances which have been made during the past quarter of a century in the various departments of operative and mechanical dental surgery have been fully commensurate with the developments in other branches of the professional and mechanical arts which have characterized this progressive age. From the rude instruments in use a generation ago, when dentistry was regarded as a necessary but unimportant branch of the physician's profession, to the perfected and elegant appliances in use at the present day, has been indeed a wonderful step in scientific evolution. Keeping fully informed upon all the discoveries and innovations of the age, and availing himself of all the improvements in the mechanical department of the profession, Dr. J. K. Jamison of Rushville offers his services to the citizens of this and adjoining counties, confident of his ability to give perfect satisfaction in either department of dental surgery. His parlors and operating rooms are located in Carr & Ringle's block, and are fitted up in a neat and appropriate manner with all the modern improvements and appliances; and special attention is paid to the extraction of teeth, filling with gold or other metals, and to the manufacture of full or partial sets from the best materials known to the profession. Dr. Jamison is a native of Lancaster County, Penn'a., and after completing his literary education, engaged in the study of dental surgery, and commenced the practice of his profession at Mt. Carmel, Indiana, in 1854. In 1860 he removed his office to Shelbyville in this state, where he remained for twelve years, at the expiration of which time he located at Connersville, where he remained until 1882, when he removed to Indianapolis, becoming a member of the firm of Jamison & Rawls. In 1884 he established his present office in this city, where he has met with a gratifying degree of encouragement and success. He is an accom-

plished and thoroughly educated dental surgeon, and a graduate of the Ohio Dental College.

JOHN A. SPURRIER,

JEWELRY, PIANOS, ORGANS, &c.

The highest development of modern civilization, culture and refinement finds adequate expression in its admiration for, and appreciation of elegant articles of jewelry for use and personal adornment, and in the "concord of sweet sounds," as produced by the various styles of pianos, organs and musical instruments in use at the present day. The combination in a commercial point of view of jewelry and musical merchandise is therefore eminently appropriate and as conducted by Mr. John A. Spurrier, the enterprising "Main Street Jeweler" constitutes one of the most interesting, as well as important of our local mercantile interests. Mr. Spurrier, who has been in active business in this city for the past ten years, opened his present establishment on Main St., opposite the post office in 1883 and has already met with a most encouraging degree of success. His sales room, which is 20x50 feet in dimensions is fitted up in a most attractive style for the display of his admirably selected assortment of imported and American gold and silver watches, clocks, fine jewelry, etc.; pianos, organs, small musical merchandise, sheet music, instruction books, etc. Mr. Spurrier handles, as exclusive agent in this city, the well known and popular Decker Sons and the Emerson Pianos and the Burdette, Sterling and Chicago cottage organs, which by special arrangements with the manufacturers he is enabled to offer at factory prices. His stock in both departments is elegant, select and comprehensive and his transactions for the first year exceeded \$16,000, with a large and steadily increasing local trade which is now extending rapidly to remote sections of this and adjoining counties. Mr. Spurrier is a native of this state and was born in 1847. He was formerly engaged exclusively in the sale of pianos and organs as manufacturer's agent, and since the inauguration of his present enterprise has found the acquaintances then formed of great benefit in his present business venture.

WM. T. JONES,

RESTAURANT, No. 9 RUTH ST.

The new restaurant, dining and lunch rooms of Mr. W. T. Jones, in the Cox building on Ruth St., were opened to the public on the 22d of March, 1884. The dining and lunch rooms, which are 20x70 feet in dimensions, are fitted up in an elegant and attractive style, with numerous tables for the accommodation of guests and private parties, having an aggregate seating capacity for about fifty persons. The *cuisine* and commissary department is under the immediate supervision of Mr. Jones, who is an experienced caterer, and who provides for the accommodation of his patrons the choicest viands the market affords, in seasona-

ble substantial and delicacies, which are served by polite and courteous attendants in the most attractive and appetizing forms. Regular meals or lunches are furnished at all hours *a la carte*; or to day-boarders by the day or week at greatly reduced rates. Mr. Jones is also prepared at all times to furnish refreshments or suppers for balls, festivals, public or private parties, banquets, collations, etc., in the most approved style and at moderate rates. Mr. Jones is a native of this county, and was born in 1844. In 1863, although but nineteen years of age, he entered the service of his country, and enlisted as a private in the 123d Regiment Indiana Volunteers. This command was assigned to the Army of the Cumberland, and with it Mr. Jones participated in many of the important campaigns and engagements of that eventful period of our country's history, including the battles around Nashville, and the memorable battles, bivouacs and skirmishes of the Georgia campaign. He received an honorable discharge at the expiration of the war in September, 1865, and since his return to civil life, has been engaged in various pursuits prior to embarking in his present successful enterprise.

BLISS & WILSON,

CLOTHING, FURNISHING GOODS, ETC.,
OPPOSITE COURT HOUSE.

This model clothing and furnishing emporium, fronting on the public square, known as the "square-dealing clothiers," occupies a room 20x80 feet in dimensions on Main St., with an L fronting on Ruth St. 13 feet, where is carried one of the largest and most complete stocks of merchandise in this line to be found in Eastern Indiana, comprising fashionable, seasonable and well-made suits and garments for men's and boy's wear, selected with an express view to the requirements of the trade in this section, gentlemen's furnishing goods and underwear, hats and caps, trunks, valises, traveling bags, etc. These goods are of the best and most serviceable fabrics and styles, purchased in large lots direct from manufacturers, and are offered at such prices as to defy successful competition by any contemporaneous establishment in this section of the state. Their trade is derived from Rush and adjoining counties, and their annual transactions aggregate from \$35,000 to \$40,000, and are steadily increasing with each succeeding season. The individual members of this popular and enterprising firm are George W. Bliss and Frank M. Wilson. The former is a native of Lewis County, Kentucky, and was born in 1850. He is thoroughly conversant with all branches of the business, having been engaged in the clothing trade since he was sixteen years of age, and is now connected with a wholesale clothing house at Cincinnati, Ohio. Mr. Wilson is a native and life-long resident of Rush County, and was born in 1855. He has been chiefly engaged in this special department of trade since 1876. This firm not only possesses the highest qualifications but the

fullest advantages for securing to patrons the most favorable rates, and guarantee their goods as represented.

JOHN KENNARD,

MANUFACTURING JEWELER, RUTH ST.

Thoroughly and practically conversant with all branches of this interesting and important art, Mr. John Kennard, of Ruth St., offers his services to the residents of Rush and adjoining counties for the manufacture of engagement and wedding rings, society pins and badges, and every description of fine jewelry to order. He carries in stock a fine line of watches, clocks, gold and plated jewelry, silver ware, etc., especially adapted to the requirements of the trade in this section, together with the finest assortment of Amethysts, Cameos, Garnets, Onyx and precious stones to be found in this part of the State which he is prepared to mount in any desired form, at the shortest notice. He makes a prominent specialty of re-mounting diamonds in modern styles of setting, altering rings to any size, cleaning, repairing and adjusting fine watches and clocks, and general jewelry repairing. He pays the highest price for old gold and silver, or will "make over" old jewelry if desired. Mr. Kennard is a native of New York City, where he was born in 1840. He has been a resident of this State for the past five years, embarking in business on his own account in this city in 1880, where by his skill, industry and ability he has established a prosperous and growing trade. He has been associated with the business in which he is engaged since boyhood and is a thoroughly practical and expert master of the profession.

L. S. HARRIS,

DRY GOODS, NOTIONS, ETC.

In making the assertion that the dry goods trade is the leading branch of commerce which engages the attention and employs the capital of the representative merchants of the United States we but repeat a statement which is susceptible of demonstration by reliable statistics. It is therefore eminently fitting and appropriate in reviewing the industrial and commercial interests of the thriving city of Rushville that due recognition should be accorded to the popular dry goods emporium of Mr. L. S. Harris, on Ruth St., which, although established as recently as in 1883 has already become deservedly popular with the citizens of this and adjacent counties as one of the most prosperous and complete establishments of its class in Eastern Indiana. From its very inception the career of this representative establishment has been onward and upward, its transactions for the first year reaching more than \$25,000; and each succeeding month has witnessed a most gratifying increase in the aggregate of its sales over the preceding month. Determined to "lead rather than compete," Mr. Harris omits no opportunity to secure rare bargains and all the latest novelties in foreign and American dry goods, rich and elegant

dress fabrics, domestics, woollens, white goods, laces, trimmings, embroideries, corsets, gloves and hosiery, ladies', gentlemen's and children's furnishing goods and underwear, notions, fancy goods and miscellaneous merchandise in this line, which he purchases in large lots direct from importers, jobbers and first hands. His assortment of remnants in fine imported laces, trimmings and embroideries is a curious sight well worthy the critical examination of the ladies who are usually experts in such matters and the rare bargains offered therein cannot fail to excite the admiration of all. Five competent and courteous assistants are employed in the sales department who regard it as no trouble to show goods whether visitors desire to purchase or not. Mr. Harris, who is a native of Kentucky, was born in 1834, but has been a resident of this State for the past six years. He is practically conversant with all branches of the dry goods trade, and although yet a young man, possesses in an eminent degree these essential qualifications which cannot fail to insure for him a brilliant and successful career in commercial life.

CITY BOOT AND SHOE SHOP,

J. W. WILSON, No. 17 RUTH ST.

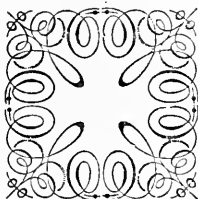
The leading specialty for which the well known City Boot and Shoe Shop of Mr. J. W. Wilson, on Ruth St., first door east of the Windsor Hotel, has acquired a more than local celebrity, is the manufacture of fine custom work for ladies' and gentlemen's wear, and in this special line it is the recognized headquarters for reliable, perfect fitting, and finely finished work in Eastern Indiana. The front portion of this establishment is occupied as salesroom, where may be found at all times a fine assortment of custom-made boots and shoes of his own manufacture, leather and findings, which he is enabled to furnish to the trade at city prices, while the rear portion is occupied by the manufacturing and repair department, to which special attention is given. Mr. Wilson first commenced business on his own account in this city in 1872, on Main St., where he remained for two years. In 1874 he went west, locating in the Arkansas Valley, where, for about four years, he was engaged in butchering for the United States Government, and in agricultural pursuits. He returned to this city in 1881 and shortly afterwards embarked in business at his present location. Mr. Wilson, who is a native of Butler County, Ohio, was born in 1841. In 1862 he enlisted in the United States service as a member of the 75th Regiment, Indiana Volunteers. Shortly after entering the field the entire regiment was captured by the Confederate forces in Kentucky, and subsequently paroled. They were not afterwards called into active service. He learned the trade of boot and shoe maker before entering the service, in 1857-8, with Mr. John F. Castle, and is a thoroughly practical and experienced workman.

EVERETT & FERGUSON,**BARBERS, MAIN ST.**

Transacting the largest business of any similar establishment in the city, the popular tonsorial parlors of Messrs. Everett & Ferguson claim special recognition as among the representative industries of Rushville. This shop was opened in 1881 by Mr. Edward Everett, who conducted the business alone for about one year, when Mr. David Ferguson, who had for thirteen months previously carried on the same business at another location, became associated with him, and the two establishments were consolidated. The premises occupied are 12x40 feet in dimensions, and six chairs, presided over by competent and skilled hair cutters and manipulators of the razor, are in constant requisition. The appointments of these rooms are first-class in every particular, and the constant aim of the proprietors and their accomplished assistants is to please their patrons and insure first-class work. Mr. Everett is a native of Ohio, and learned his trade at Lawrenceburg, this state, becoming a resident of Rushville in 1874. Mr. Ferguson, a native of this state, learned his trade at Cambridge city, and has resided here for the past twelve years. They are both

thoroughly and practically conversant with all branches of the business, and were employed by other parties prior to embarking in business on their own account.

In addition to the firms already mentioned, are the following; Buel & Reed, grain; E. H. Wolf, real estate; Norris & Bro., agricultural implements; Allen & Co., grocers; W. J. Waite, drugs; J. Carmichael, flour mills; Fouts & Moffett, lumber; C Spring Cart Co., carriages; Patton & Caldwell, tile; J. R. Puntenney, grocer; P. Fitzgerald, tailor; Barnard & Flenner, jewelry; J. W. Kirkpatrick, grocer; E. D. Beher, drugs; J. R. Carmichael, dry goods; W. N. Stewart, furniture; C. S. Geyer, grocer; J. B. Kennedy, hardware; E. B. Poundstone, carriages; Priest & Fletcher, horses; Kahn & Co., clothing; B. W. Riley, grocer; J. W. Carnine, baker; Z. E. Mauzy, boots and shoes; Wilson & Stockham, agricultural implements; M. E. Davis, dry goods; H. C. Bakemeyer, grocer; W. B. Poe, jewelry; H. Schenkel, boots and shoes; Roosa & Ratliff, drugs; J. Bloomer, tailor; C. H. Doelker, meats; J. H. Muire, dentist; J. Scanlan, grocer; G. Wingerter, cigars; T. A. McCoy, meats.



CARTHAGE.

This enterprising village though not possessing any special advantages in the way of railroad facilities, has for many years held the second position in commercial importance and population among the towns of Rush County, being the largest and most flourishing town outside the county seat.

It was laid out in 1835 by Mr. John Clark and the first house in the place was built by Mr. Robert Hill and his son Bryan, during the same year. A trading place was established here before the town was laid out and as early as 1840 Mr. Benjamin Hill had started a store consisting of general merchandise. Subsequently Eli Stratton opened a store here. The first wagon shop was started by George W. Pierce and the first blacksmith shop by Isaac Nelson. The first church built here was the Friends and the next was the M. E. Church. The first post master was Mr. Henry Henley who still resides here. The first grist mill was built as early as 1826 and was situated about 100 feet above the location of the present finely equipped flouring mill. The first newspaper was started here in 1880, called the *Carthage Clarion* and continued for two years. Since then several other papers have been started at different times. Among the early settlers in this section we mention Jesse and Robert Hill, Benj. Hill, Thomas Henley, Abram Small, Dayton Holloway, Charles Henley, M. Binford and J. Phelps.

Carthage at the present time contains a population of about 600 inhabitants of

an intelligent and prosperous class. In point of wealth it will bear favorable comparison with any place of its size in the state. It is surrounded by a rich agricultural district settled by an economical and thrifty class of agriculturists and stock raisers. This whole section is well watered, affording fine water power, while one of the finest flouring mills in the state is located here, with several others in this part of the county. The town contains a large public school building, with a graded school having an average attendance of 214 pupils; two churches, Friends and M. E., and a substantial banking house. The town was incorporated in 1858 and is situated in the north-west portion of Rush County, five miles south of Knightstown on the north and seven miles from Arlington on the south. About 1848 the old flat bar railroad was built as far as this place but after about two years was abandoned. The old road bed still remains in most places and offers quite an inducement toward the erection of a new road which will ere long be taken advantage of by some company.

Closing this rapid and general review of the industries of Carthage we especially direct the attention of the reader to the series of articles that follow, as containing more detailed and valuable information than can be readily obtained from any other source. The articles are based upon facts collected with much trouble by the publishers and the reader may safely rely upon the statements made as being within the bounds of truth.

GWYNNE, JOHNSON & CO, DRY GOODS, CLOTHING, ETC.

The house of Messrs Gwynne, Johnson & Co., of Carthage was established on a comparatively small scale, as early as in 1850, at which time Mr. Gwynne associated himself with Mr. Wm. Johnson, who was a prominent member of the Society of Friends of this place, and who had previously been engaged in mercantile pursuits in this place. Mr. Johnson enjoyed a wide circle of acquaintances by whom he was and still is held in the highest esteem, and this house takes pleasure in acknowledging that to him was largely due those influences which secured its success and prosperity. The partnership continued in force, until Mr. Johnson, owing to ill health deemed it advisable to retire, which he did with quite a competency, but still resides in this village one of our most highly honored and respected citizens. This extensive establishment now occupies as general salesroom one entire floor 20x90 feet in dimensions, a room devoted to the clothing department 20x24, a stock room of the same dimensions, and an office 15x20, carrying one of the most extensive, complete and comprehensive stocks of merchandise of any contemporaneous house in Eastern Indiana, embracing a complete line of Foreign and American dry goods, woollens, domestics, linens, white goods, dress fabrics, trimmings, laces, embroideries, house furnishing supplies, mens, boy's and children's ready made clothing from the leading manufactories of the union, ladies and gentlemen's furnishing goods, boots, shoes, hats, caps, queensware, glassware, notions, heavy and shell hardware, cutlery, farmer's and mechanic's tools and implements etc. Their annual sales will fully aggregate more than 25,000 per annum. Mr. O'Brien Gwynne, the senior member of this firm, is a native of the north of Ireland, where he was born in 1820. He was extensively engaged in the linen manufactory in Strabane in connection with his brother, Wm. Gwynne, giving employment to over 2,000 hands at one time prior to coming to America in 1847, during which year he landed at New York City, and located at Shelbyville in this state, where he secured a position as book keeper for Mr. Samuel Hamilton, which he retained for about three years. He became a resident of Carthage in May 1850, at which time, in company with Mr. Wm. Johnson, he established the business which has since grown to such magnificent proportions. He started with limited capital financially, but with an earnest determination to achieve success by strict attention to his business and a uniform system of fair and honorable dealing, which has been rigidly adhered to. He has by native industry, perseverance and ability amassed a competency, and in addition to his extensive business interests he owns considerable real estate and other property in various sections of the county. He has held the responsible position of township trustee for fourteen consecutive years, and has been prominently identified with the

growth and advancement of our local interests for more than a third of a century. Mr. A. W. Newsome, his partner and business associate is a native and life long resident of Rush County, and was born in 1842. His early life was spent in agricultural pursuits, and in 1866 he commenced his mercantile career as a clerk in the house of which he is now a partner, and in this capacity was associated with Mr. Gwynne for about fourteen years, being admitted to an interest in the business in 1879.

WM. S. JOHNSON, FUNERAL DIRECTOR.

The position of funeral director and undertaker is one requiring for its successful prosecution a thorough comprehension of the proprieties governing the management of the last sad rites which the living are permitted to pay to the loved and lost, ere they are consigned to the silent tomb, and for this reason it is one of the most important of human avocations, and as such, entitled to more than a passing mention in a historical work of this description. Possessing in an eminent degree, all the requisites and qualifications, with facilities unsurpassed for embalming the dead, and attending to all the details connected with their interment, in a fitting and becoming manner, Mr. William S. Johnson of Carthage tenders his services to the residents of this and adjoining towns, as a director of funeral obsequies and general undertaker. Mr. Johnson commenced business in this place as long ago as in 1835, in partnership with his father in the furniture line, and ten years later introduced undertaking as a feature of their business. Subsequently he sold out the furniture department to his brothers, who still continue the business; and since that time he has devoted his exclusive attention to undertaking and embalming. He carries in stock a large line of fine and common caskets, coffins, burial cases, shrouds and general undertakers' supplies; and is proprietor of a fine hearse for the use of funerals in town or county, and will supply carriages when so desired, and undertake the entire management, with special reference to the wishes of friends of the deceased, or in accordance with the forms and rituals of secret and benevolent organizations. He has had a practical experience of more than six years as an embalmer, by the most approved scientific processes, without the aid of ice, except in those cases where decomposition has commenced. Mr. Johnson is a native of Dublin, Wayne County, Indiana, where he was born in 1835. His father removed to Carthage when he was but three years of age, and he has since been a resident of this place. During the war of the rebellion he enlisted in the three months service as a member of Co. K, 134th Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry, which was principally engaged in post and garrison duty at Louisville, Green River, Decatur, Alabama, and other points until the expiration of its term of service, when he received an honorable discharge.

CARTHAGE MILLS,

SAMUEL EMMONS, PROPRIETOR.

One of the most thoroughly equipped flouring mills in the state, producing the finest grades of family flour in the market, are those known as the Carthage Mills owned by Mr. Samuel Emmons, and under the direct management of Mr. N. A. Emmons, his son, who succeeded Messrs. Henley Bros., in the management in 1883. These model mills originally erected in 1879 and 1880 by Mr. Henry Henley, are located on the banks of the Blue River, from which stream abundant water power is derived, and are $3\frac{1}{2}$ stories in height and 50x60 feet in dimensions, with a wheel house 14x40 and an office building 10x14. A perfectly secure pile dam supported by rock work gives a fall of eight feet, and an improved American Turbine Water Wheel furnishes the motive power for the machinery employed which is of the most approved construction, including one double and one single set of rolls, five buhrs, two for wheat, one middlings, one low grade and one corn buhr, and two double and one single purifiers. These mills transact both custom, merchant and exchange work and the leading brand which is known as "Emmon's Fancy Family Flour" is regarded by the trade throughout this section and by consumers as the finest in the market. Mr. Samuel Emmons the present proprietor of the mills is a native of Butler County, Ohio, where he was born in 1837. After completing his literary education he became interested in milling interests and is thoroughly conversant with all branches of the business. He became a resident of Carthage in 1883, at which time he purchased and assumed the control of these mills and under the efficient management of his son the mills now produce on an average, about sixty barrels of flour every twenty-four hours with a capacity of 100 barrels every 24 hours.

GEORGE H. STONE,

GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

This house which was founded in 1870, has steadily maintained its high rank since that time, constantly growing in popular favor until its annual transactions at the present time will closely approximate \$20,000 with a trade derived from Rush, Shelby and Hancock Counties. The premises occupied for the display of the large and varied stock, comprise one floor 22x75 feet in dimensions with an additional room 14x50 feet in size devoted to the general grocery, hardware and queensware department. The stock carried which is full, complete and comprehensive in every department, embraces full lines of Foreign and American dry goods, dress fabrics, white goods, woollens, domestics, notions, trimmings, millinery goods, men's, boy's and children's ready made clothing, boots and shoes, hats and caps, fancy goods, queens and glass ware, hardware and cutlery, farmers' and mechanics' tools and implements, staple and fancy groceries, provisions, etc. The stock carried ranges from

\$4,000 to \$6,000 which is kept constantly supplied by fresh arrivals from the leading manufacturers, importers, jobbers and producers in the metropolitan trade centres of the Union. Mr. Stone is a native of the State of Connecticut, where he was born in 1827. His parents removed to this state when he was but six months of age, and located in Franklin County where his early years were spent principally in agricultural pursuits. His mercantile career dates from 1870, at which time he became a resident of this place.

CARTHAGE BANK.

The Carthage Bank was organized in the spring of 1876 with an authorized capital stock of \$100,000. The stock holders are Samuel B. Hill, Charles Henley, Henry Henley, Thos. Henley and Johnathan Newlin. The officers of the Bank are Chas. Henley, President, and Samuel B. Hill, Cashier.

HILL & COOK,

CORNER DRUG STORE AND GROCERY.

Familiarly known as the "corner drug store" the establishment of Messrs Hill & Cook, claims conspicuous recognition as among the representative mercantile houses of Carthage, both on account of the extent and variety of stock carried, the magnitude of its transactions and the high commercial rating of its enterprising proprietors, whose present successful business enterprise was inaugurated in April 1881. Their sales room which is eligibly and centrally located fitted up in modern metropolitan style is 25x60 feet in dimensions and the stock carried embraces a general line of the purest and freshest drugs and chemicals, all the standard proprietary remedies and patent medicines of the day. Perfumeries and toilet articles, paints, oils, varnishes, cigars, tobacco, notions, fancy goods, stationery, confectionery and druggist's sundries in good variety. Staple and fancy family groceries and provisions, queens and glass ware, table and culinary supplies, such as legitimately pertain to a well regulated first-class grocery establishment. Special attention is also directed to the accurate preparation of physicians prescriptions, family recipes and pharmaceutical compounds from the purest and best ingredients known in *Materia Medica*. Mr. Owen S. Hill is a native and life long resident of this township and was born in 1838. He resided on a farm until reaching his twenty-second year, when he embarked in commercial pursuits subsequently returning to the farm where he continued until the formation of the present partnership in 1881. Mr. J. V. Cook was born in Wabash, Ind., in 1838. His early years were spent in agricultural pursuits but for the period of about thirty years prior to the inauguration of the present business he was employed as a commercial traveler, in which line he established a reputation as one of the most successful traveling salesmen in the state. He was connected with the union army for a short time during the rebellion and secured an honorable

discharge from service, since which time he has been chiefly identified with commercial pursuits.

FRANK M. COFFIN,
JEWELRY, STATIONERY, FANCY GOODS,
CONFECTIONERY, NOTIONS, ETC.

One of the most attractive mercantile establishments of Carthage is the jewelry and fancy goods emporium of Mr. Frank M. Coffin, which although established as recently as in December, 1883, has already attained a prominent rank among the representative business houses of Eastern Indiana. Mr. Coffin occupies a salesroom 18x35 feet in dimensions fitted up in modern metropolitan style with a workroom in the rear for the manufacture of picture frames etc., and carries in stock an admirably selected assortment of American watches, clocks and jewelry, solid silver and plated table ware, school and miscellaneous books, blank books, stationery, school supplies, notions, fancy goods, fine confectionery, pictures and frames, brackets and ornamental articles for home adornment and decoration. His stock of mouldings in gilt, walnut etc., is large and complete and he makes a specialty of framing pictures in either plain or highly ornamental style at the very lowest figures. He also devotes particular attention to fine watch, clock and jewelry repairing in the most thorough and workmanlike manner. A visit to this model establishment and an examination of the elegant and attractive stock will well repay the time occupied, whether persons are desirous of purchasing or not, and a cordial invitation is extended to citizens and non-residents by Mr. Coffin who will take great pleasure in exhibiting his treasures of art and beauty. Mr. Coffin who is a native of Shelby County, was born March 31, 1855. His parents removed to Hancock County when he was but one year of age and his early life was spent upon his father's farm. He became a resident of this place in 1879, and prior to the inauguration of his present successful enterprise was engaged in the grocery business as salesman with Mr. E. T. Coffin, the well known merchant of Carthage.

HILL & BUNDY,
MANUFACTURERS OF WOOD PUMPS AND
GENERAL BLACKSMITHS.

Amid all the changes, improvements and new inventions, which have been devised and introduced for the purpose of raising water from a lower to a higher level, none have stood the test of time and met with such universal approbation as the old-fashioned wood pumps. The manufacture of the best varieties of pumps, as conducted by the enterprising firm of Hill & Bundy constitutes one of our most important local industries, and when to this is added the transaction of a general blacksmithing business in all its branches, the operations of this representative firm assume proportions entitling them to prominent recognition in a historical review of the leading business

houses of Rush County. The business was originally established as early as in 1856 by Hill & Small, who conducted it successfully for about three years, when Mr. Small assumed the entire management and control, continuing until 1882, when he disposed of his interest to the present firm. To Mr. Noah Small, one of the original founders of this business house is our present progress and development largely indebted; he it was who put into successful operation the first portable steam engine ever built in America. The pumps manufactured here are of the best material and thorough workmanship, and meet with a ready sale throughout this and adjoining counties, where their merits have been recognized for more than a quarter of a century. The firm also devotes special attention to horse-shoeing and general jobbing. Mr. Isaac Hill, one of our oldest and most highly respected native-born citizens, was born in Carthage in 1827, and in addition to his identification with the above named branches of industry, has been for many years engaged in agricultural pursuits. Mr. William Bundy, also a native and life-long resident of this township, was born in 1837. He is a practical blacksmith and iron worker; and also owns and operates a fine farm of one hundred and twenty acres, in a high state of cultivation, located about one and one-half miles from the village limits.

JAMES BARBER,
MERCHANT TAILOR.

The fashionable and popular merchant tailoring establishment of Mr. James Barber was founded in Carthage in 1874 by the present owner, who conducted the business alone until October 11th, 1883, at which time his son, Mr. Morton H. Barber, was admitted to an interest in the house; he subsequently withdrew. The premises occupied are 18x60 feet in dimensions, with work room in the rear; and the firm carries in stock a small but select stock of piece goods for gentlemen's wear, and a large line of samples of the most desirable fabrics, from which they are prepared to fill orders and manufacture suits or garments at short notice, and upon the most reasonable terms. The system of keeping samples only is rapidly growing in favor with metropolitan tailors, and possesses many advantages, among which may be mentioned that patrons have a much wider range in making their selections; they are not compelled to pay interest, insurance, and expenses on large stocks, and no old or unseasonable goods are permitted by this means to accumulate on the hands of the tailor to be "worked off" upon those not fully informed as to fashions and fabrics. Mr. Barber is a practical and artistic cutter, who devotes his personal attention to the workmanship of garments, being thereby enabled to ensure faultless fits and thorough finish. Mr. James Barber is a native of Franklin County, and was born at Andersonville in 1833. He learned his trade at that place and at Rushville, and carried on business at Kokomo,

Howard County for some time prior to becoming a resident of Carthage. Mr. Barber, in addition to the business above referred to, conducts a hotel business here, noted for its convenience and home like comforts; where he is prepared to furnish excellent rooms and the very best of meals by the meal, day or week, at reasonable terms; and as a desirable, quiet and home like stopping place for guests his establishment commends itself to the favorable consideration of the traveling public as well as our resident population desiring good board and first-class accommodations.

ALFRED COX,

LIVERY, FEED AND SALE STABLE.

A wide-awake and progressive community without a well conducted livery and feed stable would be as much of an anomaly at the present day as would a livery stable without horses and carriages. The pleasant and progressive village of Carthage is fortunate in the possession of a model establishment in this line, which, under the energetic and liberal management of Mr. Alfred Cox, may appropriately take rank among the representative business enterprises of the place. These livery and boarding stables were originally established in 1870 by Mr. Drury Holt, Jr., who erected the main building now occupied, which is a commodious and conveniently arranged structure 33x50 feet in dimensions, to which has been recently added by the enterprising proprietor, a shed 50 feet in length for the accommodation of carriages, etc. The business passed from the hands of Mr. Holt into the possession of Hiatt Bros. & Headley, and then of Mr. Clark Gauze, who was succeeded by Mr. Cox in March, 1884. Five or six fine horses and stylish rigs are kept constantly on hand for livery purposes, and the stables have ample facilities for the accommodation of twenty-five head of horses at one time. A special feature is made of boarding horses by the feed, day or week. In connection with the business above named, Mr. Cox runs a regular hack carrying the United States mails between Carthage and Knightstown, and has been recently awarded the same contract for the ensuing four years. Mr. Cox, who is a native of Indiana, was born in 1844, and previous to becoming a resident of Carthage in 1880, conducted a tile manufactory at Spiceland for several years. During the war of the rebellion, he was among the first to respond to his country's call for aid, and enlisted in 1861 as a member of Co. D, 8th Indiana Volunteer Infantry. The regiment was first assigned to the Army of the West, and under General Curtis was actively engaged in the states of Missouri and Arkansas. From Helena it was sent to Vicksburg, where it participated in the memorable siege of that city, under General Grant—lying in the ditches and works for forty-nine consecutive days. It was then ordered through New Orleans to Texas, and at Indianola in that state it was re-organized, and came home on a veteran furlough under special pro-

visions of the war department. The regiment was then assigned to the department of the east, and reporting for duty at Washington City, participated in General Sheridan's eventful campaigns in the Shenandoah Valley, and then proceeded to Savannah, Georgia, from which point it returned to Indiana and was finally disbanded. Mr. Cox was honorably discharged in September, 1865, after more than four years of active service in various departments and army corps, and a career equalled in variety and eventful incidents by few of those who took part in the struggle for the supremacy of the union arms.

HENRY J. BOGART, M. D.,

PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON.

Dr. Henry J. Bogart, resident physician and surgeon of Carthage, Rush County, is a native of Livingston County, New York, where he was born in 1833. After completing his literary education he commenced the study of medicine at Tuscarora, New York, in 1856, and in 1861 removed to Knightstown, Indiana, where he first commenced the practice of his profession. He attended the Cincinnati College of Medicine and Surgery, from which popular institution he graduated with honors in the class of 1863. During the following year he was commissioned by the Governor, Oliver P. Morton, as Assistant Surgeon of the 139th Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and proceeded to the front, where he joined his regiment—at that time in active service in the department of the west in Kentucky. He served in that capacity until September 1864, when, at the expiration of his term of service, he received an honorable discharge. He has been a resident of Carthage since November 25th, 1877, and has established a lucrative and successful practice throughout this and adjoining towns, where he is highly esteemed as a public-spirited citizen, and a skillful and experienced surgeon and physician.

E. T. COFFIN,

GROCERIES, QUEENSWARE, ETC.

A leading house in this line in Carthage is that conducted by Mr. E. T. Coffin, who commenced in this line on a comparatively small scale in 1871, in a small room near his present commodious establishment, to which he removed in June, 1882. He now occupies one entire floor 17x75 feet with a basement for storage purposes 17x24 feet in dimensions, carrying a large and carefully selected assortment of the choicest varieties of staple and fancy family groceries, teas, coffees, sugars, syrups, spices, canned goods, foreign and domestic fruits, provisions, queensware, glassware, and miscellaneous merchandise, such as legitimately pertains to this special branch of business. The average valuation of stock carried will not fall short of about \$3,000; and his annual transactions at the present time range from \$10,000 to \$15,000—comprising the best grades at lowest prices consistent with quality and honorable dealing. Mr. Coffin,

who is a native of this town and county, was born in 1838, and previous to embarking in his present business, as above noted, was actively engaged in agricultural pursuits.

CARTHAGE HOTEL,

H. C. PHELPS, PROPRIETOR.

The Carthage Hotel, conducted by Mr. H. C. Phelps, is worthy of more than passing notice; this house was erected by Mr. Phelps in 1878, expressly for hotel purposes. The building is a two-story structure, 4x60 feet in dimensions with an L. The first floor is occupied for office, sitting-room, dining room and culinary department; while the second floor contains parlors and several finely furnished sleeping apartments and guest chambers. The dining-room has a seating capacity for forty guests at one time, and in connection with the house are ample stabling accommodations for the accommodation of travelers visiting Carthage with their own conveyances. The house is kept in the best of style, and no efforts are spared by Mr. Phelps and his assistants to render pleasant and agreeable the sojourn of his guests and patrons. Mr. Phelps is a native of North Carolina, in which state he was born in 1826. He came to this place when but a child of four years, with his parents. After reaching maturity, he has been chiefly identified with agricultural interests up to 1880—since which time he has been engaged in the hotel business. Mr. Phelps was among the first to volunteer in defence of our country's flag during the dark days of the rebellion, enlisting in July, 1861, as a private soldier in Co. D, 19th Indiana Volunteers, which gallant organization participated in many of the most important and memorable battles of the war, in the grand old Army of the Potomac—among the most notable of which were the battles of Lewingsville, Falls Church, Second Bull Run, South Mountain, Antietam, Sharpsburg, Fredericksburg, Wilderness, Mine Run, Gettysburg, the engagements in the wilderness under Grant, the investment and siege of Petersburg, City Point, etc. At the expiration of his term of service in July, 1864, he was honorably discharged; since which time he has been chiefly engaged in agricultural pursuits, and in his present business.

DUNN & HILL,

CARRIAGE MANUFACTURERS AND DEALERS IN HARDWARE, ETC.

The carriage manufactory now conducted by the enterprising firm of Dunn & Hill, one of the most extensive of its class in this section, was originally established by the senior member of the present firm in 1866, and conducted by him until January, 1884, at which time the present partnership was formed, and to the original business was added a department for the sale of hardware, etc. The premises occupied for this latter branch of trade is 20x66 feet in dimensions, were erected by Mr. Dunn as a carriage repository, and refitted for its present purposes in 1884. The stock car-

ried embraces a general line of heavy and shelf hardware, cutlery, farmers', and mechanics' tools and implements, agricultural tools and machinery of the most approved varieties; tin, copper and sheet-iron ware, house furnishing goods, etc. In the carriage department two repositories are occupied, one 20x40 feet, and one 20x50 feet in dimensions, where is constantly carried full lines of finely finished work in carriages, buggies, phaetons, light wagons, buckboards, etc. of their own manufacture. In the manufacturing department, an apartment 20x66 feet is occupied for blacksmithing and wood-working, and a room 20x50 feet for paint shop and finishing. Special attention is also devoted to repairing vehicles of every description; agricultural implements, machinery, etc., and to general jobbing in both the iron and wood-working departments. Mr. E. J. Dunn is a native of Upper Canada, and was born in 1841. He is a practical carriage maker, and learned the trade at Oswego, N. Y., coming to Carthage in 1866. Mr. E. N. Hill is a native of this place, where his parents have resided for more than a quarter of a century. Prior to the formation of the present partnership, he occupied the responsible position of clerk for foreign and collection register in the First National Bank at Indianapolis, Indiana.

LEVI BINFORD,

DRUGS, MEDICINES ETC.

In the establishment of Mr. Levi Binford on West Main St. the village of Carthage boasts a pharmacy which would reflect credit upon the enterprise of any community. This representative house was founded in 1874 by Messrs. Sargent & Binford, the former member of the firm retiring after about six months since which time the business has been conducted by its present enterprising proprietor. The sales room which is 18x75 feet in dimensions is fitted up in modern metropolitan style and the stock embraces a complete and comprehensive line of pure and unadulterated drugs and chemicals, proprietary medicines, druggists' sundries, soaps, perfumeries and toilet articles, paints, oils, varnishes, wall papers, window shades, fine stationery, wood, willow, queens and glass ware and a great variety of miscellaneous merchandise appropriately belonging to the above named branches of trade. A special feature is made of the prescription department in which physicians' prescriptions are carefully compounded from the purest and freshest ingredients. Mr. Levi Binford who is widely known throughout this section in connection with the present house, is also associated with the milling and lumber business under the firm name of Junken & Binford, noticed elsewhere in this work. He is a life long resident of this county and was born in 1843. He was formerly engaged in the insurance business and still retains the exclusive agency for the following well known and thoroughly reliable companies in either of which he is prepared to write policies upon the most favorable

terms. The "Insurance Company of North America," of Philadelphia, the "Hartford" of Connecticut, the "Phoenix" of Hartford, Conn. and the "Continental"—Western Department of New York. He has been for many years identified with our local interests and is at the present time serving his second year as a member of the town Council. He was appointed by the Court at Newcastle to the Receivership of the Carthage Turnpike Company, and has frequently been called upon by his fellow citizens to occupy positions of emolument and trust.

J. B. SPARKS, M. D., PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON.

Dr. J. B. Sparks, physician and surgeon of Carthage, Rush County, Indiana, is a native of the State of Kentucky, where he was born in 1833. He commenced the study of medicine and surgery in 1853, in the office and under the preceptorship of Dr. S. D. Welch, at Nicholasville, Ky., and subsequently entered the medical department of the Transylvania University of Lexington, Ky., from which he graduated in the class of 1857. He first commenced the practice of his profession regularly in Mercer County, Ky., in 1856, and remained there until 1868, with the exception of the time spent in the army. In 1861, he was commissioned by the Governor of Kentucky as Surgeon of the 19th Kentucky Infantry, in which capacity he served for one year, when he was promoted to Surgeon-in-Chief of Gen. W. J. Landrum's brigade of Gen. A. J. Smith's division of the 10th Army Corps of the Army of the Mississippi, where he served for about eighteen months, when he received an honorable discharge on the grounds of physical disability, and on the recommendation of the medical director of the corps. Returning to civil life, he resumed the practice of his profession, and in 1868, removed to Knightstown, Ind., where he remained for three years, and then located at Charlottesville, practicing there until 1881, when he established his present office in Carthage, and has secured a lucrative and successful practice in this and adjoining sections.

WILLCUTTS BROTHERS, MEAT MARKET.

The neat market of Messrs. Willcuts Bros. was established in 1879 by its present enterprising proprietors, each succeeding season witnessing a gratifying increase in the volume of its transactions. The salesroom which is fitted up in modern metropolitan style, is 20x30 feet in dimensions, and among its other fixtures, has a fine cooler or refrigerator for the preservation of meats during the warm months. The firm slaughters and prepares their own meat, using on an average about fifteen fat bees and a proportionate number of small animals per month. They carry constantly on hand the choicest varieties of fresh, salt, and smoked meats, lard and sausages, bologna, poultry and game in season. The individual members of the firm, Messrs. Samuel

and William Willcuts, are both natives of Wayne County, this state, and in connection with their house here, they visit with wagon twice each week, Charlottesville and Cleveland, and the country about the neighborhood once each week.

OLIVER S. COFFIN, BLACKSMITH.

The name of Oliver S. Coffin, as a skilled and experienced blacksmith and worker in iron and steel, has been familiar to the residents of this section for more than twenty years, he having been, with the exception of a few months, continuously engaged in this important industrial pursuit. His shop is 25x30 feet in dimensions, and all work performed by him is guaranteed to give satisfaction in both quality and price. Mr. Coffin devotes special attention to horse-shoeing and to the proper treatment of horses' feet and hoofs, and to ironing carriages, buggies and vehicles of every description. He also makes a prominent specialty of repairing carts, wagons, carriages' buggies and agricultural implements, and to general jobbing in all branches of iron and wood-working. Mr. Coffin, who is a thorough mechanic and practical horse-shoer and blacksmith, was born in Hancock County in 1841. His early life was spent on a farm, and after learning his trade and becoming a proficient workman, he embarked in business on his own account, and has established a liberal town and country trade.

J. L. HUBBARD, HARNESS, SADDLES, ETC.

Mr. Hubbard inaugurated his present successful enterprise in this place in 1870. At his sales room may be found at all times a most desirable line of harness, saddles, collars, bridles, blankets, robes, whips, horse clothing, stable supplies and turf goods, while in his manufacturing department special attention is devoted to the manufacture of harness, to general repairing and jobbing and to carriage trimming in all its branches. The best of material only is used, skilled assistants employed and thorough workmanship and perfect satisfaction guaranteed in quality and price. Mr. Hubbard was born in Henry County, Ind., in 1842. In 1862 actuated by his patriotism and love of the Union he enlisted as a member of the 10th Indiana Battery of Light Artillery, Capt. Samuel J. Harris, and with that organization in the grand old Army of the Cumberland participated in all the battles and bivouacs, from the battle of Perryville to the grand final review of the Union Army and its disbandment at the National Capital in June 1865. Among the more important engagements in which Mr. Hubbard took part may be especially mentioned in this connection, the Battle of Perryville, Ky., Chickamauga, Mission Ridge, Lookout Mountain, Ringold, Ga., Hooovers' Gap, Altona Mountain, Resacca, Peach Tree Creek, Kennesaw Mountain, Atlanta, Jonesbo. 3,

Sherman's triumphal March to the Sea, Bentonville, N. C., Kingston, N. C. and numerous minor skirmishes and encounters with Morgan's guerrillas and other armed bands of the enemy at various points.

N. B. WADE.

HARNESS, SADDLES, ETC.

Under the efficient management of Mr. B. D. Fodrea, this house has acquired a more than local celebrity, and built up a flourishing and steadily increasing trade throughout this and adjoining towns. The stock carried embraces a fine line of hand made single and double harness, saddles, bridles, collars, etc., whips, robes, blankets and horse equipments and stable supplies generally. Special attention is paid to the manufacturing fine harness to order, and of general repairing in all branches. Another prominent feature in which this house has achieved deserved popularity is the manufacture of fine and heavy custom boots and shoes for ladies' gentlemen's and childrens' wear. Mr. N. B. Wade the enterprising proprietor is a practical harness maker and sadler, and commenced business in this line at Charlottesville. He subsequently removed to Knightstown, where he still carries on the business, the management of the Carthage establishment devolving upon Mr. Fodrea who is a native of this State and a thoroughly practical boot and shoe maker, familiar with all the details of these different branches of industry. Prior to assuming the management of this house he had enjoyed an experience of more than ten years in the boot and shoe trade at other locations.

MISS MARY JUNKEN,

MILLINERY.

The attractive display of fine French and American millinery goods at the popular rooms of Miss Mary Junken, in Carthage, cannot fail to delight the aesthetic and cultured taste of the ladies, ever ready to admire and appreciate beauty and art, especially when made subservient to their personal adornment. Miss Junken who is an accomplished milliner and artistic trimmer, was engaged in this special branch of industry for some time prior to establishing her present successful business in 1884, having been employed by other parties both in Carthage and Cambridge City, and entered the arena of trade with a full comprehension of

the requirements of the gentler sex and a taste cultivated by extended experience. Her millinery parlors and trimming department occupy a room 16x25 feet in dimensions, in which she offers for the inspection of the ladies of Carthage and adjoining towns, an admirably selected assortment of the latest styles and shapes in hats and bonnets, flowers, wreaths, buds, feathers, plumes, tips, birds, ribbons, laces, trimmings, ornaments etc., together with a fine line of trimmed pattern hats and bonnets embracing the latest Parisian and metropolitan modes which she is prepared to duplicate in every particular or to vary to meet the tastes of her patrons retaining at the same time those features which the fancy of modern fashion has prescribed as pre-eminently requisite to style. Although so recently established on her own account, Miss Junken has already secured a large and lucrative trade and her establishment is rapidly winning its way to popular favor in the estimation of those interested in the fascinating art of fashionable millinery.

JUNKEN & BINFORD,

SAW MILLS AND LUMBER.

These mills were originally erected nearly twenty years ago. Mr. Junken has been identified with the mills since 1872. December 25 1883, the present firm was organized. The mill is two stories 30x68 feet in size and is thoroughly equipped for the manufacture of lumber, dimensions stuff etc., the machinery being propelled by steam. This firm also carry in stock, lumber, scantling, lathe, shingles etc. for local trade. Mr. Junken is a native of this county and state and was born in 1828. Mr. Binford will be found noticed elsewhere in connection with his drug and pharmacy establishment in this place.

HENLEY BROS.,

WOOLEN MILLS.

These mills were established in 1842 by Henry Henley. Woollen yarns, blankets, cassimeres, jeans, etc., are the principal products, and about 25,000 pounds of wool are used annually. This is the most important manufacturing concern here.

The other more important firms here are D. S. Holloway, flouring mills; Johnson Bros., dry goods; J. C. Hill & Co., grain and seeds.

ARLINGTON.

This now flourishing town was originally laid out by Mr. Peter Sapp and the first lots sold in 1830. Mr. Levin Bergut laid out additional lots in 1831. The town was originally called Burlington. In 1832 Mr. Fletcher Tivis laid out an addition. Although its growth has not been very extensive or rapid it has always maintained considerable importance as a grain centre and trading point.

About 1848 the first railroad in the state, known as the Knightstown & Shelbyville Railroad, was built through this section. It was constructed of "flat bar" and abandoned about four years later. Mr. Levin Bergut was the first Justice of the Peace. The first school teacher was Hiram R. Trimble who taught in a log cabin on James Havens farm. The first store was started by Joseph Hamilton of Rushville. The first blacksmith shop was

by Peter Sapp, and the first grocery by Henry Burt who was also the first postmaster.

The name of the town was changed to Arlington some years ago and the place now has the advantages of excellent shipping facilities as offered by the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Indianapolis Railroad. It is located in the western part of the county about thirteen miles from the county seat with which it is connected by rail. At the present time it contains a population of about 400 inhabitants, with a number of quite important mercantile concerns, a good public school building, a hotel and a number of excellent private residences. The readers attention is called to the following series of descriptive sketches, which will serve to give a more correct idea of Arlington's enterprise and importance.

RUCKER BROTHERS,

DRUGS, GROCERIES, HARDWARE AND AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS.

One of the most important and extensive mercantile establishments of Arlington which has within the past four years, from a comparatively small commencement, attained proportions of considerable magnitude, is the well known and popular house of Rucker Brothers. This house was established in 1880 by its present enterprising proprietors, at which time the commodious building now occupied, 24x60 feet in dimensions, was erected by Dr. T. H. Rucker. The stock embraces a general line of the purest and freshest drugs and chemicals, paints, oils, proprietary medicines, toilet articles, and druggists' sundries generally. In the rear portion of the salesroom is the general office and the prescription department, where special attention is paid to the accurate preparation of physicians' prescriptions and family recipes. They also carry a full line of staple and fancy groceries, teas, coffees, sugars, spices, canned goods, notions, and table and culinary supplies, heavy and shelf hardware,

cutlery, farmers' and mechanics' tools and implements, and all of the latest improved designs of agricultural machinery, including reapers, binders, mowers, plows, harrows, cultivators, etc. The trade of this house which now reaches fully \$12,000 per annum, is derived from Rush and adjoining counties, and is steadily increasing with each succeeding season. Dr. T. H. Rucker, the senior member of this representative firm, is a native of Fleming County, Kentucky, where he was born in 1839. He came to this county with his parents when but three years of age, and after completing his literary education, commenced the study of medicine in 1860. He attended the Ohio Medical College of Cincinnati, and commenced the practice of his profession in this town in 1864. At that time he had limited means, but by strict attention to his practice and his business operations, he has amassed a handsome property, owning the building occupied by the firm, and other valuable property. He still continues to practice medicine, his private office being located a short distance from the store. Mr. S. A.

Rucker, his brother and business associate, was born in Rush County in 1848, and prior to the formation of the present partnership, occupied a responsible position as a member of the railroad detective force, for Union Railway Company, with headquarters at Indianapolis.

HAVENS HOUSE.

J. P. HAVENS, PROPRIETOR.

For nearly half a century has Mr. J. P. Havens, of the Havens House, been identified with the hotel interests of Arlington as proprietor of the only hotel in town. In the early days of the settlement of the town, some time previous to 1840, Mr. Havens opened a house for the accommodation of the traveling public on Main St., where he successfully conducted the business until 1878, when he purchased the commodious and conveniently arranged two story frame building which he now occupies, which is furnished in good style with all homelike conveniences, and kept in the very best manner. The tables are supplied with an abundance of substantial and delicacies of the season; and no effort is spared to render this house pleasant and agreeable to guests. Mr. Havens is a native of Fleming County, Kentucky, and was born in 1811. He came to Ohio with his parents and settled near Hillsboro, where he was engaged in agricultural pursuits with his father, who was one of the pioneer Methodist preachers of the country. In 1832, the subject of this sketch was married and commenced business as a wagon and carriage maker shortly afterwards in this town. He is a practical mechanic, and in connection with his hotel business, still devotes his time to his trade, enjoying a wide acquaintance and the esteem of the entire community.

W. M. BALL,

PLANING MILLS.

As contractor and builder, proprietor of the finely equipped planing mill, and also of the popular blacksmith shops in Arlington, Mr. W. M. Ball occupies a prominent position in connection with the local industries and business enterprises of this progressive and thriving town. Mr. Ball is a native of Mercer County, Penn., where he was born in 1832. He has been a resident of Arlington since 1850 and has devoted the greater portion of his attention since that time to the business of carpentering and building. Thoroughly practical and experienced in all the details of this important branch of industry he is prepared to furnish at short notice, plans, specifications and estimates for any description of public or private buildings, and to contract for the erection and completion of the same, furnishing all the materials if so desired. In 1880, in partnership with Mr. Jacob Beckner, he erected the planing mill which he now conducts and the business was carried on by Ball & Beckner until 1881 when the latter retired. The mill building is 34x60 feet in dimensions and contains all the requisite machinery for planing, matching, tonguing and grooving, mortising

etc., and for the manufacturing of door and window frames, stair work and inside finish, the motive power for which is supplied by one 12 horse power engine and boiler. In addition to the branches of business above enumerated, Mr. Ball is proprietor of a blacksmith shop where special attention is paid to horse-shoeing, ironing wagons, carriages, buggies, etc., and general jobbing and repairing.

BIRT & FRANK,

STOVES AND TINWARE.

The stove emporium and tin-ware manufactory of Messrs. Birt & Frank was founded in January, 1877 by Beckner & Birt. In 1880 the former retired and Mr. Frank was admitted to an interest in the business, the firm name and style becoming as at present. This representative house, which is a credit to Arlington, has steadily increased. The premises occupied for sales and manufacturing purposes are 22x50 feet in dimensions, and in the former department may be found a fine line of the most popular styles and makes of cooking and heating stoves, ranges, grates, hollow ware, kitchen utensils, and tin, copper, and sheet-iron ware of their own manufacture. In this latter department a leading specialty is made of sheet-metal ware, and of roofing, spouting, guttering, general jobbing and repairing. The annual transactions of this house will not fall short of \$12,000, with an established trade—embracing Rush, Shelby and adjoining counties. Mr. John S. Birt, who is a native of Arlington, spent the greater portion of his youth in Kokomo, where he learned the trade of tinner and metal-worker. During the first year of the war, in August, 1861, he entered the service of the United States as a member of the 39th Indiana Regimental Band, and accompanied that regiment as a musician in the Kentucky campaigns, receiving an honorable discharge in 1862. Mr. Edward Frank was born in Montgomery County, Ohio, in 1856, and first learned the trade of carpenter, subsequently abandoning that occupation and learning his present trade in this town. Both members of the firm are expert and experienced workmen in this line, and devote their personal attention to the general management of the business.

W. A. MINOR,

BOOT AND SHOE MANUFACTURER.

Making a special feature of manufacturing fine boots and shoes to order, using the best material only, and guaranteeing reliable workmanship and perfect fits, Mr. W. A. Minor has during the brief existence of his popular establishment in Arlington secured a large and lucrative local patronage, and built up a trade which is steadily increasing with each succeeding month. With an experience at other locations of nearly twenty years Mr. Minor opened his present shop in this place, April 4, 1884, determined by strict attention to his business and a system of honorable dealing with his patrons to achieve that position among his

contemporaries and competitors which is the chief ambition of all enterprising merchants and manufacturers, to lead his chosen avocation. That he has succeeded in this laudable endeavor is evident from the fact that those who have once patronised him are now his regular customers, and new ones are constantly being added to the list. Mr. Minor is a native of Richmond, Indiana, and was a resident of that city from the date of his birth in 1848, till locating in this town as above noted. He learned his trade in that city, becoming an expert and accomplished workman and was employed by other parties prior to embarking in business on his own account.

J. W. GLASS,

ATTORNEY AT LAW AND NOTARY PUBLIC.

So intimately allied to the business interests of the community and its general thrift and prosperity in a great variety of ways, is the legal profession that a historical sketch of its most salient features would be noticeably incomplete without special mention of the representative members of the bar. Mr. J. W. Glass, counsellor and attorney at law and notary public, whose office is now located in Arlington, is a native of Rush County, and was born in 1838. After completing his literary education, he commenced the study of law in the office of T. B. Adams, Esq., and was admitted to the bar in 1874, becoming a resident of Arlington in 1878. Mr. Glass gives special attention to the practice of law in the courts of Indiana, and to the collection of claims and accounts in any section of the Union. He was commissioned notary public by the Governor of Indiana in 1871, and is prepared to acknowledge deeds and all legal papers requiring the notarial seal, and to perform all the duties pertaining to this office. During the war of the rebellion, he was among the first to respond to the call for troops to aid in suppressing the war, and in 1861 enlisted in Co. F, 8th Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry, which was subsequently assigned to the western department, and served under General Prentiss at various points on the Mississippi River. Mr. Glass was honorably discharged in 1862 on account of physical disability, and after his return to civil life, was engaged in the recruiting service in this county until 1863. He twice re-enlisted, but was each time rejected by the examining board of surgeons on account of impaired health; but he rendered effective aid to the Union cause by his voice and example during the troublous times of the civil war, even after leaving the service. In addition to his legal connection and practice, Mr. Glass represents, as agent in the town, the following well known and reliable fire insurance companies: the *Etna* of Hartford, Connecticut; the *Phoenix*, of Hartford; and the *Home*, of New York—in either of which he is prepared to accept risks and write policies upon the most favorable terms.

DR. J. W. GREEN & SON,

J. W. GREEN, J. C. GREEN—RESIDENT PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS.

Dr. J. W. Green is a native of this county and state, where he was born in 1823. He is a regular graduate of the Rush Medical College of Chicago, and has been in the practice of his profession here for the past forty years. His son was admitted to partnership in March, 1880, and has since been engaged in practice here; he was born here in 1860. After completing his literary education, he studied medicine with his father, and graduated from the Medical College of Indiana in 1880. As intelligent and accomplished members of the profession, these gentlemen occupy a prominent position in social and political circles—keeping pace with the progressive spirit of the age.

H. L. RUCKER,

GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

The commercial houses and mercantile establishments of Arlington are as a rule characterized by a degree of enterprise and liberality in their management not surpassed by contemporaries in any of the interior towns of the State, and especially will these remarks apply to the representative house of H. L. Rucker, upon whose shelves and counters may be found one of the most complete and comprehensive assortments of general merchandise in Rush County, comprising full lines of Foreign and American dry goods, dress fabrics, domestics, notions, ladies' and gentlemen's furnishing goods, ready made clothing, hats, caps, boots, shoes, crockery, queen's and glass ware, staple and fancy groceries and miscellaneous merchandise in great variety. Each department is thoroughly stocked with the best articles in that special line, and owing to the facilities enjoyed by the enterprising proprietor for securing his supplies direct from importers, jobbers and producers, he is enabled to quote prices which cannot be readily duplicated in the large cities. The premises occupied for sales purposes are 18x50 feet in dimensions, and the inducements offered to purchasers are such as to commend this establishment to the favorable consideration of all classes of the community. This house was originally established by Mr. Jacob Bickner who was succeeded by Wm. J. Scott, and he in turn by the present proprietor March 1st. 1884. Mr. Rucker is a native of Arlington and was born May 13, 1843. He was formerly engaged in the carpentering and building business, having learned that trade while a young man. About thirteen years ago he abandoned that branch of industry and entered the store of his father, and has since that time been actively engaged in commercial operations in this place where he is widely and favorably known as a public, spirited and enterprising citizen and a successful merchant whose record for strict integrity and fair and honorable dealing has never been called in question.

MILLARD & ADDISON, STOVES AND TINWARE.

Although established as recently as February, 1883, this house has already secured a liberal patronage from the citizens of this and adjoining towns. The stock carried comprises a fine line of the best styles of cooking and heating stoves and ranges, hollow ware, kitchen utensils, tin, copper and sheet-iron ware, and house-furnishing goods in great variety. In the manufacturing department, special attention is devoted to roofing, spouting, guttering, and general job work in all branches of sheet-metal working, and to the production of tinware for the sales department. Mr. Addison, who is a thoroughly practical tin, copper and sheet-iron worker, is a native of this county, and was born in Ripley Township in 1857. He learned his trade in this place and in Rushville and prior to embarking in his present successful enterprise, was engaged at the same branch of business at Manilla. In addition to the above enumerated specialties, Mr. Addison is exclusive agent in this town for the celebrated Norris cultivator and grain drills, which are deservedly popular with the agriculturalists and farmers.

A. GEYER, CROCERIES, PROVISIONS, BOOTS, SHOES, ETC.

Mr. Geyer commenced business in Arlington as a manufacturer of boots and shoes in 1872, and in 1878 received the appointment of Postmaster which position he has since held, performing the duties thereof with the strictest fidelity. In the fall of 1880 he added to the original business a fine stock of staple and fancy family groceries, table and culinary supplies, provisions, notions, cigars, tobacco, etc., and has built up a prosperous and steadily increasing trade. In the former department he makes a leading specialty of manufacturing to order fine and common grades of boots and shoes for ladies' gentlemen's and children's wear, and carries an admirable assortment of fine custom work, paying particular attention also to repairing in all branches. Mr. Geyer is a native of Rhine Bavaria, where he was born in 1839. He came to the United States when but two years of age, with his parents, landing at Buffalo via Quebec, and has been a resident of this state since 1861. In the following year he enlisted in the service of his adopted country as a member of the 69th Indiana Volunteers, Col. T. W. Bennett, and with that gallant organization participated in many of the most memorable and eventful campaigns of the war. The regiment was first assigned to the department of the Cumberland, next to the Army of the Trans-Mississippi and subsequently to the department of the Gulf. Among the more important engagements in which Mr. Geyer with the old 69th took an active part may be especially mentioned, the battles at Richmond, Kentucky, Chicawaw Bluff, Arkansas Post, Thompson's Hill, Champion Hill, Black River Bridge, the siege and Cap-

ture of Vicksburg, the siege of Jackson, the Red River Campaign, the siege of Blackely Ala. and numerous other engagements of minor importance. After three years of active service at the front Mr. Geyer received an honorable discharge July 5 1865, and has since been chiefly engaged at his trade and in his present business.

B. W. S. LOWE, BLACKSMITH.

Intimately associated with all departments of the mechanic arts, with commercial and industrial enterprises and with agricultural pursuits as the main source of supplies for those useful articles and implements composed of iron and steel, the avocation of the blacksmith commends itself to the favorable consideration of all classes of the community as being at once one of the most ancient, honorable, useful and important of industrial pursuits. As a representative artisan in this line we notice the enterprising blacksmith of Arlington, Mr. B. W. S. Lowe, who commenced business in this town in February 1882 after a practical experience of nearly twenty years at other locations. His shop is 30x36 feet in dimensions, containing all the requisite appliances for the successful prosecution of the business in all its branches. Mr. Lowe makes a leading specialty of horse shoeing upon scientific principles, with special reference to the protection and preservation of the hoof, and of ironing wagons, carriages, buggies etc. in the most thorough and workmanlike manner. He also devotes special attention to repairing vehicles of every description, agricultural implements and machinery, and to general jobbing in all departments of the business. Mr. Lowe is a native of Kentucky and was born in Harrison County in 1830. He came to this town in 1881 previous to which time he had been proprietor of a similar establishment at Hooktown, Nicholas County, Ky., for about sixteen years. He is a thoroughly practical mechanic and, worker in iron and as an expert in his line has few equals in this section of the State.

BAGLEY & NEFF,

LIVERY, BOARDING AND SALE STABLES.

The livery, boarding and sale stables of Messrs. Bagley & Neff are among the most thoroughly equipped and well conducted establishments of the kind in Eastern Indiana, and a great public convenience to the residents of Arlington and vicinity, as well as to the commercial travelers and others whose business or pleasure necessitates the employment of conveyances to interior points. These stables were established in July 1883, by Messrs. Bagley & Kiser, the latter disposing of his interest in the business April 1st 1884, at which time the present partnership was formed. The stables which are 40x70 feet in dimensions are well arranged and neatly kept, and have ample accommodations for 40 or 50 head of horses at one time. In the livery department eight fine horses are kept for hire with numerous bug-

gies, carriages, light wagons and other vehicles adapted to a variety of purposes which will be let upon the most reasonable terms, while in the boarding and sale departments are admirable facilities for taking the best of care of horses and teams by the day or week. Mr. Lewis Bagley is a native of the State of Missouri where he was born in 1859. He came to this county when four years of age, and prior to embarking in the livery business he was for several years engaged in agricultural pursuits. Mr. Chas. Neff a native of this state was born in 1856, and was also engaged in farming prior to the formation of the present partnership. Both gentlemen are well and favorably known in this community as conscientious and reliable horse men, whose representations under all circumstances will be found to accord strictly with facts. Parties desirous of purchasing or those having horses to dispose of cannot do better than to entrust their interests to this well-known and popular firm.

RICE & JACKSON,

FRUITS, CONFECTIONERY, ETC.

Among the more recent accessions to the mercantile establishments of Arlington, is the popular sample room, fruit and confectionery house of Messrs. Rice & Jackson, which although established as recently as in March, 1884, has already secured a lucrative and growing trade among the residents of this and adjoining towns. This enterprising firm occupies a salesroom 16x26 feet in dimensions, carrying in stock foreign and domestic wares and liquors, cordials, etc., also the cool and fresh lager beer, together with other standard invigorating beverages and mild stimulents. This is the only establishment in this section of the county authorized by the law of the State to supply the public with pure wines and liquors, the firm also keeps a well selected stock of choice Havana and domestic cigars, manufactured tobacco for smokers and chewers use, cigarettes, pipes and smoker's articles in variety. Mr. James Rice a native of Kentucky, was born in Bracken County, Ky. in 1846, and prior to becoming a resident of this State at the time the present business was established was engaged in the same line at Claysville, Ky., for a number of years. Mr.

W. W. Jackson, also a native of the Blue Grass State, was born in Harrison County in 1859. He was also engaged in the same business at Claysville before removing to Arlington as above noted. Both members of the firm are active, energetic and enterprising, determined to conduct their establishment in strict accordance with law and order.

SAMUEL SHEPPARD,

SAW MILLS.

The Saw Mills now conducted by Mr. Samuel Sheppard of Arlington, contribute no little to the commercial thrift of the county, their products meeting with a ready sale, principally in the cities of Indianapolis, Cincinnati, Hamilton and Richmond. These mills were erected in 1863 by Mr. Edgel Barnard and since that time have passed through several hands in the order of succession here given, Milton Gardner, Forbes & Son, Wm. Snyder, Brand & Scott, Wilson & Sheppard and the present proprietor who assumed the sole control and management in October, 1882. The mill is a two story structure 30x90 feet in dimensions, the machinery which is first class in every respect being propelled by one 35 horse power engine and boiler. The average daily capacity of the mill is 6,000 feet, and the products are chiefly Ash, Oak, Poplar and some Walnut. Mr. Sheppard is a native of Missouri but came to this county when but one year old. He was raised on a farm, and in 1861 he enlisted in Co. G. 52d. Ind. Inf., served in Tennessee and on the Mississippi River, He participated in the battle of Fort Donaldson in which he was severely wounded and was compelled to lay in the hospital at Cincinnati for about ten months. He subsequently joined his regiment at Memphis, Tenn., after which he was in the battle of Mobile, Fort Blakely, Ala. and battle of Tupelo Miss., besides other skirmishes, receiving an honorable discharge in Sept. 1865. He afterward engaged in farming and then in lumber and milling business.

Other firms here are Sml. Beckner, drugs; Enoch Coddington, general store; J. P. Leasure, harness; Henry Mazur, general store; W. M. Downey, meat market.

MANILLA.

This thriving little place was laid out in 1878, by the Murphy Bros. A Mr. True was the first blacksmith and also the first postmaster.

The town is located on the Jeffersonville, Madison and Indianapolis Railroad, 10 miles west of Rushville near the Shelby County line. It is in the midst of a rich and fertile farming district for which it is quite a trade centre, and contains a

population of near 500 inhabitants. It contains also, a graded school with three teachers and 105 pupils, a Christian and a Methodist church, a lodge of Masons and one of Red Men; besides 11 stores, a carriage manufactory, a blacksmith shop, two hotels and a livery stable. In the pages which follow will be found a series of sketches descriptive of the rise and progress of the principal concerns here.

DR. W. E. BARNUM, GROCERY, ETC.

The popular grocery house of Dr. W. E. Barnum in Manilla was established in May, 1883, and has met with a most gratifying and encouraging degree of success among all classes of the community. The premises occupied for sales purposes comprise one room 18x40 feet in dimensions, in which is also located the post office; and the stock carried embraces a general line of staple and fancy groceries, notions, table and culinary supplies, and miscellaneous merchandise, such as legitimately pertains to this special branch of trade. Dr. Barnum possesses unrivalled facilities for procuring his stock direct from importers, jobbers and producers, and his prices are invariably the lowest consistent with good goods and honorable dealing. Dr. Barnum, who is a native of Indiana, born near North Vernon in 1853, is a regularly educated physician and surgeon, a graduate of one of the first medical universities of the country, and has been successfully engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery in Manilla for the past four years. As a general practitioner, he has met with success, and is highly esteemed as an accomplished and skillful physician. He also makes a specialty of filling and extracting teeth, and as a dental surgeon has few equals in this section. He has, in the course of his professional career, made a special study of women's diseases and their treatment, and has discovered a certain remedy for piles—guaranteeing a permanent cure or no pay desired. In the removal of tumors, wens, etc., he has been remarkably successful, having treated some of the most obstinate and difficult cases on record. In addition to his professional duties, and the management of his mercantile inter-

ests, he is also postmaster of Manilla, having received his commission in June, 1882.

ZEIKE & HESTER,

HOTEL AND MEAT MARKET.

Hotels have been appropriately called the landmarks of civilization and the mile-stones of modern progress. With the rapid growth of our inland towns and cities, increased accommodations for travelers and the public have been found necessary, and Manilla furnishes no exception to this general rule. The old established and popular hotel formerly conducted by Mr. Joseph Zeike, has recently undergone a complete renovation; numerous improvements and additions have been made, and Mr. Jasper Hester admitted to an interest in the management of the business. The hotel building is a two-story structure, 60x44 feet in dimensions, and as now finished, furnished and conducted, is one of the best hotels in the interior—with ample accommodations for thirty guests at one time. The rooms are neatly and comfortably furnished and kept in the best of order. The tables are supplied with an abundance of substantials as well as luxuries, and no efforts will be spared by the gentlemanly proprietors to render pleasant and agreeable the stay of their guests and patrons. Messrs. Zeike & Hester also carry on, in connection with their hotel business, a meat market, where residents of Manilla and vicinity can procure the best varieties of fresh, salt and smoked meats, provisions, etc., at the most reasonable terms. Both members of the firm are natives and life-long residents of Indiana. They are widely and favorably known throughout this section, and visitors to our pleasant village, commercial travelers and others, will find at this hotel all the comforts

of a home, with the luxuries of the season at popular prices.

JAMES SMART, CARRIAGE MANUFACTURER.

The carriage and wagon works of Mr. James Smart claim prominent recognition among the representative industries of Rush County. These works were established in Manilla, in 1876, by their present proprietor, who had been for four years previously engaged in the same line of business at another location. The ground space occupied covers an area of 65x125 feet, upon which is erected a suitable and commodious building, with all the requisite appliances for the successful prosecution of the business in all its departments. Mr. Smart, who is ably assisted in the manufacturing department by his four sons, all of whom are skilled and experienced wagon-makers, turns out some admirable specimens of workmanship, making a leading specialty of carriages, buggies, spring wagons and light vehicles of every description. He also devotes special attention to repairing vehicles of all kinds and agricultural implements, and general jobbing in both the wood and iron working departments. Mr. Smart is a native of Ireland, where he was born in 1836. He is a thoroughly practical wood worker and carriage-smith, familiar with all branches of the business, and devotes his personal attention to the management of the business, which has, under his energetic and efficient control, steadily increased with each succeeding year. He is one of our best known and most highly respected citizens, and was elected justice of the peace, April 7th, 1884, a position for which he is eminently qualified, and which he fills with dignity and impartiality.

JOHN GROSS, DRY GOODS, GROCERIES, ETC.

Occupying a position second to none among the representative mercantile houses of Rush County and Eastern Indiana, is the general store of Mr. John Gross of Manilla, which was established by its present proprietor in 1865, and which, for a period of nearly two decades, has maintained a high rank among its contemporaries; both on account of the extent and variety of merchandise comprising its stock, the magnitude of its transactions, and the high commercial rating of its projector and present proprietor. Mr. Gross occupies a building 20x40 feet in dimensions, and carries in stock a general line of foreign and American dry goods, ready-made clothing, notions, boots and shoes, hats and caps, ladies' and gentlemen's furnishing goods, hardware and cutlery, queens and glassware, staple and fancy groceries, canned goods, teas, coffees, spices, and miscellaneous merchandise of almost every description, the enumeration of which would occupy far more space than can be allotted in the present work. Mr. Gross is an extensive dealer in grain and handles annually not less than 20,000 bu. He is always prepared

to purchase for cash, or in exchange for merchandise, grain in any quantity, for which the highest ruling rates will be paid. The trade of this popular house has increased in a four-fold ratio since its inception nineteen years ago, and is steadily growing, at the present time deriving its patronage not only from the citizens of Manilla, but also from a wide area of adjacent territory. Mr. Gross is a native of Germany, where he was born in 1829. He has been a resident of Indiana for nearly thirty years, and during the greater portion of this time engaged in mercantile pursuits. With the characteristic thrift of his race, he has by industry, economy, and strictly honorable dealing, accumulated a handsome property, and established a trade which will compare favorably with that of any similar house in this section of the State.

KING'S HOTEL, W. L. KING, PROP.

Among the leading representative business men of Rush County, there are few whose enterprise, business sagacity and ability are worthy of more conspicuous recognition than Mr. W. L. King of Manilla, and a brief sketch of the various enterprises in which he is actively interested cannot be omitted from the present historical review of our local industries and activities. In March 1880, Mr. King opened to the public the popular hotel which bears his name and which has acquired a deserved popularity with the better class of the traveling public. The hotel building is a two-story structure 50x50 feet in dimensions, containing nineteen well furnished and neatly kept rooms and sleeping apartments. The tables are supplied with the choicest viands of the season, served in an attractive and appetizing form, and regular boarders or transient guests are accommodated at the popular price of \$1.00 per day. In connection with the hotel Mr. King conducts a finely stocked livery 38x95 feet in size where he keeps for livery purposes seven fine horses and a number of carriages, buggies and sample wagons for the accommodation of commercial travelers. He has ample accommodations for boarding horses by the day or week, and parties visiting Manilla by their own conveyances can have their teams cared for by experienced hostlers and attendants. He is also owner and proprietor of three of the finest stallions in this section, known throughout a wide area as "England's Glory," "Hambletonian King" and "Morgan Bellfounder," which are under the immediate charge of Mr. John Rice as keeper. England's Glory took the first premium at the Indiana State Fair when only 5 years old for a heavy draft horse, and afterwards received \$100 as a prize for showing six of the best colts, at the same place. The other stallions have an enviable record for speed and for reliability, and have been awarded premiums and testimonials at state and county fairs. Mr. King is also extensively interested in the lightning rod business, and dealer in the most approved styles of

copper conductors, rod ornaments, weather vanes, silver and gold balls, etc., and employs two traveling agents in this special branch of his business. He enjoys the amplest facilities for putting up improved rods on all kinds of buildings, and residents of Rush and adjoining Counties will find it to their advantage to patronize a home dealer in protecting their property from damage by lightning. Mr. King is a native of this state and was born in 1853. He enjoys a large and influential circle of business acquaintances in Eastern Indiana, and is favorably known as a gentleman of integrity and honor in all his transactions and dealings.

CHAS. J. HEADLEE,

GROCERIES, PROVISIONS, QUEENSWARE, ETC., MAIN ST.

Among the comparatively recent accessions to the business interests of Manilla worthy of special consideration is the popular grocery, provisions and family supply store of Mr. Chas. J. Headlee which although founded as recently as in 1883, has already secured a liberal share of public patronage and a trade which has been steadily increasing with each succeeding month. Mr. Headlee occupies for business purposes a two-story frame structure 20x40 feet in dimensions, carrying in stock an admirably selected line of choice family groceries, both staple and fancy teas, coffees, spices, sugars, syrups, soap, canned goods, foreign and domestic fruits, vegetable and country produce in season, queensware, glassware, confectionery, tobacco and cigars, notions, small wares, groceries, sundries and miscellaneous merchandise legitimately pertaining to this special branch of commerce. Mr. Headlee is a native and life-long resident of this state and was born in 1855. In the business in which he has embarked under the most favorable auspices he enjoys facilities for procuring supplies direct from importers, jobbers and producers not surpassed by those of any contemporaneous establishments in this section, and he is thereby enabled to offer to the residents of Manilla and its surroundings special inducements, such as cannot be readily duplicated by any similar house in this or adjacent counties.

CYRUS E. TREES,

GRAIN & LUMBER.

As in many other sections of the state grain and lumber constitute the two main features of Rush County's products and the basis of its present commercial prosperity and thrift. The fine forests, now disappearing before the onward march of civilization, and the fertile fields teeming with their wealth of life giving grain, furnish the supplies which the enterprise of man converts into cash and ships to the markets of the old and new world. A representative dealer in these important commodities whose aggregate annual transactions reach a considerable sum is Mr. Cyrus E. Trees, whose headquarters are located in the thriving village of

Manilla. Mr. Trees established his present business in this place in 1881, and as an evidence of the magnitude of his operations, it may be stated that he handles annually from 75,000 to 100,000 bushels of grain and from 2,000,000 to 3,000,000 feet of hardwood lumber which he ships in car load lots to the principal cities and trade centres of the Union both east and west. He is also proprietor of a large grain elevator of improved construction, with admirable facilities for receiving and discharging grain, and with a storage capacity of 50,000 bushels at one time. A steam engine of 18 horse power is employed for loading and unloading cars, and one assistant regularly on duty, other help being engaged as the exigencies of the business demand. Mr. Cyrus E. Trees is a native and life-long resident of this state and was born in 1848. He has been permanently identified with the grain and lumber interests of Rush County for several years and as an energetic and enterprising business man and successful merchant is entitled to prominent rank among the representative men of this section of our great and prosperous state.

E. S. JARRETT,

DRUGS AND GROCERIES.

The combination under one roof of two of the most important branches of our modern commercial system renders worthy of conspicuous recognition in the present volume the well known establishment of Mr. E. S. Jarrett, of Manilla, as one of the representative mercantile houses of Rush County, and which, although established as recently as in May, 1883, has taken a prominent rank among its older contemporaries; both by reason of the extent and variety of merchandise carried in stock, and also on account of the present magnitude and steadily increasing scope of its transactions. Mr. Jarrett occupies one floor 20x40 feet in dimensions for the display of his admirably selected stock, which in the drug department embraces a general line of the purest and freshest drugs and medicines, the standard proprietary remedies of the day, paints, oils, varnishes, soaps, sponges, perfumeries, toilet articles, stationery, druggists' sundries, and pharmaceutical compounds of every description, and in which also special attention is devoted to the accurate preparation of family recipes and physicians' prescriptions. In the grocery department may be found a choice selection of staple and fancy articles in this line—teas, coffees, pure spices, fruits, canned goods, sugars, syrups, cigars and tobacco, and miscellaneous merchandise, such as legitimately pertains to the business and associated with table and culinary supplies. Mr. Jarrett, who is a native of Indiana, was born in 1843, and has been identified with these special branches of trade for several years prior to embarking in his present successful enterprise, in which he has secured a large and steadily growing trade throughout this section.

CREED & QUERY,

BLACKSMITHS AND WAGON MAKERS.

The avocation of the blacksmith and worker in iron and steel is undoubtedly the most important of all the mechanical arts, and upon it in a great measure depends all the other industries and occupations; and without it the wheels of commerce would be blocked; the hum of our factories and workshops would cease, and our agricultural resources be crippled if not destroyed. In reviewing our local industries, and representative business houses, it is therefore appropriate that due recognition should be accorded to those engaged in this important branch of trade. The leading establishment of Manilla in this special line is that so successfully conducted by the enterprising firm of Creed & Query, whose buildings occupied for blacksmith shop and wood-working department cover a ground space of 50x120 feet. These popular shops were established by the present firm in 1880, and their business since that time has steadily increased. They manufacture to order, farm and spring wagons, etc., and make a leading specialty of repairing and general jobbing in both the iron and wood-working departments, employing two assistants. This firm devotes special attention to horse-shoeing upon practical scientific principles, and in this line their work is not surpassed by that of any similar establishment in the state. The individual members of the firm are W. H. Creed and Jacob Query; both of whom are natives of Indiana, and are thoroughly skilled and practical blacksmiths and wagon makers. All work turned out by them, whether new jobs, repairing or horse-shoeing, is warranted to give satisfaction and prove exactly as represented.

JAMES NEILL,

HARNESS, SADDLES, ETC.

Prominent among our local industries and contributing in no small degree to the commercial and industrial thrift of our pleasant and prosperous community, we notice the harness and saddlery emporium of Mr. James Neill. This house was established in 1880 by other parties with Mr. Neill in charge of the business. In 1883 Mr. Neill took possession of the business and at once infused new life into it. The stock embraces single and double hand made harness of his own manufacturing, saddles, bridles, whips, robes, collars, blankets and horse clothing generally, stable supplies and turf goods, and articles especially pertaining to this branch of trade. Mr. Neill also devotes special attention to fine custom work and to general repairing in all branches at short notice and upon the most reasonable terms, guaranteeing all work turned out to be equal to the best in workmanship and finish. This is the leading establishment of its class in Manilla and its trade derived from a wide area of surrounding territory both in Rush and adjoining Counties. Mr. Neill is a native of Madison, Jefferson County, Indiana, and was born in 1855. He is a practical harness maker and saddler, thoroughly conversant with all departments of the business and with the requirements of the trade in this section. His harness ranges in price from \$10 to \$30 for light buggy harness and \$30 to \$35 for heavy or light double sets, and patrons may implicitly rely upon all representations made by him as to quality or value.

There are also here the firms of Hill & Zeike, hardware; J. C. Simpson, general merchandise; Robert Craig, druggist.

GLENWOOD.

This enterprising and prosperous village, on line of Rush and Fayette counties, is located on both sides of the Union and Rush County Pike, the dividing line between Rush and Fayette counties at this place, with post office in Fayette County, and is situated on the C. H. & I. Railroad. The town was originally called Vienna and the post office Steels, up to ten or twelve years ago, at which time the present name was adopted.

The town was laid out in 1832 by Dr. Jeff. Helm and Samuel S. Durbon, but for many years enjoyed but a moderate degree of trade and prosperity. Among the early settlers in this section we mention Samuel S. Durbon, Dr. Jeff. Helm, Joseph Cook, Thomas Ochiltree, William Clawson, John Gatterell, Samuel McKee, James and Jesse Murphy and Moses Wiley. Among the earlier merchants were Alfred Thompson in 1834, Thos. Smiley in 1835, Ward Williams in 1836, the latter serving as the first postmaster. The first plasterer was Jonathan Woodcock. Among the first carpenters were Thomas Ochiltree and Samuel Bodine. First blacksmith was Alfred Thompson who

kept the first hotel and who some claim was the first postmaster though Dr. Arnold is of the opinion that Thomas Smiley was the first. The first saddler was Gideon Klink. Dr. Jef. Helm was the first physician. Dr. John Arnold followed, 1836 to 1841. Reuben Logan (now judge) was the first school teacher. The Vienna and Rushville Pike through this place was the first pike built in the county, in 1855. The first church was the United Presbyterian in 1847. The M. E. Church was built in 1862.

This village is surrounded by an agricultural section which for richness of soil, superiority of farm residences and buildings and wealthy farmers, is not surpassed in the state. It contains a population of over 300 inhabitants, with business houses which will compare favorably with those of any place of its class in the state, many excellent private residences, a fine two story brick public school building costing \$5,800, and two churches. We append in the pages which follow historical and statistical sketches of the leading business concerns here.

SISSON & CHEW,

HARDWARE, STOVES, TINWARE, AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS, ETC.

This enterprise dates its origin to less than two years ago, having been started by them in their present business rooms, in March, 1883. The premises occupied embrace a finely arranged business room 24x40 feet in dimensions, with a ware room in the rear for storage purposes 20x24 feet in size. The business of this house embraces the manufacture of tin, copper, and sheet-iron ware, and the prompt and efficient execution of roofing, spouting, guttering, job work and repairing associated

with this branch of business. Besides carrying in stock a full line of tinware, they also carry a general line of hardware, farmers' and mechanics' tools, table and pocket cutlery, kitchen utensils, builders', blacksmiths' and wagon-makers' supplies, and the best makes of heating and cooking stoves in the market, both for wood or coal. They are also agents for many of the most popular agricultural implements in the market, embracing reapers and mowers, self-binders, drills, walking and riding plows and cultivators, etc. During the past year this house has enjoyed a liberal and gradually increasing trade from both Rush

and Fayette Counties, giving liberal promise of becoming one of the leading commercial houses of this class in this section of the state. The individual members of this firm are Mr. Dallas Sisson and Mr. A. L. Chew, both of whom are experienced business men. Mr. Sisson is a native of Rush County, where he was born in 1848. After completing his literary education, he was for several years engaged in teaching in various parts of the state, up to near the time of becoming connected with the present enterprise. Mr. Chew is a native of Warren County, Iowa, where he was born in 1857. He learned the trade of tinner and roofer and is a practical and experienced workman, though he was formerly associated with the grocery and provision trade previous to engaging in his present successful business undertaking.

E. J. THOMPSON,

POST MASTER; DEALER IN GROCERIES
AND PROVISIONS, AND INSURANCE
AGENT.

Mr. Thompson was born at Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1822, and first engaged in business on his own account at Everton, Fayette County, in 1853, where he remained up to 1873, when he removed to Connersville where he held the position of deputy sheriff for nearly two years. He then removed to Alpine, where he was in the employ of others for about one year, when he removed to this place. He was appointed postmaster at Everton in 1861, under the first year of Lincoln's administration, which position he held for about twelve years at different times. Coming to this place, he was appointed postmaster under President Hayes' administration, which position he still holds. Mr. Thompson engaged in his present business in 1881, and occupies a room for office and business purposes 20x30 feet in dimensions on the Fayette County side, in which he carries a full line of groceries and provisions, canned goods, tobaccos, cigars, notions, stationery, etc.—enjoying a liberal local patronage. As insurance agent, he represents the following well known and reliable companies: *Etna*, and *Phoenix* of Hartford, Connecticut, and *Holme*, of New York. For these companies he has written policies on about twenty-five of the prominent buildings in this section.

AN INTERESTING DOCUMENT.

Mr. Thompson's son, J. E. Thompson, now holds a paper in manuscript, which was written by his grandfather, Joseph D. Thompson, in 1819, which traces the genealogy of the family as far back as 1696, with crest, coat of arms and motto, from which we copy. The Thompson coat of arms is a crest-shield, with sun in upper left hand margin, and stars on centre, with arm extended above holding wheat; the motto—"*Malo Mori Quam Foedari*."

The following is copy of paper: "Maurice Thompson, baronet and treasurer of the excise of the family of Thompson, came out of the North and settled in the County of Hertford, from whom descended Maurice Thompson of

Havershire, who was a very eminent merchant and Governor of the East India Company. He married Hellen, daughter of Owen Liger of Wales, and by her had a son named John, which son, in the 25 (year) of Charles 2d (reign), being a person of good accomplishments, was created a baronet, and was in Parliament at the time of the "Papist plots," where he appeared an earnest man in searching into it, and a great forwarder of the "bill of exclusion." He was also chosen in the next Parliament, called the Oxford Parliament—and was of those who was for the speaker's keeping the chair after the king did approve of them. In the first Parliament of King James, the first; he was again returned a member, and on the Rebellion of Monmouth, gave his vote for the retainer of him, and yet was very zealous against arbitrary power, and a standing army. In the year 1688, he was among the first that signed the association to invite the Prince of Orange and afterwards joining him in the west and continuing a member of the Commons House until the year 1696; was then created a baron and made one of the Commissioners of Admiralty. He married Frances, daughter of Arthur, Earl of Anglesse, and dying in 1710, by her left Maurice, his only son, who is the present Lord Haversham, and eight daughters, whereof Mary, the 3d (daughter) was married, now, 1723, Earl of Anglesse, and the said Lord Haversham marrying Elizabeth, daughter to Smith of the County of Hertford, Esquire, but is now, 1723, a widower." (Dated) Carlos, 29th June, 1819. The only omission is in the failure of Joseph D. to mention in his paper, his father, who was the son of Maurice last named. Joseph D. Thompson was married to Miss Lucy Haughton, 7th month, 21, 1819—the subject of this sketch now holds the marriage certificate—They sailed from Liverpool, England, to this country, August 11th, 1819, landing at New York, September 14th, 1819. They settled in Philadelphia, and after two years removed to Cincinnati, Ohio, from where they removed to Fayette County, this state, and settled on a farm near Everton (then Lawtown) in 1823. Joseph D. Thompson was the first postmaster of Everton, and gave it the name. He died in 1838, leaving a widow who survived until June 13th, 1884. Two children survive (Edwin J. Thompson, and his sister Isabella Trusler); also twenty-four grand children and sixteen great grand children. The genealogy on Mr. Thompson's mothers side dates from 1862, as follows: "Sir Wilfrq Haughton lived at Haughton tower, Lancashire, England. His son Isaac, born in 1663, first settled in Eddenberg, Kings County, Ireland; his son John, born January 19th, 1692; his son Isaac married Mary Watson, and afterward Margareth Webster. Joshua was his son by his second wife; he married Mary O'Brian, and afterward Eleanor Wilson, daughter of the first wife, was born at the town of Carlos, Ireland, January 27th, 1800, and married to Joseph D. Thompson as before noted. The coat of arms

of the Haughton family is a crest with white bars across, bearing the motto, "*Malgre le Tort.*" Copy is held by Mr. Thompson.

M. COMBS,

DRY GOODS, GROCERIES, QUEENSWARE, GLASSWARE, BOOTS, SHOES, HATS, CAPS, NOTIONS, ETC.

The business here dates its origin to about two years ago, and occupies one of the finest business rooms in the place, being 20x60 feet in dimensions; about 20 feet of the rear is separated by an archway, giving a fine appearance to the room, the rear being devoted to groceries and queensware. The establishment in this place is in charge of his son, Mr. A. H. Combs, and the annual transactions will aggregate from \$5,000 to \$8,000; and embracing a general line of dry goods, groceries, queensware, boots, shoes, hats, caps, clothing, etc. The facilities this house enjoys for receiving its supplies from the leading importing and jobbing houses in the country is not surpassed by any other dealer in this line in this section of the state; and the judicious business policy which characterizes its operations insures its claim to a gradually increasing trade from the residents of these two counties, on the borders of which this thriving place is situated. Mr. Combs also owns and conducts a general store at Memphis in this state, where he is the railroad and express agent for that place. Mr. M. Combs is a native of this state, and has for a period of ten to fifteen years, been associated with commercial pursuits, and is justly entitled to liberal notice among the most public-spirited merchants. Mr. A. H. Combs is also a native of this state, and after completing his early education, gave his attention to telegraphy. He was telegraph operator at Memphis, and afterward held the position in the office at this place up to about the time of taking charge of the store of his father here.

Z. T. CRAWFORD,

HARDWARE, STOVES, AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS, ETC.

Although it is still less than one year since this house was established, it has already secured a liberal share of trade in this line, and promises to outstrip its older competitors in this line in the two counties from which its trade is drawn. The premises occupied embrace a fine business room 22x50 feet in dimensions, in which is carried a full line of general hardware, embracing farmers' and mechanics' tools, table and pocket cutlery, wagon-makers', blacksmiths', and builders' supplies, tin and hollow-ware, etc.; also the latest improved heating and cooking stoves, reapers, mowers and self-binders, pumps, plows, walking and riding cultivators, threshers, etc., coal, lime and cement, doors, sash and blinds. The sales of this house embrace both the counties of Rush and Fayette, and show a gradual and constantly increasing patronage. Mr. Crawford is a native of Milton, Wayne County, this state, where he was born in 1847.

He has already a liberal business experience in this department of trade, and was formerly connected with the handle factory of Boyce & Crawford at Muncie, Indiana, for a period of eighteen months previous to engaging in his present enterprise on his own account.

GLENWOOD HOTEL,

D. S. ALZENO, PROPRIETOR.

Mr. Alzeno, the owner and proprietor of this house, is a native of Franklin County in this state, where he was born in 1849. His father was engaged in the general dry goods trade at Laurel for a number of years, and he was engaged as assistant in the business chiefly up to 1874, when he commenced business on his own account, continuing in it up to the time of coming to this place in 1880. He erected his present hotel building expressly for the purpose for which it is used, and has since devoted himself to this business. The main building is two-stories high and 28x32 feet in dimensions with an addition of ample space for dining room and culinary department in the rear, and other out buildings upon the lot, affording all desirable conveniences. The hotel contains 13 well arranged rooms, with general office, dining room, kitchen and sitting room on the first floor, while the second floor is devoted to sleeping apartments, which are well furnished and ventilated and kept in the most perfect order for guests. The table is provided at all times with the best the market affords and the cooking is such as to make this house a favorite with all who are fortunate enough to have been numbered among its guests. Mr. Alzeno also deals in fine tobaccos and cigars, of which he carries at all times a large and varied stock of both chewing and smoking tobaccos and the most popular brands of Havana and Domestic cigars.

J. P. STILTZ,

DEALER IN GROCERIES, GLASSWARE, CLOTHING, ETC.

This house dates its origin here to 1881, at which time it was started by Mr. Stiltz in a comparatively small way and small building, directly opposite his present location. In 1883 he erected his present commodious business house 1½ stories high and 24x70 feet in dimensions, which is recognized as being not only the finest business house in the place, but one which will compare favorably with the best business houses in this line in our leading metropolitan cities. The stocks carried embrace a full line of staple and fancy groceries and provisions, queensware, glassware, tinware, crockery, wood and willow ware, notions, tobaccos, cigars, etc., besides a full line of ready made clothing for men and boys, selected with direct reference to his trade, his annual transactions now reaching between \$12,000 to \$15,000. Mr. Stiltz also erected on the lot adjoining his business house a fine private residence, one room of which is devoted to millinery goods, embracing newest styles and patterns of ladies' hats and bonnets, flowers, feathers,

ribbons, trimmings, etc., and is conducted by Mrs. Stiltz and Miss Alexander. Mr. James P. Stiltz, to whom this section is indebted for the business so fully noticed above and this town for the valuable and substantial improvements, is a native of Maryland, where he was born in 1841. Previous to coming west he was employed as clerk in Baltimore, Md., coming to this place in 1873. Here he was engaged in clerking up to the time of engaging in business on his own account as above noted.

H. W. NICHOLS,

SAW MILLS AND LUMBER YARDS.

The business in which Mr. Nichols is engaged, was started by him at Falmouth over 20 years ago, and has contributed largely toward the supplying both the local and foreign demand. The premises occupied for the manufacture of lumber embraces a 2 story structure about 25x70 feet in dimensions, besides boiler and engine room in which he is provided with large and efficient circular saws and latest improved appliances for this department, the machinery being propelled by a 40 horse power engine and boiler, giving a capacity of about 5,000 feet per day. In addition to supplying to order and contracting for the supply of every description of hard wood lumber, fencing posts, bridge or building timber, he also occupies large grounds adjacent to the mills on which he carries a full stock of lumber, lath shingles, etc., and is prepared to supply builders upon as reasonable terms as any contemporaneous establishment in the state. His facilities for procuring supplies has insured a growing and prosperous trade, and his annual transactions will range from \$18,000 to \$20,000, handling logs and dealing in walnut, ash, cherry, pine and poplar lumber. Mr. Nichols is a native of New Haven County, Conn., where he was born in 1814. Nearly half a century ago he came to the west, when this country was comparatively new, and was formerly engaged in the boot and shoe trade at Connersville, in 1871 he came to this place where he erected his present mill, and commenced his present business.

GLENWOOD MILLS,

CHAS. H. ALGER, PROP.

The Glenwood mills were originally erected about 8 years ago by Mr. David Smith, who owned, and conducted them for about four years, when he sold to Robert Andis. He subsequently disposed of the mill to E. H. Shirk, of Peru, this state, of whom Mr. Alger purchased in 1881. For the past five years these mills have been in the management of experienced millers. Theo. H. Siegrist an experienced miller with able assistants, is still conducting the business, and doing both merchant and custom work and exchange. The building is a 2½ story structure 40x40 feet in dimensions, besides engine room and shed in rear 20x40 feet in size. Three run of stone are used and the improvements embrace the new process purifier, insuring the

production of the highest grade of flour placed upon home or foreign markets. The motive power of these mills is supplied by a 40 horse power engine and boiler, and three brands of flour are here produced. Viz: "Favorite," "Patent Flour" and "Straight Grade," while the products of the Glenwood Mills stand so high as to reflect credit alike upon the mills and upon the section of the country in which they are conducted. Mr. Chas. H. Alger, the present owner and operator of these mills, is a native of this county and state, and has been chiefly engaged in agricultural pursuits, and identified with the business interests of this section since childhood. He still owns and operates a fine farm of 138 acres near this place, which is in a high state of cultivation, and also owns two residences in this place, where he is recognized as among the most enterprising of our public spirited citizens of this county and state.

MURPHY & GAVIN,

DRY GOODS AND NOTIONS, GROCERIES, HARDWARE, BOOTS AND SHOES, HATS AND CAPS AND GRAIN.

The house of Messrs. Murphy & Gavin is justly entitled to liberal consideration on account of the important leading position it has attained in this section of the state, and also for the aggregate amount of its annual transactions. The present firm dates its origin as recently as Nov. 1882, and occupies a general business room 23x30 feet in dimensions, in which is carried a full stock of Foreign and American dry goods, notions and fancy goods selected with direct reference to the requirements of the trade of Fayette and Rush counties. They also carry a choice stock of groceries and provisions, canned and pickled goods, tobaccos, cigars, notions, etc., besides hardware, embracing farmer's and mechanic's tools, table and pocket cutlery, builders and house-keepers goods, and a well selected stock of the best makes and grades of boots and shoes for men, women, boys, misses and children. This house also occupies an additional room 35x35 feet in dimension, used as general ware house and storage room, and deal extensively in grain for which they pay the highest market price. The aggregated transactions of this firm will range between \$50,000 and \$60,000 annually, and while occupying the leading position in commercial circles in this section of the two counties, their business transactions will bear favorable comparison with the leading commercial houses of either of the county seats. Mr. Jesse Murphy, the senior member of this firm is a native of Fayette County where he was born in 1836. His father, Jesse Murphy, Sr. was one of the early settlers coming to this place Sept. 24, 1849, at which time he purchased the land now owned and controlled by Mr. Jesse Murphy, Jr. embracing 160 acres when there was but three acres cleared. This farm may now be classed as one of the finest farms of the state, with its undulating surface, rich alluvial soil finely watered, and

its buildings and equipments placed in the highest state or productiveness. Within the past few years Mr. Murphy erected his present fine private residence which in its proportions and architectural design, as well as the high and hand-some plateau which it adorns, places it among the most attractive private residences of the state. Chiefly devoted to agricultural pursuits and stock raising, previous to entering into his present business relations, Mr. Murphy has been identified with the growth, development and commercial interests of this community since childhood. Mr. James Gavin, the present junior member of this firm, is a native of Franklin County, this state, where he was born in 1839. He came to this place in 1867, where after completing his early education he became associated with commercial pursuits, and has for the past ten years been engaged in this department of trade.

M. ANDREWS, WAGON MAKER; JONATHAN BANKS, BLACKSMITH.

These two branches of industry are conducted in the same building by the above named gentlemen. The blacksmith department conducted by Mr. Banks, dates its origin to over eight years ago, and about seven years of which the business has been carried on in the building now occupied, which is 22x42 feet in size and two stories high. The operations embrace the ironing of wagons, carriages or buggies, horse-shoeing, and all general job work and repairing pertaining to this department of industry. Mr. Banks is a native of Fayette Co., this state, where he was born in 1841. Mr. Andrews, who conducts the wood work department is prepared to do all work pertaining to this branch in the best manner and at reasonable rates, guaranteeing good work and stock. He has for the past seven years been associated with this branch of business in this place, about four years of which he has had his shop in the present building. He was born in Ripley County in this state in 1836, where he was raised and learned his trade, coming to this place in 1877. While he may not be able to draw a pension for his association with the army during the rebellion he is none the less worthy to receive such. During the war he started to enlist and join the Union forces at Pittsburg landing, and while on the boat, before formally enlisting, was shot in the leg and thereby disabled for service. After recovering he was for a time employed in the coach department of the O. & M. Ry., and for a time at the Ohio Falls car works, prior to coming to this place.

E. ELWELL,

MANUFACTURER OF LIGHT AND HEAVY HARNESS AND GENERAL REPAIRING.

Mr. Elwell started in his present business here about five years ago, and while he does not make any pretensions to carrying in stock ready made work, he is prepared to put up to order, anything in the line required by his patrons, guaranteeing good stock and workmanship. His special attention is devoted to the prompt and efficient repairing belonging to this department, in which he enjoys a liberal patronage from adjacent territory. Mr. Elwell is a native of Franklin County in this state, in which he was born in 1840. His early life was spent upon the farm and during the great civil war he participated in many of the most noted battles and skirmishes of the later years of the war. In 1864 he enlisted in Co. K. 123d Reg. Ind. Vol. Inf., serving under Gen'l's. Burnside and others. He participated in the battles of "Buzzard Roost," Rasacca and the battles and skirmishes of the Georgia Campaign, at Nashville, and at Kingston, N. C., receiving an honorable discharge at Lexington, N. C., Sept. 1865, at the close of the war. He then returned to the farm and was for some years engaged in agricultural pursuits but subsequently learned the trade of harness maker and removed to this place at the time of starting his business as above stated.

WM. HOLDEN,

BARBER AND HAIR DRESSER.

As a skilled and experienced tonsorial artist Mr. Holden enjoys a reputation which will compare favorably with the boasted excellence of those of more pretentious towns or cities. His shop was erected by himself expressly to meet the requirements of patrons, and since coming here about 18 months ago he has found a liberal and growing business in this department. Mr. Holden is a native of Hamilton County, Ohio, where he was born in 1855. He commenced this business at Colter's Corners, Ind., afterwards going to College Corners, Ind., where he started on his own account. After visiting other places he decided to settle here, which he did at the time above noted, and being the only shop in the place he finds a fair share of patronage from both citizens of town and country, giving the fullest satisfaction in best styles of hair cuts and easy shaving.

There are also doing business here the following firms: James Mitchell, drain tile; H. Messersmith, drugs; Thos. Ochiltree, planing mill; J. M. Reed, blacksmith.

MILROY.

This now enterprising village was originally laid out in 1830 by Nathan Tompkins and Nathan Julian. Among the old settlers of this section we mention John Zimmerman, Seneca Smith, Henry Henderson, Hugh Smith and the proprietors of the town. The first tavern was kept by Hugh Smith. The first store by N. Julian and the next by Seneca Smith. The first physician was Dr. Sharp. The first blacksmith was A. Snyder, the next Samuel McGinnis. The first steam mill was conducted by Mount & Power. The first church (Methodist) was built in 1834. The first school was by N. Tompkins. Eliza Bartlett kept the first one in town. The building known as the Athenium near here, was used for school and church purposes as early as 1830. The first house built in the town was by the proprietors Tompkins and Julian. This place has been an important trading

center for many years, but with the completion of the Vernon, Greensburg & Rushville Railroad through this place in 1881 a new impetus was given to its commercial activities. It is now an important grain center. Mr. H. H. Elston is the express, freight and ticket agent and telegraph operator. Mr. John Zimmerman and wife are now the only persons living who were here in 1835. The place now contains a population of about 400 inhabitants, three churches, Methodist, Presbyterian and Christian, two hotels and two physicians. It also has a graded school, and a lodge of F. & A. M. To get a more comprehensive idea of the importance of the place as a trade center, the reader should give careful attention to the series of descriptive articles of the leading houses which follows, as from this source can be obtained a class of information to be had in no other way.

ED. INNIS.

DRUGS, BOOKS, STATIONERY, ETC.

Success in any department of business, and more especially in that which is devoted to the sale of drugs, medicines, chemicals, books and their appropriately associated commodities, depends to a very great extent upon that intelligent proficiency which involves a thorough practical comprehension of even the minute details embraced therein. To the possession of these indispensable traits, and to the enterprise and ability shown by Mr. Ed. Innis in the management of his now extensive business, may be directly traced the gratifying increase in his annual transactions since the inauguration of his present successful enterprise in May, 1878, when upon a comparatively small scale, he established the pharmacy and book and stationery house now doing an annual business of more than \$15,000. Mr. Innis occupies, for sales and storage purposes, one floor 24x58 feet in dimensions, with an L 17x38 feet, where he carries a carefully selected

line of unadulterated drugs and chemicals, paints, oils, varnishes, the standard proprietary medicines and remedial agents of the day, toilet articles and perfumeries, notions, school and miscellaneous books and stationery, periodicals and school supplies, notions, queens and glassware, and a great variety of miscellaneous merchandise pertaining to these special branches of trade. In the prescription department the greatest care is exercised in the preparation of physicians' prescriptions, family recipes, and pharmaceutical compounds from the purest and best ingredients, and in each department of the salesroom the stock is full, complete and comprehensive. Mr. Innis is a native of this state and was born in 1853. Prior to embarking in his present business, he was engaged in agricultural pursuits, and has, by his own unaided efforts, studious habits, and honorable methods of dealing, become an efficient pharmacist and successful merchant, with a trade which will compare favorably with that of any contemporaneous establish-

ment in this line in Rush County or in Eastern Indiana.

T. M. AMOS,

RESTAURANT AND GROCERY.

The popular restaurant, oyster and ice cream parlors and grocery house now conducted by Mr. T. M. Amos in Milroy, was originally established by Mr. John H. Berry, who conducted the business for several years, disposing of his interest to the present enterprising proprietor in Sept. 1883. In the sales department will be found an admirably selected stock of staple and fancy groceries, canned goods, foreign and domestic fruits and nuts, fine confectionery, cigars, tobacco and notions, while in the restaurant which is fitted up in a neat and attractive manner with seating capacity for about thirty guests, first-class meals and lunches are served at all hours and oysters in every style, and ice cream in their appropriate seasons. The premises occupied are 18x60 feet in dimensions and the stock carried is full and complete in every department. This is the only establishment of its class in Milroy, and its patronage is derived not only from our own citizens but from strangers visiting the city who will always find the choicest delicacies of the season served in first-class style at popular prices. Mr. Amos is a native of this county and state and was born in 1843. Prior to embarking in his present line he was engaged in agricultural pursuits in this county, where he enjoys a wide and influential circle of acquaintances. Genial, polite and attentive to his patrons Mr. Amos has established a large and growing trade and is deservedly popular throughout this entire section.

MILROY MILLS,

MOSES CONRAD, PROP.

For fully half a century the old Milroy Mills located on Flat Rock Creek, have been a familiar landmark to the residents of this section of Rush County, and a great convenience to the farmers of this vicinity who have during this period relied on these mills for the conversion of the cereal products of their fertile fields into flour and meal for their own sustenance and feed for their stock. The original mills which were erected in 1835 by Mr. Thomas J. Laramore have since passed through several hands, the order of their succession being as follows: Rice & Bracken; Bracken; Frank Swan; Moses Conrad the present proprietor who sold the property in 1875 to Wm. Tree and re-purchased it in 1879, at which time extensive additions were made and numerous improvements introduced. The present building is a 2½ story structure 24x45 feet in dimensions, containing two run of stones, the motive force for which is supplied by one 15 horse power engine and boiler, and an over-shot water-wheel propelled by the waters of Flat Rock Creek. The work performed is principally custom milling, the daily capacity of the mills ranging from 75 to 100 bushels of grain, and the patronage is mainly derived from this

and adjoining towns. Mr. Moses Conrad is a native of Fleming County, Ky., where he was born in 1823. He is a thoroughly practical miller and learned the trade at Flemingsburgh, Ky., as early as 1846. He first conducted a mill on his own account at Homer in this County in 1867, where he remained until the mill was destroyed by fire in 1870. He has been for nearly twenty years permanently identified with the milling interests in this immediate neighborhood where he is well and favorably known as a reliable first-class miller and a public spirited citizen of unimpeachable integrity and honor.

ROBERT DORSTE,

GENERAL MERCHANDISE

As the leading mercantile establishment of Milroy, the palm should unquestionably be awarded to the popular general store of Mr. Robert Dorste, located on the corner of Main and Pillsbury Sts. Mr. Dorste commenced business in this town in 1870 upon a comparatively small scale, and removed to his present commodious quarters in 1881, where he occupies a two-story building 20x66 feet in dimensions. His stock is one of the most complete and comprehensive to be found at any similar establishment in this section, embracing a general line of miscellaneous merchandise, including foreign and American dry goods, dress fabrics, domestics, white goods, woollens, laces, trimmings, notions, men's, boys' and children's ready-made clothing and furnishing goods, hats, caps, boots, shoes, staple and fancy family groceries and provisions, cigars, tobacco, confectionery, fruits, queens and glassware, and a great variety of articles too numerous to particularize in the limits of the present sketch. The Milroy post-office is located in this building, Mr. Dorste having been commissioned post-master in 1874, during the administration of President Grant, and has filled that responsible position since. The trade of this representative house is derived from a wide area of contiguous territory, and the annual transactions range from \$20,000 to \$25,000. Mr. Dorste who is one of our most enterprising and energetic merchants and public-spirited citizens, is a native of Saxony, Germany, where he was born in 1847. He came to the United States in 1856, landing at New Orleans, and came to Milroy in 1865. During our civil war, although but a boy of fifteen, he entered the service of his adopted country, enlisting as a private soldier in the fall of 1861 as a member of Co. K, 43d Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and with that command went to the front, being assigned to the Army of Tennessee. At the memorable battle of Pittsburgh Landing, Mr. Dorste was so severely wounded as to incapacitate him for active service. He was subsequently placed on duty in the hospital department, where he remained until 1863, when he received an honorable discharge on account of disability occasioned by his wounds. Shortly after his return to civil life he became a resident of this place. In addition to the

office of post-master, he has held the position of school trustee for two years, and has ever evinced a deep interest in all matters pertaining to the educational, commercial and social advancement of the community, and the development of its natural and acquired advantages and resources.

J. F. SMITH,

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

One of the leading grocery and provision houses of Rush County, with a trade aggregating more than \$10,000 per annum, and steadily increasing, is located at Milroy, and conducted by that enterprising merchant, and well known citizen, Mr. J. F. Smith, who established the present house in 1882. The premises occupied comprise two floors and basement of a commodious, substantial, and centrally located brick business structure 20x60 feet in dimensions, and the stock carried embraces complete and desirable lines of the choicest varieties of staple and fancy family groceries, teas, coffees, spices, sugars, syrups, soaps, foreign and domestic fruits, canned goods, provisions, farm and dairy produce, queens and glassware, cigars, manufactured tobacco, confectionery, notions and grocers' sundries generally, selected by Mr. Smith with an express view to the requirements of the better class of trade in Milroy and adjoining towns. The stock is full and complete in every department and no old goods are allowed to accumulate on his shelves and counters, absolute purity and freshness being a desideratum aimed at in the selection of stock. Mr. Smith is a native of Bourbon County, Kentucky, and was born in 1826. He first entered mercantile life in the capacity of clerk for Mr. John L. Robinson in this county in 1846, and afterwards was employed as salesman in the establishment of Mr. Joseph Hamilton in this city. He was subsequently engaged by other parties in Shelbyville, and in 1852 embarked in business here with Dr. Wm. Bracken, then a resident of this place. He was elected treasurer of Rush County in 1856, and re-elected in 1858, his second term expiring in 1861; after which he again resumed business here, and has been identified with the mercantile pursuits and commercial interests of Milroy since that time. Establishing his present successful business enterprise as above noted, in the prosecution of which he has met with a most

gratifying degree of success and financial encouragement.

WILLIAM BELL,

BLACKSMITH.

The general blacksmith and wagon shop of Mr. William Bell, was established by Mr. William Richmond, the present proprietor taking possession in 1884. The shop which is 15x30 feet in dimensions is located in the rear of Blair & McKee's Hardware House, and is thoroughly equipped with all the requisite appliances for the successful prosecution of the business in all its branches. Special attention is devoted to horse-shoeing upon scientific principles with reference to the proper treatment and preservation of the hoofs, and to ironing wagons, carriages, huggies, carts, etc. A prominent feature of the business is made of repairing vehicles of every description, agricultural implements and machinery and to general jobbing. Wm. Bell, who is a native of Franklin Co. Ind., was born in 1838. He is a practical and experienced workman, and learned the trade in Metamora, Franklin Co. During the war of the rebellion, Mr. Bell was among the first to volunteer in defense of the old flag enlisting in 1861 as a member of Co. C. 13th Indiana Volunteer Infantry, which rendered most effective and valuable aid to the union cause in the Eastern Army. He was with General Butler during his memorable campaigns on the James River, and participated in many of the most eventful engagements of the war, among which were the closing battles around Petersburg and Richmond, which culminated in the discomfiture of Lee's Army, the occupation of the Confederate Capital and the surrender at Appomattox. After the grand review of the victorious Union Army at Washington, D. C., he was honorably discharged from service with a four years record of which he may well feel proud.

Among other firms doing business here the principal ones are as follows: A. K. Smith, saw mill; J. W. Thurston, harness; N. E. Tompkins, hotel; R. Wellman, meat market; S. H. Bosley, wagon maker; W. W. Barton, drugs; Blair & McKee, hardware; Moorman & Mosier, boots and shoes; S. Pink, general merchandise; C. B. Riley, grain; J. R. Davis, hotel; J. C. Barton, general merchandise; S. R. Smith, blacksmith.

HOMER.

In seeking for the more direct cause of the rapid growth and increasing prosperity of this part of the state, the reader will plainly see that the numerous railroads crossing the state in every direction have been mainly instrumental in bringing about this result. This portion of the state on account of its great fertility, may be considered the garden spot of Indiana, consequently it has been rapidly settled up and a demand necessarily created for numerous thriving trading points. We will take for instance the brief history of the village of Homer. This place dates its origin from the completion of the Jeffersonville, Madison and Indianapolis Railroad which was completed in 1850. Previous to that time Nathan Murphy and Samuel Craig erected a saw mill here to assist in getting out material for the construction of the road. A few rude houses were erected for the use of the employees, these houses being built of upright slabs which came from the mill.

From this the name of Slabtown was given the place, which name it bore for some time. The first merchant of any note was Jethro Folger who kept a small store and sold general merchandise. The next was Benjamin Wyman who carried on a small trade in general merchandise. In 1868 William Odell started a wagon shop. Jesse Jarrett was the first blacksmith. Isaac H. Goss was the first postmaster. At the present time there is very fair church and school buildings, a lodge of Odd Fellows, while the Adams Express Company and Western Union Telegraph Company both have offices here. There are a number of business houses here which will compare very favorably in amount of stock carried and business transacted, with any other place of its size in the county. The village has a population of about 200 inhabitants and is located eight miles west of the county seat with which it is connected by railroad.

J. T. ROBERTSON & SON, GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

The history of the old established mercantile house of J. T. Robertson & Son is so intimately associated with the history of this town, that they are in many respects identical. Established more than thirty years ago at which time it was the only house of its class in Homer, it has grown with the growth and prospered with the prosperity of our progressive and thriving town. The founder and original proprietor was Mr. James Emmons, and the subsequent changes are given below in the order of succession in which they transpired, the exact dates not being available at the present time. W. T. Emmons; Henry Pickerell and James Inlow, next Henry Pickerell and J. T. Robertson, followed by J. T. Robertson alone, next W. L. Kenner, then Robt. Power followed by John Bainbridge, then J. T. Robertson

and J. H. Thomas, next J. T. Robertson and H. S. Steele who was succeeded in 1878 by Mr. J. T. Robertson alone, the present partnership being formed in 1878. The stock carried by this representative house comprises a general line of miscellaneous merchandise, including Foreign and American dry goods, notions, ready made clothing, furnishing goods, hats, caps, boots, shoes, hardware, staple and fancy family groceries, produce, provisions, etc. Mr. J. T. Robertson the senior member of the present firm is a native of the State of Kentucky where he was born in 1830. He has been a resident of Indiana for the past thirty years, during the greater portion of which time he has been prominently identified with the commercial interests of this section. He was appointed Post Master in 1873 under the second administration of President Grant, and has occupied that position since to the general accept-

ance of our citizens irrespective of party affiliations. His son and business associate Mr. W. F. Robertson was born in Indiana in 1856.

M. C. INLOW,
DEALER IN DRUGS, FANCY ARTICLES,
ETC.

Mr. Inlow was born in Rush County, Sept. 17, 1841. His boyhood days were passed on his father's farm, where he rendered assistance until the completion of his education, which required his sole attention. After finishing his education he entered the school room as teacher and instructor, in which capacity he remained for two years. In April, 1876, recognizing the necessity of a drug store at Homer, he established his present enterprise, which is the only one of the kind in the place, the nearest one being at Manilla, this County, some three miles distant. The stock carried is quite extensive for a location of this nature, embracing drugs, proprietary medicines, toilet articles, and those goods so essential to the farming community. Mr. Inlow gives special attention to the compounding of physician's prescriptions and preparation of family recipes, the annual transactions in these departments aggregating no small amount. Isham Inlow, father of the subject of this sketch, is one of the oldest and most honored pioneers in this section of the state, having been one of the first settlers of the county. He was born in Fleming County, Ky., but came here more than a half a century ago. Mr. Michael Cassidy, direct ancestor of Mr. Inlow, was one of the first settlers of Fleming County, Ky. He was a companion of Daniel Boone, and surveyed Fleming and Mason Counties. He served thirty years in the Kentucky Legislature and was one of the most noted men of his day.

N. ARBUCKEL,
DRAIN TILE.

For the past few years the subject of under-drainage of the soil by the use of tile is attracting universal attention and coming into general use wherever the merits of the system have been properly presented. As a consequence the manufacture of drain tile has become an important industry, and in Rush County many individuals and firms are engaged in this special branch of trade, prominent among whom may be mentioned Mr. N. Arbuckel's extensive works located at Homer. Mr. Arbuckel is owner of a fine farm of 70 acres upon which these works are located, a portion of which contains an excellent deposit of clay admirably adapted to the requirements of his business and from which his supplies are derived. These works were established in 1872 upon a comparatively small scale, and each year has witnessed a steady increase in the products and demand until at the present time he turns out annually more than 150,000 feet and with extensive improvements recently introduced the works have a capacity for manufacturing 300,000 feet. Mr. Arbuckel manufactures the following sizes, 3, 3½, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

and 10 inch tile, his kilns, two in number, have a capacity of 10,000 feet each and his drying sheds of 80,000 feet. He employs during the season five assistants and one 26 horse power engine and boiler furnishes the motive force required. His sales at the present time are principally local but with the steadily increasing demand, and the interest manifested in the subject of drainage in other sections of the state the scope of his operations is constantly extending to more remote districts. Mr. Arbuckel is a native of Rush County and was born in 1844. He has devoted considerable attention to the perfection of drain tiles, the most approved and economical process of manufacture, the selection of the best material and as a consequence the tile produced by him is of a superior quality.

JACOB W. WEBSTER,
GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

Although a resident of this township for more than a third of a century and one of our oldest, most widely known and highly respected citizens Mr. Jacob W. Webster is the latest aspirant to public favor in a commercial point of view, having in January 1884 opened his present establishment for general merchandizing. His sales room is filled with an extensive and complete stock of new and desirable goods including full lines of Foreign and American dry goods, ready made clothing, furnishing goods, notions, boots, shoes, hats, caps, staple and fancy groceries, teas, coffees, spices, sugars, soaps, canned goods, cigars, tobacco fruits, hardware and miscellaneous articles too numerous to particularize, such as are usually used in a first-class establishment of this description, which he is enabled to offer to the residents of Homer and adjoining towns at prices which will defy successful competition even in the large cities. The stock which is full and comprehensive in every department has been selected with great care expressly to meet the requirements of the trade in this section, and a critical examination of goods and prices is solicited by the enterprising proprietor. Mr. Webster is a native of the State of Kentucky but has been a resident of Indiana since 1850 and of Walker township for the past thirty three years. He is at the present time serving his second term as Township Trustee, and has for many years evinced deep interest in the prosperity and advancement of our local interests.

HENRY SKLOWER,
GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

It is believed that, in proportion to its size, the town of Homer will not fall behind its neighbors in the aggregate amount of its grain business, the most reliable information attainable showing that the merchants and dealers here ship to other points not less than 40,000 bushels annually, and of this amount more than 30,000 bushels pass through the hands of Mr. Henry H. Sklower, one of the largest operators in this section. Mr. Sklower also

makes a prominent feature of the wool trade, buying and shipping annually of this important commodity about 8,000 pounds. In connection with the above named branches of trade, Mr. Sklower conducts a general store, one of the most extensive and completely stocked in this section, carrying full and complete lines of foreign and American dry goods, notions, ready-made clothing, furnishing goods, hats, caps, boots, shoes, hardware, staple and fancy groceries, and miscellaneous merchandise in great variety. He makes a prominent specialty of buying and selling all kinds of farm and dairy produce; and is always prepared to pay in cash or merchandise at cash prices, the highest ruling rates. He occupies as general salesroom for his large stock, a commodious building 40x60 feet in dimensions, and for the storage of grain two ware-houses,

with an aggregate storage capacity of 30,000 bushels. His trade is principally local, or within a radius of twenty miles, with the exception of his grain, wool and produce, which he ships in large quantities to the trade centres of the East. Mr. Sklomer is a native of Prussia, but has been for nearly a quarter of a century a resident of Indiana. He embarked in his present enterprise in this town in 1876, at which time he succeeded to the business which had been established four years previously by Mr. Uriah Thomas. By strict attention to his business, the exercise of energy and enterprise in its prosecution, a uniformly honorable method of dealing with his patrons, he has established a steady and permanent trade.

William Odell and J. M. Anderson also carry on the blacksmithing business here.



FALMOUTH.

Following a brief account of the incidents which lead to the organization of the county of Rush, it becomes essential to notice to some extent the incipient stages and subsequent development of trade interests of the smaller and yet flourishing towns, which have for a number of years held a conspicuous position in the business interests of this and adjoining counties.

Among the oldest settlers in this section may be mentioned Joseph Piper, who came here in 1825, also John, David and Daniel Baker, who came from Kentucky.

This town was originally laid out in 1824, but some ten years later was replatted. The first store was kept by David Drummond, about the time of the laying out of the place in 1834. The building was of primitive construction, 8x10 feet in dimensions, and the counter was made

by placing an old door upon two barrels. The first physician in this section was Dr. Clifford. Wagon shops, blacksmith shops and other associated interests shortly after gave to this place some prominence, but the introduction of railroads to other sections of the county and the division of interests, for many years kept the town from attaining much significance. The touching at this point of the Jeffersonville, Madison and Indianapolis Railway, in conjunction with a fine pike passing through the town, and the magnificent agricultural districts which surround it, seem of late years to have given to it a new impetus and greater importance as a trade center. Of course, these results are largely due to the enterprising character of its business men whom we have noticed at some length editorially, to which the reader is referred.

OVERHISER & DAWSON, SAW AND PLANING MILLS.

As a representative firm engaged in this important branch of business, none are worthy of more favorable consideration than that of Overhiser & Dawson, whose yards, saw and planing mills are located in the progressive and thriving village of Falmouth, where a ground space of one and one-third acres is occupied for the various departments of their business. Upon this plant is erected a commodious and conveniently arranged mill building 50x50 feet in dimensions, equipped with improved devices for manufacturing and finishing lumber for the trade and for building purposes. These mills turn out annually an average of 1,000,000 feet of the various kinds of lumber, and have the amplest facilities for planing, tonguing, grooving, mortising, scroll work, etc. They make a specialty of manufacturing window and door frames, and all varieties of builders' supplies. The members of the firm, who are thoroughly practical mechanics, are prepared to furnish designs and specifications for any description of public or

private buildings, churches, school houses, business blocks or residences, and as contractors and builders, to furnish estimates and contract for the erection of the same upon the most reasonable terms. They are extensive dealers in walnut, oak, cherry, ash, and other hardwood lumber, which they ship in large lots to eastern dealers and manufacturers, as well as in the common varieties required for local consumption. Mr. Marion Overhiser is a native of Hancock County, Indiana, where he was born in 1843, and is a practical and experienced carpenter and builder. In 1862 he entered the service of his country as a member of the gallant 17th Indiana Battery, which was assigned to the department of the East, under General Emery and other commanders, and with that organization participated in many of the most memorable campaigns, engagements and skirmishes of the war of the rebellion, including the battles of Winchester, Opequan and Cedar Creek, and numerous others of minor importance, receiving an honorable discharge at the termination of hostilities, July 8, 1865. Mr. P. H. Dawson is a native of Fay-

ette County, this state, and was born in 1839. He has been engaged in this department of industry since attaining his majority.

SIMON JOSEPH,
GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

Illustrative of what may be accomplished by energy, industry, and well-directed effort under our free American Institutions, may be cited the career of Mr. Simon Joseph, now one of the representative successful merchants of Fayette County, who is a native of Sakey, Russia, where he was born in 1840. He came to America in 1865, landing at New York with a capital of twenty-five cents, and going first to Cincinnati, where he resided for a short time. He then came to Rushville, previous to his removal to Falmouth. Determined to win an honest livelihood, and with an ambition to become a merchant on his own account, he engaged in peddling through Rush and Fayette counties and accumulated some means with which, in 1879, he embarked in mercantile life in Falmouth, establishing on a comparatively small scale, the house which has since attained considerable prominence under his energetic and efficient management. He now owns the building in which his salesroom and residence is located, being a fine two-story structure 28x52 feet in size, with an L 16x28. That portion occupied as salesroom is 18x42 feet in size, in which he carries at all times an admirably selected stock of dry goods, both foreign and domestic, staple and fancy groceries, ready-made clothing, hardware, cutlery, boots and shoes, hats and caps, notions and miscellaneous merchandise in great variety. In addition to the special branches of trade above enumerated, Mr. Joseph is an extensive dealer in wool, and handles annually of this staple commodity not less than 40,000 or 50,000 pounds, shipping to the principal cities and trade centres of the Union. From this necessarily brief sketch, it will be perceived that Mr. Joseph has been emphatically the architect of his own fortune, and from comparative poverty, has, by the exercise of industry, thrift and application coupled with a system of fair and honorable dealing, amassed a handsome competency and an enviable reputation in the community in which he resides.

DANIEL WURTH, SR.,
CABINET MAKER AND UNDERTAKER.
APIARY.

As unquestionably one of the most interesting as well as one of the most important of Falmouth's business interests the culture of Bees and the production of honey for the market as conducted by Mr. Daniel Wurth, Sr. at his model apiary is awarded the preference and that conspicuity which its merits demand. Mr. Wurth has been identified with this special branch of business for the past twenty years during which time he has made a careful and constant study of the habits and peculiarities of bees, the introduction and cul-

tivation of the finest varieties, the best stock and the most productive breeds of Italian and Hybrid, and has met with a most remarkable degree of success. While he raises bees and devotes special attention to their culture, for sale he makes a more prominent feature of producing honey for the market and the superior quality of his products ensures for it a ready sale and a demand frequently beyond his ability to supply. He has at the present time 120 hives in his apiary and will this season increase that number one half its present proportions. In addition to this specialty Mr. Wurth conducts a first-class furniture and cabinet shop and undertaking establishment. He is proprietor of a fine hearse and is prepared at the shortest notice to furnish all varieties of coffins, caskets and burial cases and to undertake the management of funerals in strict accordance with the wishes of the friends and families of the deceased. Mr. Wurth is a native of Baden Germany where he was born in 1817. He came to the United States in 1852. He has now been for more than a quarter of a century identified with the business interests of the town. He is ably assisted in the management of the different branches of his business by his son, Mr. Daniel Wurth, Junior, who is a native of Connersville and was born in 1857.

"FALMOUTH MILLS,"

OVERHISER & SON.

The conversion of the cereal products of the fertile fields of Rush County into the merchantable commodities of flour and feed for home consumption and shipment to distant points constitutes one of the most important industries of our thriving interior towns, not only stimulating production by supplying a home market at advantageous prices but in a financial point of view largely increasing the aggregate sum total of our commercial interests. The well-known Falmouth Mills now conducted by the enterprising firm of Overhiser & Son were erected in 1880 by Messrs. Overhiser & Dawson, the latter retiring in 1881 at which time the present partnership was formed. The mill building is a commodious three-story frame structure 32x40 feet in dimensions and is thoroughly equipped with the modern designs of flouring mill machinery, including three run of stones with an improved new process purifier and other special machinery, the motive power for which is furnished by one 35 horse power engine and boiler. The mill does both merchant and custom work and has a daily capacity for turning out 50 barrels per day of choice family flour, the leading brand and one which has become deservedly popular with the trade as a standard of value and excellence being known as the "Peerless." This firm also manufacture and carry in stock all kinds of meal and mill feed and are prepared at all times to pay the highest ruling rates for grain. Mr. Chas. Overhiser the senior member of the firm is a native of Fayette Co. Ind., and was born in 1840. Prior to engaging in his present line of business he was identified

with agricultural pursuits and interests. His son and business associate Mr. Homer Overhiser was born in Fayette County, Indiana, April 15th, 1865.

A. KNOTTS,

DRUGS, GROCERIES, ETC.

Mr. Knotts commenced business on his own account in this town in 1877, at which time he succeeded the firm of Redding & Bufkin, infusing new life and energy into the business. As a legitimate result, he has considerably increased the volume of his transactions during the past seven years. In the various special departments his stock is complete, comprehensive, well assorted, and carefully selected with an express view to the requirements of the trade in this section, and a prominent specialty is made of the accurate preparation of physicians' prescriptions, family recipes, and pharmaceutical compounds from the purest and freshest ingredients. Mr. Knotts is a native and life-long resident of Rush County, and was born in 1831. His father was one of the pioneer settlers of this section, locating one hundred and sixty acres of land in this county about one and one-half miles from the present village limits, upon which his mother still resides.

JACKSON & MEEKER,

BLACKSMITHS, &c.

With a poor hoof an otherwise valuable horse becomes practically worthless so that the common saying "no hoof, no horse" is essentially correct. For this reason the subject of horse-shoeing is one which should receive much attention as it is by poor shoeing by inexperienced workmen that so many horses are rendered valueless for life. Making a prominent specialty of this special branch or the mechanic arts, in shoeing horses and caring for the hoofs on scientific principles Messrs. Jackson & Meeker the well known blacksmiths of Falmouth have earned an enviable reputation and a more than local celebrity. This enterprising firm also devotes especial attention to carriage, buggy and wagon iron work, general job work in the blacksmithing line and repairing in all branches of the business. The present partnership was formed January 27, 1884, both members of the firm having been previously engaged in business here individually. As the result of the consolidation their facilities have been considerably increased and they are now prepared to execute any description of work in their line with promptness and dispatch upon the most reasonable terms, guaranteeing workmanship and material in all instances. Their shop is 24x50 feet in dimensions and is equipped with all the requisite appliances for the successful prosecution of their business. Mr. Amos A. Jackson a native of Ohio was born in Butler County in 1836 and came to this state with his parents when quite young. He learned his trade at Palestine, Franklin Co. this state and came to Falmouth in March 1883. Mr. Menzo Meeker was born in Seneca Coun-

ty, New York in 1858 and learned the blacksmith's trade at Hamsburg, Ind. He has resided in Falmouth since 1877 and been engaged in his present business since that time. Both members of the firm are practical mechanics and workers in iron and their trade which is derived from Falmouth and a wide area of adjacent territory is steadily increasing.

E. W. ELLIS, M. D.,

PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON.

Dr. E. W. Ellis, practicing physician and surgeon of Falmouth, Indiana, is a native of Fayette County. His early life was spent in agricultural pursuits upon his father's farm, and in attendance upon the public schools of his native place. His aptitude for his studies, and his love for books when but a boy attracted the attention of his teachers and friends, and his inclinations for a professional career developed themselves in a marked degree. In 1880 he commenced the study of medicine with Dr. Jacob Redding, of Falmouth, and subsequently he entered the Physio-Medical College of Indianapolis, Indiana, from which popular institution he graduated with honors in the class of 1882. He commenced the practice of his profession at Connersville, this state, where he remained for about six months, when he removed to Daleville, Delaware County, where he practiced successfully until September, 1883, when he established his present office in Falmouth. Although among the youngest practitioners in Rush County, he has already attained a prominent rank in the profession, and by his skill, ability and application, has secured the confidence of the residents of this community and established a large and lucrative local practice.

J. H. OGLESBY,

DRY GOODS, GROCERIES, ETC.

This representative house was established by its present proprietor in 1875 upon a comparatively small scale in the same building now occupied which has since been considerably enlarged and improved and a corresponding increase of trade has characterized the annual transactions which now closely approximate \$10,000. The stock embraces a complete assortment of miscellaneous merchandise embracing full lines of Imported and American dry goods and notions, staple and fancy groceries, ready made clothing, hats, caps, boots, shoes, furnishing goods, shelf hardware and cutlery, glass, queens and stone ware, confectionery, cigars, tobacco and a great variety of articles such as are usually found in first-class, well conducted establishments of this class, which are offered to the residents of Falmouth and vicinity at prices such as to defy successful competition. Mr. Oglesby is a native of Chester Co., Pennsylvania where he was born in 1818. He came west when but a child with his parents who first settled in Cincinnati, Ohio. Mr. Oglesby came to this state in 1852 and located at Rushville where he was actively engaged in mercantile pursuits until 1875 when

he came to Falmouth and established his present successful business. In 1854 he was a member of the town council and has served for several terms as a member of the school board in this place. He is also a member of the board of directors of the Rush County National Bank.

DR. DAVID H. VAN NUYS, M. D.,
PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON.

Dr. David H. Van Nuys, one of the most eminent and successful surgeons and physicians of Rush County, is a native of this state and was born in Switzerland County in 1834. After completing his literary education, he commenced the study of medicine and surgery at Columbus, Indiana, under the preceptorship, and in the office of Drs. Wright & Davis. He subsequently graduated with high honors and received a diploma from the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, Penn'a., and commenced the practice of his profession nearly a quarter of a century ago at Reddington, Jackson County, Indiana. He located in Falmouth in 1870, and has since that time established a large, lucrative and successful practice in this and adjoining towns. He stands deservedly high in the fraternity and enjoys in a remarkable degree the confidence and esteem of the community in which he resides; not only in his professional capacity, but also as an honored, patriotic and public-spirited citizen and member of society. He was appointed and commissioned postmaster of Falmouth during the administration of General Grant, and has now occupied that responsible position for more than eleven years, to the entire acceptance of our citizens, irrespective of party or political preferences.

WM. JOHNSON,
WAGON MAKER.

The manufacture of carriages, buggies, light wagons, and carriage wood-work generally, is a specialty in which Mr. Wm. Johnson of Falmouth is interested. He also devotes special attention to repairing vehicles of every description, agricultural implements, etc., and general jobbing in all departments pertaining to carriage wood-work. As a skilled and expert workman in this special line he acknowledges no superior, and is prepared to guarantee all work performed by him. Mr. Johnson is a native of the State of North Carolina, where he was born in 1838. He removed from the old "North State" in 1856 to Kentucky, and in 1877 located at High Hill, Montgomery Coun-

ty, Missouri, where he embarked in his present line of business. In 1881 he became a resident of Falmouth, establishing his present works, which, under his able and energetic management, have prospered. By industry, coupled with a uniform system of fair and honorable dealing, he has become favorably known in business circles, and among the agricultural classes, from whom his trade is principally derived.

J. M. ROSS,
MANUFACTURER OF DRAIN TILE, NEAR FALMOUTH.

One of the pioneer establishments devoted to the manufacture of tile in this section of the state is that of Mr. J. M. Ross located about a half a mile from the village limits of Falmouth which was established about fifteen years ago. Mr. Ross turns out a superior quality of tile and his facilities for procuring the best quality of clay, especially adapted to this purpose are not surpassed by those of any contemporaneous establishment in the state. His sales are principally confined to Rush and adjoining Counties the local demand taxing his resources to their utmost producing capacity. Mr. Ross who is a native of this county and state was born in 1833. Prior to engaging in the manufacture of tile he devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits and is still largely interested in the cultivation of fine fruit trees which he sells by personal solicitation, traveling throughout several counties during the winter months taking orders for the trees raised on his own place.

G. P. BECK,
BOOT AND SHOE MANUFACTURER.

As a manufacturer of fine and heavy custom boots and shoes for ladies' and gentlemen's wear, Mr. G. P. Beck has established in Falmouth a business which claims recognition as one of our local industries. He gives his personal attention to custom work, uses only the best of material, and guarantees perfect fits, superior workmanship, moderate prices and complete satisfaction in all instances. Mr. Beck is a native of Baden, Germany, and was born in 1828. He came to the United States in 1848, landing at New York, May 28th, and proceeded directly to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he was employed by Capt. John Shrum from 1848 until July, 1870, when he became a resident of Falmouth, and established, upon a comparatively small scale, the business in which he is now engaged.

SHELBY COUNTY.

This is one of the central counties of Indiana, its north-west corner coming within a few miles of the State Capital. It is bounded on the north by Hancock County, on the east by Rush and Decatur on the south by Decatur and Bartholomew and on the west by Johnson and Marion. Its breadth is 17 miles east and west and its length 24 miles north and south. It contains 408 square miles or 261,120 acres of land.

TOPOGRAPHY AND SOIL.

The face of the country is diversified, and this section is never in peril from the drouths, streams of flowing water traversing the county in every direction. There are eight of these water courses within the county, with a total length of 140 miles, which furnish ample drainage and sufficient water for agricultural purposes. This locality occupies an elevated position, being about 320 feet higher than Cincinnati, 100 feet higher than Indianapolis and nearly 250 feet higher than Lake Michigan, being upon an elevation from which there is slope to the north and to the south. While the soil is very fertile, producing good crops of corn, wheat and grasses, there are also in the county several stone quarries from which are taken some of the finest stone for building purposes to be found in the Union.

EARLY HISTORY.

The first white man who entered this territory was William Connor, as early as 1816. In October, 1818, Jacob Whetzel

cut a path through the woods and passed through the center of this county. In November of the same year James Wilson came along this path to the point where it crossed the Blue River. There he determined to settle and erected a log cabin into which his family moved in January following. In 1820 this section was surveyed and thrown into the market, a new impulse was given to immigration, and in the same year Jas. Wilson and John Sleeth laid out a town site and named it Marion in honor of Gen. Francis Marion. During 1821 a petition to organize a county was granted by the Legislature, and the same was named in honor of Governor Isaac Shelby of Kentucky. In December, 1821, the Legislature appointed commissioners for the purpose of locating the county seat, who choose the present site of the city of Shelbyville, on July 4th, 1822. The first birth was that of Miss Martha Kaster. The first death that of Samuel Butler in the spring of 1821. The first marriage that of Abel Sommers to Nancy Sleeth in May, 1822. As before stated, the first dwelling of any kind ever erected in the county was the log cabin home of James Wilson. The first house erected upon the site of Shelbyville was the home of Francis Walker. The first public building was the school-house erected upon the public square of the town of Marion as early as the autumn of 1821, it was built of round logs, and its dimensions were 16x18 feet. The first teacher was Jonathan Wilson who

taught a three months school at the rate of 75 cents per scholar. The first court was convened in October, 1822; the first judges being John Sleeth and Wm. Goodrich. The first election ever held took place in the forks of a tree on the public square, for the purpose of selecting a Major of the militia, and resulted in the choice of Major Ashbel Stone. The first flour and saw mill in the county was built by John Walker in 1822 upon the site now occupied by the Shelby Mills. William Little was the first post master and the rate of postage in his day was 25 cents per letter. In April, 1822, the county was divided into four townships; Union, Marion, Hendricks and Noble. Thirty years later the present township was adopted and the county partitioned off into thirteen divisions, namely: Jackson, Washington, Noble, Liberty, Addison, Hendricks, Sugar Creek, Brandywine, Marion, Union, Hancock, VanBuren and Moral. The county possesses good railroad facilities and is supplied with a well improved turnpike system, with a total of over 160 miles.

The Indianapolis, Cincinnati and Lafayette railroad passes through the county from northwest to southeast; the Columbus and Rushville from south to northwest; the Martinsville and Cincinnati from Fairland south-west; the Hamilton and Cincinnati through the northeastern corner of the county; in all over 60 miles of railroad. The old state road made as early 1821, passes through the county from south-east to north-west, and the Michigan Road passes through in a west-north-west course. At the crossings of the principal streams fine iron bridges with stone abutments have been erected in a most durable and substantial manner. Some idea of the rapid growth of this county may be gained from the fact that the total valuation of taxable property in 1850 was \$2,412,481, while at the present time it is over \$16,000,000. The population of the county in 1840 was 12,502; in 1850 it was 15,671, in 1860 it was 19,360, in 1870 it was 21,981, while in 1880 it was 25,256.

City of Shelbyville.

As before stated, the Legislature in 1821 appointed a board of commissioners to select a place for the location of a capital of the county. Town sites were offered them from which to make a choice and they chose the present site of Shelbyville which consisted of a tract of 70 acres; John Hendricks donating 40 acres, John Walker 10 acres and James Davison 20 acres; so that these three gentlemen may be considered as the original founders of the city. It was understood that the proceeds of the sale of the land donated were to defray the expenses of a court house. The county commissioners therefore appointed an agent, the Hon. Abel Cole, to begin the preliminary work necessary. On the 15th of August, 1822, he was authorized to "proceed to survey or cause to be surveyed and laid off into streets, alleys and town lots, all the west half of the donation made by John Hendricks and John Walker, at and adjoining the place established for the seat of justice." In the following September the first disposal of lots took place, and it will illustrate the financial condition of these times to recall the terms of sale. They were: one-twelfth in hand, the balance in three annual payments with interest from date of sale, if not paid at maturity." Soon after this the Public Square was cleared of trees and improvements were begun upon several lots. A discount of eight per cent was allowed to those paying cash in full. The lots brought from \$30 to \$50 each, those fronting on the Public Square sell-

ing for \$50. Francis Walker, Henry Gatewood and Ezra McCabe made the first opening in the town. Henry Gatewood bought the lot upon which the Jackson House was built, for \$50. The first house erected was the home of Francis Walker, and it stood on the north-west corner of Washington and Tompkins Sts.

From this modest beginning Shelbyville has become one of the most beautiful and interesting places in the state. Its present population is over 4,000 and the amount of taxable property reaches nearly \$1,700,000. For a long time its growth was very slow. Not until January, 1850, was the town incorporated by a special act of the Legislature. Geo. Caruthers, Sr., was elected mayor, and J. S. Campbell, Jas. M. Randall, W. H. Coats, Jas. Elliott and E. H. Davis councilmen, 156 votes were cast. The second election under this charter was held in April, 1852, and resulted in the choice of John Morrison, Mayor. Population, 1,407 whites and 17 colored, 241 votes being cast. July 15th, 1853, the office of Mayor was discontinued, the present city organization dating from May 16th, 1860. Since that time the city has made rapid advancement in wealth and importance. Excellent and commodious business houses have been erected. Blessing's Opera House while it may be surpassed in size is not excelled in finish, convenience and ventilation, and will compare favorably with any building of the kind in the state. The National Bank building, Shelby Bank, Phoenix

Block, and a number of others are spacious brick buildings, a credit to any city. Substantial and graceful residences loom up in every direction and indicate the comfortable circumstances and tastes of their owners.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

The first Court House was erected in 1825. It stood upon the center of the square, was a two-story brick building 50x60 feet in size and cost \$3,300. The present Court House was built in 1852. Its size is 75x100 feet and its cost \$47,000.

The first jail was erected of logs on the Public Square in 1823, and cost about \$200. The second stood on the corner of Harrison and Broadway. It was a log structure erected in 1826 at a cost of about \$300. The third stood upon the square adjoining the present Court House; cost about \$1,000 and was built of stone in 1841. The one now in use was erected in the years 1872-74. Its size is 50x95 and its cost was \$52,000. The City Hall, situated on the north side of Washington Street is a handsome brick edifice 30x60 feet in size. It is surmounted by a cupulo for the fire alarm bell and the first floor contains the engine room and city prison. The original cost was \$2,800 but considerable has been spent upon it in improvements.

SCHOOLS.

Indiana has one of the best school systems of any state in the Union. Shelbyville is not behind other cities in the state in doing her part toward perfecting this system. The present Seminary is massive and commodious and was erected at a cost of \$35,000. The school has both the Higher and English departments. Upwards of 900 children are in attendance. There are also the usual number of classical schools outside of the Public School system.

CHURCHES.

There are eight churches here: The Methodist Episcopal, the Second M. E., the First Baptist, the Second Baptist, the Catholic, the Christian, the First Presbyterian, the Second Presbyterian German.

GAS WORKS.

Shelbyville is lit by gas, the works having been built in the spring of 1874, the city being first lighted in April of that year.

FIRE PROTECTION.

In 1874 a first-class steam fire engine was purchased together with 1,000 feet of hose and reel, at a cost of \$6,000, and has since performed valuable and effective service.

In conclusion we will add that Shelbyville with its streets well graded and thoroughly drained, is a popular trading place throughout the county in every direction. There has been more houses in demand than the supply. Its railroad, telegraphic and mail facilities, protection against fire, and advantages of access by fine roads make this place second to none other of its size in the state. Yet its mercantile interests largely outweigh its manufactures. As manufacturing is the principal source of growth of cities at the present day one cannot help but feel surprised that greater efforts are not made to develop the great manufacturing facilities the city possesses. Its business men are able and energetic, and brief historical sketches of the principal firms will be found in the pages which follow, to which the reader's attention is particularly directed; as they contain more detailed and valuable information than can be readily obtained from any other source. These articles are based upon facts collected with much trouble by the publishers with a view of disclosing more fully the resources of the City of Shelbyville.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF SHELBYVILLE.

Among the most successful and popular of the financial and fiduciary institutions of the State of Indiana, the First National Bank of Shelbyville must be accorded an honorable place and conspicuous rank, not only on account of the success attendant upon a useful career, but from the extent of its operations, its capital, and admirable and conservative management since its organization in 1865, when it was incorporated under the national banking laws with a capital stock of \$65,000; which was, in December, 1869, increased to \$100,000, at which sum it has nominally remained, although official statements show an accumulated surplus of more than \$50,000. The original officers of the bank were Wm. McClure, president; John Blessing, vice-president; and A. D. Lynch, cashier. The officers, as at present organized, are John Elliott, president; Alfred Major, vice-president; John A. Young, cashier; and Charles W. Culbertson, assistant cashier. This institution, under such a directory and management has become synonymous with solvency and prosperity, and is justly entitled to the consideration which it has acquired in commercial and financial circles, both at home and abroad. A general banking business is transacted in loans, discounts, deposits, collections and exchange, and patrons may rely that any business entrusted to this bank will receive prompt and careful attention.

S. B. MORRIS,

DRY GOODS, CARPETS, ETC., N. W. COR. PUBLIC SQUARE.

Confident that public sentiment and the facts in the case will bear us out in the assertion, and acquit us of any desire of instituting invidious comparisons, we feel safe in venturing the statement that the popular establishment of Mr. S. B. Morris, familiarly known as "The double store," is one of the most extensive and progressive mercantile houses in Eastern Indiana. This representative establishment was founded by Mr. Morris in 1875, on a capital of only \$5,000, and the first year's transactions did not exceed \$25,000; while for 1883 the aggregate sales were more than \$105,000, and indications point to a considerable increase upon that amount during the present year. The building occupied for business purposes is a substantial and commodious two-story structure, in the form of a T, with its main entrance and frontage on the public square, affording three spacious and well-lighted rooms for the display of stock, of the following dimensions: one 26x100, one 20x66, and one 28x80 feet, forming one of the largest and most complete houses devoted to mercantile purposes in the state. The business transacted is both wholesale and retail, and the stock carried, which is full and complete in every department, embraces comprehensive lines of foreign and domestic dry goods, woolsens, domestics, white goods, dress fabrics, linens, laces, embroideries, trimmings, ladies' and

gentlemen's furnishing goods, cloaks and suits, millinery goods of every description, fancy goods and notions, carpets, oil cloths, rugs and mats, and a great variety of miscellaneous merchandise pertaining to these special branches of trade, which, owing to the unrivalled facilities enjoyed by Mr. Morris, he is enabled to offer at either wholesale or retail, at prices such as to defy successful competition. In connection with the business above referred to, Mr. Morris conducts a first-class merchant tailoring department, presided over by a skilled and artistic cutter, where special attention is devoted to the manufacture of fashionable and serviceable suits and garments for gentlemen's wear from the choicest fabrics of foreign and American looms. A fine line of piece goods is always carried in stock; the latest metropolitan fashions are received simultaneously with their appearance in New York and Philadelphia, and perfect satisfaction is guaranteed in quality, style, fit, workmanship and price. Mr. Morris, who is one of our representative successful business men and prominent citizens, is a native of Shelby County, and was born in 1830. He has been president of the Shelbyville Building and Loan Association since its organization, and for the past three years has held the responsible position of treasurer of the city school funds. In the general management of his extensive business interests, he is ably assisted by his two sons, and an average of twenty-six salesmen and assistants in the various departments.

KARMIRE, MAJOR & BROWN,

HARDWARE, AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS, ETC.; WASHINGTON ST.

One of the most extensive, as well as one of the oldest established houses of its class in this section of the State, is the popular hardware and agricultural implement house of Messrs. Karmire, Major & Brown, which was originally founded more than fifteen years ago by Mr. Charles E. Karmire on a comparatively small scale as a grocery house. He subsequently abandoned that branch of business, disposing of his stock, stand and good-will to other parties, and devoted his attention exclusively to the hardware and agricultural supply trade, in which line he continued alone until January 1st, 1883, when Messrs. Major & Brown were admitted to an interest in the business, and the firm-name and style became as at present. The premises occupied for business purposes embrace a commodious and substantial brick building, with large ware-rooms attached, giving an aggregate floor space of more than 20,000 square feet, which is covered to its utmost storage capacity with an immense and comprehensive assortment of every description of heavy and shelf hardware, building materials, carpenters' and mechanics' tools, imported and American cutlery, agricultural implements, and all the latest improved varieties of farm machinery, embracing almost, if not quite, every article required about a farm for the successful and

economical tillage of the soil. From twelve to fifteen salesmen and assistants are regularly employed in the different departments, and as an evidence of the growth of the business, we may state that during the first year's existence of this house (in 1869) the annual transactions did not reach \$18,000; while at the present time they will exceed \$80,000. While a recapitulation of the numerous articles carried in stock would be impossible in the limits allotted in the present volume, we may mention a few leading varieties of machinery, for which this representative firm are exclusive agents in this county, viz.: the celebrated Nichols & Shepard threshers, traction engines, etc., manufactured at Battle Creek, Michigan; the Deering binders, of Chicago; the Reeves straw stackers, of Columbus, Indiana; the renowned Weir plows, the famous Studebaker wagons, of South Bend, Indiana; buggies, phaetons, and light wagons from the world-renowned Columbus Buggy Company, of Columbus, Ohio; and numerous other standard varieties of implements and machinery. In the line of agricultural machinery, this well known house is perhaps the most prominent and extensive in this state. Mr. C. E. Karmire, the founder and senior member of this leading house, is a native of Germany, but has been a resident of Indiana since 1865. The other members of the firm, A. L. Major and E. J. Brown, are both natives and life-long residents of this state. With ample capital, unrivalled facilities, an honored reputation, this representative house is entitled to the consideration and patronage of the public in this and the adjoining counties, from which its trade is principally derived.

CONREY, WALLAR & DEPREZ,

THE CONREY, WALLAR & DEPREZ FURNITURE COMPANY, WASHINGTON ST.

The amount of capital invested in the furniture business in the United States, and the number of hands to whom, either directly or indirectly, it furnishes employment, renders this one of the most important factors of our national industrial and commercial system. One of the leading houses of Shelbyville, and one of the most extensive of its class in the state, making a specialty of manufacturing every description of chamber sets and dressing cases, from the plainest to those of the most highly ornamental and elaborate designs, is that now conducted under the style of the Conrey, Wallar & Deprez Furniture Company, the outgrowth of an enterprise inaugurated in this city upon a comparatively small scale in 1874. The business was materially increased and the facilities considerably enlarged in 1883, at which time a re-organization was effected and the present company was formed and incorporated under the laws of the State of Indiana, with an authorized capital stock of \$100,000. The company has now in course of construction a new and spacious factory building to take the place of their old ones, which will, when completed, be one of the most complete and thoroughly equipped

establishments of its class in the state. The new building is a solid and substantial brick structure 50x230 feet in dimensions, containing three stories and basement, and will be supplied with all the latest improved designs of wood-working and labor-saving machinery, for the economical and expeditious prosecution of the business upon an extensive scale. The office and ware-rooms of the company, located on Washington St., near the public square, occupy a commodious three-story brick building 60x200 feet in dimensions; a portion of which is also used for the finishing department. The products of this company consist of new, elegant, and original designs of walnut furniture, and re-productions in cheaper materials of the most elaborate and ornamental styles, which are sold by them to dealers, and shipped in car-load lots to the principal cities in all sections of the United States and territories. An average force of fully one hundred experienced workmen is regularly employed in the different departments, and the sales for the year 1883 amounted in round numbers to \$167,000, an increase of about \$20,000 over those of the preceding year; while present indications point to a still more gratifying increase for the present year. The individual members and officers of the company, as at present organized, are, D. L. Conrey, president; Z. B. Wallar, vice-president; and John C. Deprez, secretary. These gentlemen are all old residents and well known citizens of Shelby County, and possess a detailed and comprehensive knowledge of all branches and departments of the furniture business, from the time when the raw material reaches the workman's hand until it emerges from the finisher's touch, in all its beauty and elegance of design and ornamentation.

PARRISH & MILLESON,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUGS, ETC., PUBLIC SQUARE.

The most prominent drug house in Shelbyville, as well as the oldest under one management, is that of Messrs. Parrish & Milleson, on the public square, where a sales-room 30x75 feet in dimensions is occupied for sales and manufacturing purposes. This representative house was established about twelve years ago by Dr. J. W. Parrish, the present senior member of the firm, who subsequently admitted his son, Mr. C. J. Parrish, to an interest in the business. In February, 1884, the present partnership was formed, succeeding to the business previously conducted under the firm name and style of Parrish & Son. The stock carried comprises a general line of drugs and medicines, chemicals, dye-stuffs, paints, oils, varnishes, painters' supplies, wall papers, window shades, wines and liquors for medicinal purposes, the standard proprietary remedies and pharmaceutical compounds of the day—including several of their own manufacture, cigars, tobacco, notions, toilet articles, perfumery and druggists' sundries generally. The facilities enjoyed by this firm are such that

they are enabled to supply dealers in adjoining towns with full lines of merchandise in their line at prices equally as low as similar articles can be procured in the large cities, and at a considerable saving of time, expense and freight charges. One traveling salesman is kept constantly on the road in the interests of this house, and seven assistants are employed in the various departments, including cigar department and laboratory. Special attention is also paid to the retail trade, and to the accurate preparation of physicians' prescriptions and family recipes by skilled and experienced pharmacists. This firm are also sole proprietors and manufacturers of Dr. Parrish's Blood Restorative or Compound Wine of Pepsine, Parrish's Pulmonary Balsam, Dr. Parrish's Anodyne Liniment, Dr. Parrish's Medicamentum and Dr. Parrish's Sugar-coated Liver Pills. These preparations, made from a formula of the senior member of the firm, have a wide reputation and extended sale, and have received the most flattering testimonials from prominent members of the medical fraternity in this and adjoining states. The individual members of the firm are Dr. J. W. Parrish and M. F. Milleson, the former being a regularly educated physician, and a practitioner of more than thirty years experience. The business of this house is both wholesale and retail, and extends to all points within a radius of fifty miles in each direction.

SHELBY BANK,

SAMUEL HAMILTON, MANAGER.

Among the coterminous fiduciary institutions of Eastern Indiana, the Shelby Bank of Shelbyville, has, since its establishment in 1855, maintained a position of undoubted consideration, and its operations in the line of discounts, deposits, general loans, exchange and collections are of considerable magnitude. The number of depositors at the present time is more than four hundred—the largest number on the books of any bank in Shelbyville. The bank is prepared to make special arrangements with its patrons for time deposits, upon which liberal interest is allowed, and special and prompt attention is devoted to collections upon the most advantageous terms. The officers of this bank are Samuel Hamilton, president and manager; and T. W. Fleming, cashier. Mr. Hamilton, who is one of our most prominent citizens and capitalists, is entitled to a prominent rank among the representative self-made men of the present age, having commenced life as a poor boy, and by industry, economy and ability, attained his present high position as one of the solid and substantial citizens of Shelby County, and one of the most reliable and favorably known bankers of Indiana. Under his judicious and able management of its affairs, the career of the Shelby Bank, since its inception, has been characterized by a safe and conservative policy, which has greatly aided the strength and standing of the institution; and altogether, the bank is conceded to be one of the most desirable

monetary concerns in this section with which to establish profitable and satisfactory relations.

M. CARITHERS,

CARRIAGES, BUGGIES, WAGONS, ETC., EAST BROADWAY.

The favorable location of Shelbyville, both with reference to its admirable facilities for procuring an abundant supply of the best material for carriage work and its field of trade, being situated in the heart of a progressive and thriving agricultural and lumber producing district, renders this a most desirable place for manufacturing carriages, buggies, wagons, etc., with a home demand sufficient to support a large number of skilled and experienced operatives, and to render this one of the most important of our local industries. One of the oldest established, most extensive and favorably known houses engaged in this special branch of productive industry is that now conducted by the enterprising manufacturer, Mr. M. Carithers, whose works and repository are located on East Broadway in a commodious two-story building 66x100 feet in dimensions. This representative establishment had its inception over twenty years ago, when it was founded by the firm of Smart, Dearland & Austin, who were followed by Mr. Smart alone, and then the firm of Smart & Moore, who conducted the business until 1875, when they disposed of their interest to Mr. Carithers, who has since carried it on successfully, and considerably enlarged his facilities and the scope of his operations. He now employs an average force of ten skilled and experienced workmen, turning out annually from seventy-five to one hundred new jobs, and making a prominent specialty of general repairing in both the iron, wood-working, trimming and painting departments. The superior excellence of the work turned out by Mr. Carithers has redounded to the benefit of Shelbyville's industrial and commercial thrift by driving from this market the inferior styles of shoddy work introduced in many communities by irresponsible manufacturers at a distance, whose carriages and wagons are made to sell, and not for actual service. Occupying a position second to none of his contemporaries of Eastern Indiana as a reliable manufacturer, Mr. Carithers is entitled to the most favorable consideration of our citizens for his efforts in developing and prosecuting on such a liberal scale this important industry in our midst, and establishing a trade not merely of a local character, but extending into remote sections of the state. Mr. Carithers is a thoroughly practical carriage and wagon maker, who has devoted many years to familiarizing himself with all branches and departments of the business. He was born in New York State in 1823, but has been a resident of this state since 1865, and for nearly twenty years prominently identified with this special branch of trade, and with the commercial and industrial development of our thriving and prosperous inland municipality.

KENNEDY & MAJOR,**DRUGGISTS AND APOTHECARIES; HARRISON ST.**

The old established and reliable pharmacy on Harrison St., now conducted by the firm of Kennedy & Major, is one of the few mercantile houses of Shelby County which traces its origin in a direct line of succession to *ante bellum* days, having been founded more than thirty years ago by Dr. S. D. Day. During the past three decades this representative establishment has passed through numerous hands and changes of management; but during the entire period it has maintained a high rank, both with the medical fraternity and with the general public, on account of the uniformly reliable character of merchandise handled, and the great care exercised in the preparation of physicians' prescriptions, family recipes and pharmaceutical compounds. The present firm succeeded Mr. J. H. Leefers in the latter part of 1883, and under their energetic and judicious management, the well earned reputation of this old house has been maintained; where is carried at all times a complete and comprehensive line of pure drugs and chemicals, tinctures, extracts, syrups, elixirs, essences, etc., the standard proprietary medicines of the day, toilet articles, fancy goods, druggists' sundries, cigars, tobacco, stationery, paints, oils, varnishes, brushes, and all kinds of painters' supplies, a prominent specialty being made of this latter class of merchandise. The individual partners are James G. Kennedy and Ed. Major, both of whom are educated and experienced pharmacists and chemists, familiar with the nature, properties, and medicinal virtues of the articles dispensed.

PHILIP F. SINDLINGER,**PORK PACKER; COR. WASHINGTON AND PIKE STS.**

The pork packing house and model meat market of Mr. Philip F. Sindlinger, on the corner of Washington and Pike Sts., was established by its present proprietor on the same corner about twenty years ago on a very small scale, and literally "without a dollar" as a cash capital, but with a thorough knowledge of the business, and a determination to deserve and achieve success by industry, economy and honorable dealing. How well Mr. Sindlinger has succeeded in his laudable endeavors may be seen from the extensive business which has grown up under his energetic management, and from the beautiful building which he has erected upon the site where his early successes were achieved. This is the most substantial and attractive building on the street, and is a fine two-story brick structure 44x62 feet in dimensions, occupied as family residence and meat market. The latter is the finest and most complete, as well as the most extensive establishment of its kind in Shelby County—furnished in metropolitan style with all the modern conveniences, including marble counters, a fine refrigerator of the latest improved

design, an office conveniently and tastefully arranged, and fixtures of the most elegant style. Mr. Sindlinger carries always in stock the best kinds of fresh, salt, and smoked meats of every description, pure lard of his own rendering, and bologna and sau-sage of his own manufacture. In addition to the regular market trade, he supplies all the surrounding towns with smoked and salt meats, and transacts a large wholesale business in packed pork, etc. His slaughter houses, packing houses, ice houses, etc., are fitted up in first-class style, and a gas engine is employed for a variety of purposes connected with his extensive operations in these departments. To the selection of stock, Mr. Sindlinger devotes his personal attention, and slaughters only the finest bees, hogs, calves, sheep, etc. Mr. Sindlinger is a native of the city of Philadelphia, and was born in 1839. He is thoroughly and practically conversant with all departments of the business, and by his own unaided efforts has not only established a large and lucrative trade throughout this entire section, but has amassed a handsome competency.

SHELBY MACHINE WORKS,**P. D. HARRIS, PROP'R.; JACKSON ST.**

To supply the demand for the various articles of labor-saving machinery and their component parts, which the requirements of this progressive age demand in the different departments of the mechanical arts, the Shelby Machine Works were established in 1879 by Mr. P. D. Harris, a skilled and experienced machinist and mechanic, who now occupies, for business purposes, a two-story brick building on Jackson St., 20x30 feet in dimensions, with a one-story frame building 24x26 feet in size as blacksmith shop. Among the products of these works, saw arbors of improved construction constitute a special feature; while particular attention is devoted to repairing machinery of all descriptions, and to general jobbing in all its branches. Mr. Harris also carries in stock a full line of brass goods for steam and water fitting, steam and water gauges, iron pipe and fittings of all sizes, and parts of machines in ordinary use. This is the only house of its class in Shelbyville; and since its first year the annual transactions have increased more than 100 per cent. The works are equipped with all the requisite machinery for the successful prosecution of the business in its different departments, propelled by steam power, and the facilities enjoyed by Mr. Harris are such as to enable him to satisfactorily perform any description of work pertaining to the important avocation of the machinist. Mr. Harris is a native of this state—was born in 1841, and is a thoroughly practical and experienced machinist, familiar with all the details of the business. During the war of the rebellion, he entered the service of his country as a member of the 10th Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and for three years was connected with that gallant organization in the Army of the Cumberland under General Thomas, and par-

ticipated in many of the most memorable and important marches, campaigns and engagements of that eventful period of our country's history.

JOHN H. PEDDICORD,

LIVERY, FEED AND SALE STABLE; No. 55 WASHINGTON ST.

Among the largest, most thoroughly equipped, and best conducted livery, sales and boarding stables in the city of Shelbyville, is that of Mr. John H. Peddicord, located at No. 55 Washington St. These stables were originally erected in 1865 by Messrs. Powell & Spurer, and since that time they have passed through several changes of management, and numerous additions and improvements have from time to time been made. The premises have a frontage of seventy-two feet on Washington St., and a depth of ninety-nine feet; and the main building, with its additions and out-buildings, are admirably adapted in every way for the purposes for which they are employed. The stables have ample accommodations for one hundred head of horses at one time, and in the livery department, from six to ten fine horses are regularly kept, with a number of stylish and comfortable carriages, phaetons, buggies, road wagons, etc., suitable for business excursions or pleasure trips, which are let at the most reasonable terms. Special attention is paid to supplying conveyances for commercial travelers and their sample cases to adjoining towns not on the line of the railroad, and to furnishing appropriate vehicles and rigs for funeral or festive occasions. Mr. Peddicord assumed the management of these stables in January, 1884, at which time he purchased the interest of and succeeded John F. Reed. He is thoroughly reliable and conscientious in his dealings, and all representations made by him will be found to accord strictly with the facts.

GEORGE C. THACHER,

GROCERY; No. 1 RAY HOUSE BLOCK.

Mr. George C. Thacher, one of our most enterprising merchants, successful business men and public-spirited citizens, established his present popular grocery and provision house in 1862, and from a comparatively small beginning, has witnessed a most gratifying increase, more than commensurate with the growth even of our prosperous and progressive city, his sales for the past year exceeding by more than 300 per cent those of his first year's transactions. He occupies, for business purposes, the entire first floor and basement, each 20x100 feet in dimensions, in the four story brick structure known as the Ray House Block, where he carries a complete and comprehensive line of the best varieties of staple and fancy family groceries, provisions, produce, etc., making a prominent specialty of shipping to the large cities farm and dairy produce, field seeds, etc. His trade, which is principally local, and from a radius of twenty miles in each direction, will compare favorably with that of any similar house in Eastern In-

diana. Mr. Thacher was born in this city in 1839, on the site where now stands his private residence. Since attaining his majority, he has been prominently identified with the commercial interests and material prosperity of his native city. He has taken an active and conspicuous part in political matters, both local, state, and national, as a consistent and enthusiastic member of the great national Democratic party, and has been repeatedly called by the suffrages of his fellow-citizens to fill positions of honor, emolument and trust within their gift. From 1865 to 1869 he ably represented this district in the state legislature and has been for seven years an influential member of the school board, acting as treasurer or president during the entire period. His success as a merchant may be attributed to the enterprising, liberal and honorable methods of dealing which have characterized his career.

SHELBYVILLE PLANING MILLS,

DOORS, SASH, BLINDS, ETC.; J. R. STEWART, PROPRIETOR.

The Shelbyville planing mills, and sash, blind, and door factory of Mr. J. R. Stewart, now one of the most important of our commercial interests and local industries, were established on a very small scale as early as in 1853, and were the first works of the kind in Shelby County. From a comparatively insignificant commencement nearly a third of a century ago, the growth of this enterprise has been more than commensurate with the development of our thriving inland city, and an annual business of more than \$40,000 is transacted, with a large and steadily increasing demand for the products of these mills, extending to remote sections of this and adjoining counties. The ground space occupied by Mr. Stewart on Jackson and Pike Sts., covers an area of 99x199 feet, upon which is erected a commodious two-story structure 50x80 feet in dimensions for manufacturing purposes, a brick engine house 22x32 feet in size, with numerous other smaller buildings and sheds for storage purposes. The main building is thoroughly equipped with the latest improved designs of wood-working machinery, which is propelled by one fifty horse-power engine and boiler. An average force of twenty skilled and experienced workmen is regularly employed in the manufacture of doors, sash, blinds, window and door frames, mouldings, stair work, and building materials of every description, which are carried constantly in stock or finished to order in the best style of workmanship, and at the lowest rates consistent with first-class material and reliable work. These are at the present time the most extensive mills of the kind in Shelby County, and in the matter of appointment and equipment, not excelled by any in the state. In addition to a large stock of finished material, Mr. Stewart possesses unsurpassed facilities for supplying lumber in the rough, and all needed materials for building purposes, at the shortest notice and upon the most reasonable terms. Mr.

Stewart, who is one of our most prominent and public-spirited citizens, as well as a most successful manufacturer, is a native of the State of Pennsylvania, and was born in Mercer County in 1832. He has been a resident of Indiana for more than thirty-three years, and has been for many years prominently identified with the local interests of Shelbyville, and with its growth, development and progress in many ways. He filled the responsible position of chief of the city fire department for a period of ten years, and has served five consecutive terms as a member of the city council.

JAMES D. WALKER,

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS, WASHINGTON STREET.

Originally established in 1858 by Mr. E. A. Rockfield the popular grocery and provision house and family supply store now conducted by Mr. James D. Walker on Washington St. claims conspicuous recognition as among the representative establishments of its class in Shelbyville. Mr. Walker assumed the management of this business in 1881 and under his enterprising and energetic management the trade has gradually but steadily increased until its transactions will compare favorably with those of any contemporaneous establishment in the city. The stock carried which is kept full and complete comprises a general line of the choicest varieties of staple and fancy family groceries and provisions, notions, farm and dairy produce and all kinds of household supplies pertaining to the table and culinary department. Mr. Walker a native of this state, was born in 1847. He is one of our most esteemed and highly respected citizens and in 1881 was honored by the appointment from Councils of City Treasurer an office which he filled with credit and ability to the entire satisfaction of his constituents of both political parties.

GEO. M. GOULDING,

CLOTHING AND FURNISHING GOODS; RAY HOUSE BLOCK.

From the time when our first parents procured their primitive garments from the fig trees of the garden of Eden, (the first instance of the use of ready-made clothing on record) the climatic changes and the requirements of a more advanced civilization have necessitated numerous important modifications and improvements in style; but it is safe to assert that in no former period of the world's history has the art of manufacturing gentlemen's garments attained such a degree of proficiency as at the present time, and never has there been a period when perfect-fitting, well-made, stylish suits have been offered at such astonishingly low prices as in the present year of our Lord, 1884. A verification of this statement may be made by an inspection of the admirably selected assortment of reliable and stylish garments displayed on the shelves and counters of Mr. George M. Goulding's popular clothing emporium in the Ray House block, and a com-

parison of his prices with those which in former seasons were paid for the same class of goods. This representative establishment, one of the leading ones of its class in Eastern Indiana, had its inception in 1870, when it was founded by its present enterprising proprietor, who occupies for sales purposes at the above named location a room 23x100 feet in dimensions, carrying a large and complete line of the best grades of ready-made clothing from the leading manufacturers of the Union, furnishing goods and gentlemen's underwear, hats, caps, etc., selected with an express view to the requirements of the better class of city and country trade. From a comparatively small beginning, Mr. Goulding has by his enterprising, liberal and honorable methods of dealing, established a trade which will at the present time considerably exceed \$25,000 per annum, and which is steadily increasing with each succeeding season. Mr. Goulding is a native of this state, and has been for many years identified with this special branch of trade, with all departments of which he is practically familiar. His suits ranging in price from \$5 to \$25 are manufactured expressly for his trade from the best fabrics of American and foreign looms, and for style, fit, workmanship and finish, are fully equal to any custom-made work, while the prices are invariably lower.

M. G. MURDOCH,

LUMBER, GRAIN, FLOUR, ETC.; EAST WASHINGTON ST.

This business, which was established by its present enterprising proprietor more than a quarter of a century ago, has grown from comparatively small proportions to a considerable magnitude, entitling it to prominent recognition among the representative industries of our great state. The ground space occupied for these works and for the storage of logs, lumber, etc., covers an area of about four acres. The saw mills, which are finely equipped in every particular, have a capacity for turning out 10,000 feet of manufactured lumber per day, and can readily saw thirty foot stuff. From fifteen to twenty men are employed in this department, and the motive power for the machinery employed is supplied by one forty horse-power engine and boiler. Mr. Murdoch carries constantly in stock all kinds of pine and hard-wood lumber, lath, shingles, flooring, siding, etc., and makes a prominent specialty of manufacturing and shipping to all points of the United States, black walnut, ash, oak, cherry, and other hard-wood lumber. His steam flouring mills, which have a capacity of fifty barrels of choice flour every twenty-four hours, contain three run of stone, and all the requisite appliances for the best class of custom work, in which line he transacts a large and growing trade. Mr. Murdoch is a native of Scotland, but an old resident of this county, with the growth and prosperity of which he has been for many years prominently identified. With the proverbial thrift

of his countrymen from the land of Bruce and Burns, he has, by industry, economy and honorable dealing, established during his residence here a trade which fully entitles him to prominent rank among our most worthy and influential citizens and successful business men.

J. B. GRIFFEY & CO.,

TIN, COPPER AND SHEET-IRON WARE;
SOUTH SIDE PUBLIC SQUARE.

The history of the well known house of J. B. Griffey & Co. furnishes an admirable illustration of what may be accomplished by energy, industry, and well directed effort. Established in 1876, with a cash capital of \$600, but with a thorough comprehension of all the details of the business, and with a determination to achieve success by earnest effort and honorable dealing, this house now occupies a conspicuous rank among its contemporaries, carrying a stock of not less than \$10,000 in value, and transacting an annual business which will closely approximate \$30,000. The premises occupied for sales and manufacturing purposes, on south side public square, are 25x100 feet in dimensions, and in the former department may be found at all times an extensive and comprehensive stock of all kinds of tin, copper and sheet-iron ware of their own manufacture, which for variety and extent, will compare favorably with that of any similar establishment in Eastern Indiana. In the manufacturing department, which is under the immediate supervision of the members of the firm, seven experienced assistants are employed in the manufacture of all kinds of articles and utensils from tin, copper, iron and other sheet metals. While special attention is devoted to cornice work, roofing, spouting, repairing, and general jobbing in all its branches. Mr. P. Griffey is a native of Jefferson. Mr. J. B. Griffey was born in Decatur County, this state. Both are practical workers in sheet metals, who have had an extended experience in this special department of productive industry. By their own energy and enterprise they have, from a comparatively insignificant beginning, established a trade which is not confined to local limits, and which reflects the highest credit upon their business ability.

JOSEPH SCHOTT,

FURNITURE; SOUTH HARRISON ST.

Although claiming no precedence on account of seniority—having been established as recently as in 1883, the furniture emporium of Mr. Joseph Schott, on South Harrison St., between Broadway and Jackson St., is still entitled to prominent recognition among the representative business houses of its class in our thriving and progressive municipality. Mr. Schott occupies for sales, manufacturing and repairing purposes, a commodious building 22x70 feet in dimensions, and in the former department carries an admirably selected stock of reliable and well-made plain furniture, chamber suits, sofas, lounges, bedsteads, bu-

reaus, tables, parlor and kitchen furniture, etc., which, owing to the facilities enjoyed, he is enabled to offer at prices which cannot be readily duplicated by any contemporaneous establishment in the city or county. In the manufacturing department, he employs two skilled and experienced assistants, and devotes special attention to general repairing of all descriptions, and re-varnishing and modernizing old furniture at the most reasonable rates. Mr. Schott is a native of Germany, where he was born in 1850. He has been a resident of this state for nearly twenty years, and is a practical cabinet-maker and furniture finisher, conversant with all branches of the business. Since the inauguration of his present enterprise, he has established a prosperous and steadily increasing trade, with a patronage derived from both city and country.

FRANK TALBERT,

LUMBER, SAW MILLS AND WAGON
MANUFACTURER; EAST HENDRICKS ST.

This manufacturing establishment, which has under energetic and enterprising management, attained its present gratifying proportions, was established on a comparatively small scale in 1880, at which time the manufacture of lumber constituted the principal business carried on, and the annual transactions for the first year did not exceed \$25,000. In 1882 he added to his original business the manufacture of wagons, and in 1883 a planing mill was established in connection with the other industries, and the annual business increased in less than four years to more than \$100,000. A ground space of about four acres is occupied upon which is erected a main building 40x200 feet in dimensions, and two stories in height, which is equipped with the most approved designs of wood-working machinery and appliances for the economical and expeditious prosecution of the business in its various departments. The motive power for the machinery employed is furnished by three steam engines and two boilers, giving an aggregate of seventy horse-power; and from fifty to one hundred operatives are employed, according to the season and the exigencies of trade. He manufactures and ships to remote states all kinds of hard-wood lumber, making a prominent specialty of walnut, cherry, ash, and quartered oak; and in the manufacturing department turns out large numbers of road and log wagons, together with field rollers, Scotch harrows, corn markers, double and single shovel plows, and various kinds of farm implements, which meet with a ready sale throughout this and adjoining states. The farm and log wagons here manufactured are recognized as equal to the best produced in the United States. Mr. Talbert is a native of Shelby County, Indiana, and was born in 1842. He has been for several years prominently identified with the industrial and commercial interests of Shelbyville; at the present time he represents his ward as a member of the city council. With so prominent a place

among the general industries of Eastern Indiana, and a trade so extensive, and covering in its various ramifications such a wide range at home and abroad, and productive of such a satisfactory revenue, the establishment conducted by him exerts no small influence upon the prosperity of the city.

DR. R. M. FLOYD,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUGS; HARRISON AND FRANKLIN STS.

This representative house was established in 1880, and from its very inception has grown rapidly in public favor. Dr. Floyd carries in stock a complete line of the purest and freshest drugs and chemicals, paints, oils, varnishes, wines and liquors of undoubted purity for medicinal purposes, the standard proprietary remedies of the day, (many of his own manufacture from the most approved formulas) toilet articles, perfumeries and druggists' sundries generally, which he is prepared to furnish to the trade at the lowest city prices, or to his city customers and rural patrons. Special attention is paid to the accurate preparation of physicians' prescriptions, family recipes and pharmaceutical compounds, and to the purity and excellence of all medicines dispensed. Dr. Floyd is sole proprietor and manufacturer of the celebrated "Home Baking Powder," "Floyd's Royal Rheumatic Remedy," "Glycerine Pearl," and "Dr. Floyd's Corn Sheller"—an infallible remedy for corns and bunions. He also manufactures at his laboratory and carries in stock from the leading manufacturing druggists of the Union, the most reliable extracts, tinctures, syrups, elixirs, etc., and apothecaries from the interior towns can here replenish their stocks upon equally favorable terms as in any of the large cities. Dr. Floyd who is a native of Indiana, is a practical pharmacist and chemist, as well as a regularly educated physician, who enjoys the advantages of a practice of thirteen years in the profession, and is a graduate of the Ohio Medical College. During the latter part of the war of the rebellion, he entered the service of his country as a member of Co. D, 148th Reg't., Indiana Infantry, and after serving for seven months, during which time he participated in several of the final struggles of the Southern Confederacy; received an honorable discharge at the termination of the war.

H. E. SCHORTEMEIER,

GROCERIES, ETC.: WASHINGTON ST.

Now in the seventh year of a prosperous and successful business career, during which time it has grown with the growth and prosperity of our inland municipality, the popular grocery and provision house of Mr. H. E. Schortemeier has maintained a high standard among its contemporaries; both on account of the uniformly excellent and reliable character of merchandise handled, and the honorable methods of dealing which have characterized the transactions of its enterprising proprietor. Mr. Schortemeier occupies for business pur-

poses a two-story brick building on Washington St. 20x53 feet in dimensions, and employs two assistants in the sales department. His stock comprises a general line of staple and fancy groceries, teas, coffees, spices, sugars, canned goods, fruits and vegetables in season, provisions, produce, choice cigars, manufactured tobacco, and miscellaneous merchandise, such as legitimately pertains to this special branch of trade; which, owing to the facilities enjoyed by him for procuring his supplies, he is enabled to offer at prices as low as the lowest. As an evidence of the steady growth of his business since its inception, it may be stated in this connection, that while his first year's sales did not exceed \$18,000, his annual transactions at the present time will not fall short of \$30,000. Mr. Schortemeier is a native of Prussia, where he was born in 1847. He has been a resident of Indiana for the past seven years, and by his enterprise, energy and business ability, has established a trade which will compare favorably with that of any similar house in this section of the state.

BEN. JONES,

LIVERY, FEED, SALE AND COMMISSION STABLE; EAST WASHINGTON ST.

By no means the least important of the manifold interests of a busy and progressive community like that of Shelbyville is that of the livery, sale and commission stables, when conducted upon a scale of liberality and enterprise, such as characterizes the operations of Mr. Ben. Jones, whose model establishment is located on the south side of East Washington St. These popular stables were established in 1881 by their present proprietor who occupies a commodious building 66x200 feet in dimensions, half of which is one story and half two stories in height, containing ample accommodations for two hundred head of horses at one time. Mr. Jones keeps for livery purposes from six to ten fine horses, and a large number of stylish carriages, buggies, wagons, phaetons, etc., suitable for business purposes or for pleasure trips, and makes a specialty of furnishing accommodations for the conveyance of commercial travelers and their sample cases to any point in this or adjacent counties. He also has a large number of boarding horses, and the best accommodations of any similar stables in the county for caring for horses by the day or week, at the most reasonable terms. He is fully prepared at all times to buy, sell, or exchange road, draft, saddle and family horses, and to receive the same for sale on commission, guaranteeing quick sales and prompt returns. Purchasers desiring a good animal, and at a fair price, can always find opportunities by entrusting their orders to Mr. Jones, and all representations made by him will be found to accord strictly with the facts. These are among the most complete and extensive stables in the county, and patrons of either department will find the enterprising proprietor a most genial, accommodating and honorable gentleman, liberal in

his dealings, and one with whom it will be advantageous and profitable to establish business relations. Mr. Jones is a native of this state, and was born in 1840. He enjoys a wide and influential business acquaintance throughout this section of the state.

J. M. RANDALL & SON,

DEALERS IN GENERAL MERCHANDISE
AND SHIPPERS OF PRODUCE, HARRISON
AND JACKSON STREETS.

So quietly and unostentatiously has the representative house of J. M. Randall & Son assumed its present important prominence in the commercial world as shippers of the valuable farm and dairy products of this section of our prolific state that a truthful exhibit of even a few of their sales in the staples of the farm and field will seem like an exaggeration to the unreflective mind as well as to numbers of those whose business it is to keep pace with the commercial progress of the nineteenth century. This old established house was founded in 1862 upon a comparatively small scale under firm name of J. B. Randall with a capital of only about \$500, a portion of which was borrowed and the original business was principally confined to general merchandizing and a local trade. In 1872 Mr. J. M. Randall became sole proprietor and in 1879 the firm name and style became as at present, and has been retained although Mr. J. M. Randall's connection with the house was severed by his death which occurred Jan. 18, 1883, "J. M. Randall & Son" the old firm name being still retained with J. B. Randall as general manager assisted by his brother J. W. Randall who is executor of the estate. The aggregate annual transactions during the first year did not exceed \$25,000 while for 1883 the sales were more than \$100,000, and indications at the present time point to a business of more than \$125,000 for the year 1884. The stock carried embraces a general line of staple and fancy groceries, queens and glassware and miscellaneous merchandise in great variety. A prominent specialty is made of buying and shipping butter, eggs, poultry, feathers, furs and hides and country produce generally, for any description of which the Messrs. Randall is always prepared to pay the highest selling rates in cash or in merchandise at cash prices. In this department of their extensive business 6 wagons are kept constantly on the road supplying the farming communities with all the necessary articles of merchandise in exchange for the various products of the farm at a par value. Illustrative of the magnitude of this special feature of the business it may be stated that in the articles of butter, eggs and poultry this house ships annually more than 150,000 lbs. of the former, 150,000 dozen eggs and 80,000 lbs. of poultry to the large cities, and its trade in the item of butter alone to the southern cities amounts to more than \$300,000. From these items alone some idea may be gleaned of the extent of the business transacted by this enterprising and representative house which ranks

among the leading ones of the state as shippers of produce and as dealers in general merchandise among the most important of Eastern Indiana. The firm also conducts a branch establishment in the eastern portion of the city which is a great convenience to the residents of that section of our thriving and progressive municipality.

DAVID B. WILSON & SON,

FUNERAL DIRECTORS, WASHINGTON ST.

The leading establishment of Shelbyville in this line and one possessing exceptionable facilities in every department of the profession is that of Messrs. David B. Wilson & Son whose offices are located on Washington St. where an apartment 16x62 feet in size is utilized for the display of a fine line of metallic, cloth-covered, rose-wood and walnut caskets and burial cases and undertakers supplies. This place of business is never closed day or night and is connected by telephonic communication with all parts of the city. This firm makes a prominent specialty of embalming by the most approved and scientific modern methods and this is the only establishment in the city having facilities for embalming bodies. Messrs. Wilson & Son are prepared to undertake the entire direction and management of funeral ceremonies in accordance with the wishes of friends of the deceased or with the forms and rituals of secret or benevolent societies. They have a fine hearse for adults which is furnished free of expense, and all the arrangements and facilities are first-class in every respect. This firm also conduct a similar establishment in Morristown, Shelby Co., in connection with the furniture business which is under the immediate personal supervision of Mr. Thomas D. Wilson the junior member of the firm. Mr. David D. Wilson is a native of the State of Ohio, where he was born Nov. 27, 1836. He has been a resident of Indiana for the past twenty-two years and established his present business in this city in 1878.

JOHN B. HARDEBECK,

GROCERIES, ETC., SOUTH HARRISON ST.

Mr. John B. Hardebeck proprietor of the popular grocery and provision store on South Harrison St. has been identified with this special branch of trade at other locations in this city for about four years and opened his establishment in Dec. 1883, filling a long felt want in this section of the city. His salesroom which is 22x72 feet in dimensions is fitted up in a neat and convenient style and his admirably selected stock is arranged in a most attractive manner. The articles are all new, fresh and desirable and no old goods or unsaleable stock is permitted to occupy a place on his shelves and counters. He carries at all times a full and complete assortment of the choicest varieties of staple and fancy groceries, teas, coffees, spices, sugars, syrups, canned goods, provisions, foreign and domestic fruits, vegetables in season, farm and dairy produce, and table

culinary supplies such as are usually found in the stock of first-class metropolitan establishments of this description. He also makes a prominent specialty of choice Havana and domestic cigars, manufactured tobacco, etc. From the very inception of the present house it has been accorded a liberal share of public patronage and each succeeding month has witnessed a gradual but gratifying increase in the amount of sales. Mr. Hardebeck who is a native of the State of Ohio was born in 1851, but has been a resident of Indiana since childhood. He is thoroughly conversant with the grocery and provision trade in all its departments and the management of his popular house has been characterized by a spirit of enterprise and liberality and a policy of fair and honorable dealing which has ensured for it the consideration of a discriminating public and a position of prominence among the representative houses of Shelby County.

J. H. MCGUIRE.

CARRIAGES, BUGGIES, WAGONS, ETC.,
EAST WASHINGTON STREET.

Prominent among the local industries of Shelbyville is the carriage manufactory of Mr. J. H. McGuire on East Washington St. where in a commodious building 36x120 feet in dimensions, special attention is devoted to the manufacture of fine carriages, buggies, spring wagons, sporting wagons and wheeled vehicles of every description. An average force of ten experienced workmen is employed in the different departments and from 40 to 60 vehicles are manufactured annually which meet with ready sale in this and adjoining counties. The best of material is used in both the iron and wood working departments, skilled labor only is employed and in the manufacture of carriages and wagons the maximum of strength and durability and the minimum of weight is made a prominent feature. Mr. McGuire sells only the products of his own shops and is enabled to guarantee thorough workmanship and finish. The present factory in this city was established in 1860 and previous to that time Mr. McGuire had been engaged in the same branch of industry at Greensburgh, Decatur County for seven years. With a practical experience therefore of more than thirty years during which time he has become thoroughly familiar with all departments of the business he is prepared to execute all orders for any description of work in his line at the very lowest rates consistent with first-class workmanship, reliable material and honorable dealing. Mr. McGuire who is a native of Virginia was born in 1835 but came to this state when but eight years of age. He is a thoroughly practical wagon maker and worker in wood, and all work turned out at his establishment is subjected to his personal examination, none being permitted to pass that is in any way defective. During his career in this city of nearly quarter of a century he has established a reputation for reliability and integrity which ensures for him a liberal patronage from this and adjoining counties.

G. A. GOODRICH,

PHOTOGRAPHER, PUBLIC SQUARE.

Photography, while verging so closely on the artistic, is strictly speaking a purely mechanical art. It requires for its successful prosecution good cameras, good lenses, good plate and paper and good chemicals. With these provided and an average degree of mechanical ability a correct and strictly accurate picture of an inanimate object or a piece of mechanism may be obtained yet for a pleasing and satisfactory likeness with the correct pose and right expression, the services of the artist must be called into requisition. For this reason a person may be an excellent operator yet his pictures will lack that essential element which is the crowning effort of the artistic photographer. Possessing in more than ordinary degree the requisite qualifications of mechanical skill and artistic ability Mr. G. A. Goodrich the popular photographer of Shelbyville, has produced some most admirable specimens of this interesting art, and a visit to his reception rooms and art galleries over Robins & Powell's store on the Public Square, will convince the most skeptical that the pictures there displayed will not suffer by a critical comparison with those of the leading metropolitan artists. Mr. Goodrich occupies four finely furnished rooms at the above mentioned location on the second floor, easy of access and provided with a strong clear light where he is prepared to execute pictures in any desired size or style from life size to the smallest gems, and to fill orders promptly for the finest finished work in India Ink, crayon or oil at the most reasonable rates. Mr. Goodrich who is a practical photographer and operator of more than thirteen years experience is a native of this state where he was born in 1854. He established his gallery at its present location in 1881 and by strict attention to the business, the execution of fine work and keeping fully abreast of the times and the progressive spirit of the age in all the improvements which have been introduced has established a lucrative trade and an enviable reputation as a skillful and artistic photographer.

JAMES MORRISON, JR.,

LIVERY STABLE, JACKSON STREET.

The livery, feed and boarding stables on Jackson Street now conducted by Mr. James Morrison, Jr. were originally established in this city in 1872 by Mr. R. Doran who was succeeded by the present popular proprietor in 1879. The stable which is commodious, well ventilated, and neatly kept, is 66x130 feet in dimensions and has ample accommodations for sixty head of horses at one time. In the livery department from nine to twelve fine horses are constantly kept for hire with a large number of stylish and appropriate buggies, carriages, phaetons and sample wagons for pleasure or business purposes. Special attention is devoted to furnishing fine rigs for commercial travelers and special conveyances for sample trunks, etc. In the boarding department horses and teams are received and properly attended

to by competent and experienced grooms and hostlers by the day or week at the most reasonable terms, two assistants being constantly on duty. Pleasure parties desiring elegant turn-outs, fast horses and stylish vehicles will find at these stables satisfactory accommodations and liberal treatment, and conveyances will be furnished with careful drivers if desired for occasions of festive gatherings or funeral ceremonies. Mr Morrison is a native and life-long resident of Shelbyville. He is one of our most enterprising business men and by his liberal and honorable methods of conducting his business, has built up a trade and established a reputation which entitles his stables to the liberal patronage which have been bestowed upon his enterprise by a discriminating public.

**FRECHTLING & MORNER,
HUBS, BENT FELLOES BOWES, ETC.,
HENDRICKS STREET.**

The importance of these industrial enterprises contingent upon and pertaining to the lumber interests of Shelby County cannot well be over-estimated. Each new branch of industry inaugurated in our midst serves not only as an aid to the development of our natural resources but adds its quota to the commercial prosperity and thrift of our progressive municipality. The now extensive works of Messrs. Frechtlng & Morner manufacturers of hubs, bent felloes, howes, sleigh runners and similar articles which have acquired a national reputation for the superior excellence and reliability of their products were established in this city in 1881 by their present enterprising proprietors who appreciating the manifold, natural and acquired advantages of Shelbyville, such as to an unlimited supply of the best material for these special purposes, and its means of intercommunication rendering it a desirable distributing point for their manufactured products removed to this city from Hamilton, Ohio, where they had been personally associated with the firm of Deinzer, Stephen & Co. in a similar line of business. This firm now occupies a two-story factory building 32x55 feet in dimensions equipped throughout with special designs of wood working machinery propelled by one 30 horse power engine and boiler, and two ware houses for storage purposes, one a two-story building 24x60 and a one-story structure 20x60 feet in size. This is the only establishment of its kind in Shelby County, and its products are shipped to the leading wheel and carriage factories and to dealers in all the principal cities and manufacturing points in the United States, their average annual transactions ranging from \$17,000 to \$20,000. An average force of ten experienced workmen is employed and the most approved designs of labor saving machinery in the different departments of their business. The individual members of the firm are W. H. Frechtlng and J. E. Morner, both of whom are natives of Ohio and practically conversant with all the details of this special branch of industry.

**J. H. ENOS,
MARBLE AND GRANITE WORK, EAST
WASHINGTON ST.**

The only establishment in Shelbyville engaged in this special department of the mechanic arts is that of Mr. J. H. Enos on the north side of East Washington Street where a ground space of 50x100 feet is occupied for office, work-shop and for storage purposes. An admirable display of artistic work is exhibited at this location in both the rough and finished forms embracing original designs and reproductions from the finest sketches of the most eminent artists. This representative house was established in 1879 by its present enterprising proprietor who now employs five assistants and skilled workmen with facilities for the production of any description of imported or American granite and marble monuments and headstones at prices ranging from \$25, to \$10,000 each. He also pays special attention to all kinds of masonry work for bridge building, houses, etc. Mr. Enos has during his business career in this city established a large and lucrative trade extending throughout this and adjacent counties, and many of the finest specimens of monumental work in the cemeteries of Eastern Indiana have been erected by him. Mr. Enos who is a practical designer and stone carver is a native of Philadelphia, Pa., but has resided in Indiana for the past thirty years. He represents his ward in the City Government as a member of councils and has been for many years prominently identified with the growth and prosperity of the city of his adoption.

**FRANK ROTH,
DRY GOODS, NOTIONS, CARPETS, ETC.,
SOUTH SIDE PUBLIC SQUARE.**

In considering the manifold resources and advantages of Shelbyville as the commercial metropolis of this county, and the business houses through whose influence and enterprise its present prominence and prosperity has been attained it will be found that those engaged in the dry goods trade have been perhaps the most prominent instrumentalities in diverting to this point and retaining the trade from surrounding towns and thus promoting the growth and development of our mercantile interests. One of the leading houses and with possibly a single exception the most extensive in this section, engaged in this important branch of trade is that of Mr. Frank Roth located on the South Side of Public Square, where in a commodious two story brick building 29x100 feet in dimensions he offers to the residents of Shelbyville and surrounding towns inducements in the special articles of merchandise which comprise his stock in trade, consisting of a large and carefully selected assortment of Foreign and American dry goods, dress fabrics, woollens, domestics, linens, white goods, laces, embroideries, hosiery, gloves, corsets, ladies' and gentlemen's furnishing goods, notions, fancy articles, carpet, oil cloth, etc. This representative house was established in 1879 and as ex-

hibiting the almost phenomenal success of the enterprise inaugurated at that time it may be stated that while the first years transactions did not exceed \$15,000, the sales for the year 1883 were considerably more than double that amount. The large sales room occupied by Mr. Roth presents a most attractive and truly metropolitan appearance and the stock which is full and complete in every department has been selected with an express view to the requirements of the better class of trade in this section. Three assistants are regularly employed in the sales department and during the busy seasons this force is augmented as the exigencies of the occasion require. Mr. Roth who is a native of Germany was born in 1837 but has been a resident of this state for nearly a quarter of a century. Previous to embarking in business on his own account he had been for several years identified with mercantile pursuits in connection with the dry goods trade with all departments of which he is practically conversant.

ABELE & ARZET,
MERCHANT TAILORS, S. W. CORNER
PUBLIC SQUARE.

Among the representative firms which have contributed to the promotion of a cultivated and refined taste in the matter of fashionable attire for gentlemen's wear, none in this section deserve a greater degree of commendation than the enterprising firm of Abele & Arzet, the artistic merchant tailors of Shelbyville whose popular establishment is located at the S. W. Corner of the Public Square, where in a sales room 20x70 feet in dimension they carry an admirably selected stock of seasonable and fashionable fabrics for gentlemen's wear from which patrons may make their selection and have their suits and garments made up in faultless style at the most reasonable rates. This firm also carries in stock a fine line of the latest styles in hats, caps and furnishing goods selected with an express view to the requirements of the better class of trade in this section. In the merchant tailoring department special attention is paid to the manufacture of fine dress and business suits to order at prices ranging from \$20 to \$45, perfect fits and reliable workmanship being guaranteed in all cases. Mr. Abele who is an experienced practical cutter and tailor is a native of Württemberg Germany, where he was born in 1831. Mr. Arzet was born in Cincinnati, he is also a practical merchant tailor of extended experience.

OSCAR HAND,
FURNITURE, COR. HARRISON AND HENDRICKS STREETS.

Special inducements are offered to newly married couples or those about to commence housekeeping at the popular new and second hand furniture house and house furnishing emporium of Mr. Oscar Hand, cor. Harrison and Hendricks Streets, where in a commodious two-story frame building 36x48 feet in dimen-

sions may be found at all times an excellent stock and full line of the common and finer varieties of furniture, parlor and chamber sets, kitchen and dining room furniture, tables, bureaus, chairs, etc., from the leading factories of the Union together with a large and desirable assortment of second hand furniture as good as new or nearly so which is offered at greatly reduced rates. He also keeps an immense line of new and second hand household goods including stoves and kitchen utensils, crockery and glassware, carpets and general household supplies, and is prepared to furnish an entire outfit for house-keeping if desired. He also makes a specialty of repairing furniture of every description, renovating, painting, varnishing and upholstering in the most thorough and workmanlike manner. Mr. Hand is a native of Indiana and was born in 1849. He is a thoroughly practical cabinet and furniture maker and his present business which was established in this city in 1882 has under his energetic management assumed most gratifying proportions.

Geo. H. DUNN,
BOOTS AND SHOES, NORTH W. COR. PUBLIC SQUARE.

For more than twenty-one years the name of Mr. Geo. H. Dunn has been prominently identified with the commercial interests of Shelbyville as proprietor of the popular boot and shoe house fronting on the Public Square where he still conducts and which may be appropriately designated as the leading establishment of its class in our busy and progressive inland city. Mr. Dunn occupies at the above named location a commodious and substantial two-story brick building 15x100 feet in dimensions carrying in stock a large and admirably selected assortment of fine and common boots, shoes, slippers and rubbers of his own make and from the leading manufactories of the east the average valuation of which will not vary materially from \$8,000. He also makes a specialty of fine custom work and of general repairing in all its branches. His trade is derived not only from the city but also from the adjacent towns within a radius of twenty miles in each direction. Mr. Dunn is a native of the State of Ohio but has been a resident of Indiana for nearly a quarter of a century, the greater portion of which time has been devoted to the business which now occupies his attention. He now occupies the responsible position of Township Trustee and is also Vice President of the Shelbyville Gas Company. He is most favorably known as one of our most successful and honorable merchants and as one of their solid influential and public spirited citizens. In achieving that material prosperity which has been the legitimate fruits of his successful business career he has established a high standard of commercial honor from which he has never deviated and in the adherence to which he has secured the esteem and respect of the entire community.

FRANK GLAB,
JEWELRY AND WATCH MAKER, No. 28
EAST WASHINGTON ST.

The jewelry house of Mr. Frank Glab was established in this city Dec. 25, 1879 by its present popular proprietor who is a practical watch maker and jeweler of more than twelve years experience. Mr. Glab occupies a sales room 12x15 feet in dimensions at No. 28 E. Washington Street where he carries an admirably selected stock of American watches and clocks, gold, silver and plated table ware, jewelry, spectacles, eye glasses and a great variety of articles especially adapted to the requirements of the trade in this section. He makes a prominent specialty of fine watch and clock repairing and is thoroughly familiar with the delicate mechanism of the various styles of time pieces now in use and in cleaning, regulating and repairing the same guarantees perfect satisfaction in all cases. His trade which is derived from the city and surrounding towns within a radius of many miles will compare favorably with that of any similar establishment in this section and each succeeding season witnesses a marked and gratifying increase in the amount of his transactions. Mr. Glab is a native and life long resident of this state and was born in 1858. By close attention to his business and a strict adherence to the principles of commercial honor and integrity in the management of his business he has built up an established trade and won for himself an enviable reputation as an

energetic and reliable merchant, and an expert and accomplished jeweler and watch maker.

In addition to the foregoing, the following firms are doing business here: Vance Hunter & Co., dry goods; C. K. Bryan, grocer; J. C. Cheney, harness; L. Bookwalter, notions; W. Elliott, grocer; F. Stephan, boots and shoes; S. Laughlin & Co., dry goods; F. Kennedy, hats and caps; McCrea & Bishop, drugs; W. Chapman, agricultural machinery; Mrs. J. Levinson, millinery; C. Armbruster, grocer; C. Neighbor, boots and shoes; T. Fortune, confectioner; J. Joseph, clothing; J. Cummins, undertaker; N. Souder, grocer; J. and K. Hammond, drugs; Doble & De Prez, hardware; J. Horst & Co., boots and shoes; W. Grover, grocer; Gorgas & Strong, hardware; Kennedy & Brown, flour mills; Morrison & Deprez, drugs; S. Carson, grocer; G. Kirks, insurance; Little & Meikel, tailors; W. Vaughan, harness; J. Akers & Co., dry goods; J. Shelk, boots and shoes; G. Haymond, grocer; F. Sheldon, jeweler; W. Parrish, grocer; F. Horst, boots and shoes; J. Higgins jeweler; J. Hawkins, grocer; M. Joseph, dry goods; D. Naeff, jeweler; Ray House, J. Adams; J. Varnoy, grocer; Robins & Powell, booksellers; F. DeWitt, grocer; Flaitz & Maple, cattle dealers; A. Raymond, cigars; C. Wood, grocer; F. Flaitz, meats; F. Cochran, restaurant; W. Small, confectionery; Mrs. C. Dull, millinery.

MORRISTOWN.

This town was originally laid out in 1826 and was surveyed from the lands of Samuel Morrison and Reason Davis, on the hill east of its present location. The section was heavily timbered and the incidents of Pioneer life as associated with this place are remembered by comparatively few. The first buildings in all early settlements were constructed here as elsewhere of hewn and unhewn logs and the first of these to be erected was by Samuel Morrison previous to the laying out of the town. The first store was started by Redden A Tole in 1827. Several rude buildings and some frame structures were erected during this year and the place began to assume within the first few years considerable importance as a trading station. S. M. and W. P. Cole opened a general store about 1831 and soon after another was started by Riley & Gallion.

The first blacksmith shop was by John Whetzel and the first wagon shop by James Phillips. The first school was held in what was known as the Union School House erected on the land of Jonathan Johnson, the building being erected as early as 1824. The first church was erected on the same spot, the school building being torn down about 1834. It is remembered by many that the Trustees closed the door to one denomination which caused quite a strife in the settlement.

Among the early settlers were Polly Roberty, Reason Davis, Samuel Morrison, Redden A. Tole and John Whetzel.

The village of Morristown is now the leading trading place for this section of the county and also draws largely from residents of other counties on account of the excellent facilities it enjoys and the enterprise of its progressive and wide-awake business men. It contains a population of from 400 to 500 inhabitants, one good graded school, a new and fine Public Hall, one Protestant M. E. Church and one M. E. Church, with fine business buildings and private residences, while large amounts of grain and country produce are purchased and shipped to other points. There is a Post of the G. A. R. and one Lodge of F. A. M. both of which are in a prosperous condition. The old flat bar railroad, one of the first in the state was constructed and passed through this place but was subsequently abandoned, as noticed in other portions of this work. Excellent shipping facilities are now enjoyed by the C. I. & St. L. Railroad which connects this place with all eastern and western points. The present post master is Mr. J. V. Shipp, who has held the office for the past six years.

The following are the leading business houses the more important of which are noticed in our editorial columns, to which reference is especially directed.

THE NEW YORK STORE,

W. A. BODINE, PROP'R.

The magnificent business block at the corner of Main and Washington Sts., occupied by the popular "New York Store" of Mr. W. A. Bodine, is one of the finest and most substan-

tial buildings of its class in the county, an ornament to our progressive and thriving village, and a monument to the enterprise and ability of its projector and builder. The building is a solid and ornamental two-story structure with basement, 62x65 feet in dimensions.

The corner room, 20x45 feet, surrounded by a well-lighted salesroom in the form of an L, is occupied by the New York Store, with a frontage on Main St. of 22 feet and a depth of 65 feet; connecting with the L, 20 feet in width, fronting on Washington St., east of the above, is another model store-room, 20x65 feet, occupied as a grocery. The ground floor space of 1830 feet, together with the basement under the whole building being occupied by Mr. Bodine for the display of a large and carefully selected assortment of foreign and American dry goods, dress fabrics of the latest styles, woollens, domestics, linens, white goods, house furnishing supplies, carpets, oil cloths, rugs, matting, window shades, boots, shoes, and slippers for ladies' gentlemen's and children's wear, ready-made clothing from the leading manufacturers of the Union, ladies' and gentlemen's furnishing goods, hats, caps, notions, fancy goods, embroideries and every description of miscellaneous merchandise pertaining to the above named departments of trade, selected with an express view to the requirements of the better class of trade in Shelby, Hancock and Rush Counties. This house was originally established in this town by its present proprietor on a comparatively small scale in September, 1866, in a smaller building on Washington St., which is still owned by Mr. Bodine. To meet the requirements of his steadily increasing trade, Mr. Bodine in 1883 erected the present commodious building, to which he removed in May, 1884, and where, with increased facilities and a considerably enlarged stock in every department, he continues to lead rather than to compete with contemporaneous establishments in this and adjoining counties. From a modest commencement, Mr. Bodine has by enterprise, ability and honorable dealing, established a trade which will at the present time aggregate fully \$30,000 per annum, and which, with his present facilities and advantages, will undoubtedly during the present year considerably exceed that amount. The entire second floor of the building under consideration is known as

MORRISTOWN HALL,

and is elegantly fitted up and arranged with a commodious stage, and is especially adapted for dramatic performances and entertainments. Mr. Bodine, who is one of our most prominent and influential citizens and business men, is a native of Rush County, where he was born in 1835. During the war of the rebellion he enlisted as a private soldier in Co. I, 37th Reg't. Indiana Volunteer Infantry, Col. Hazzard, and with that gallant organization served in the grand old Army of the Cumberland under Generals Mitchell, Buell, Rosencranz, and others, until 1862, when he received an honorable discharge on account of physical disability; and after recovering his health, he commenced his mercantile career as a clerk, in which capacity he remained until embarking in business on his own account as previously noted.

J. W. ROBERTS, STOVES, TIN-WARE, ETC.

Prominent among the mercantile establishments and local industries of Morristown is the stove and house-furnishing emporium and tinware manufactory of Mr. J. W. Roberts, which was established by its present enterprising proprietor in 1874 upon a comparatively small scale, but which has, since that time, steadily enlarged the scope of its operations, and increased the volume of its annual transactions until it will now compare favorably with any similar establishment in Shelby County. Having recently purchased the premises now occupied, an addition will be erected in the near future. His stock, which is full and complete in every department, embraces a general line of the best makes of cooking and heating stoves, hollow ware, queens and glass ware, tin, copper and sheet-iron ware of his own manufacture, and house-furnishing goods in almost endless variety. In the manufacturing department, in addition to the production of tin, copper and sheet-iron utensils and articles for his own trade; special attention is devoted to roofing, spouting, guttering and general jobbing and repairing in all branches of the business. He is prepared to purchase at all times for cash or in exchange for merchandise at cash prices, old iron, rags, brass, copper, rubber, etc., paying the highest ruling rates. Mr. Roberts is a native of Shelby County, and was born in 1852. He is a thoroughly practical tin-smith, and a skilled worker in all kinds of sheet metals, and learned his trade at Shelbyville in this county, becoming a resident of Morristown at the time of starting his present business.

HANDY BROS.,

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

In every community where the mercantile interests are mainly dependent upon the agricultural element surrounding it for their support and patronage it will be found that the grocery and provision trade with its appropriately associated interests occupies the most prominent rank among the representative commercial houses. As in other places so in Morristown, this special department of our commercial system numbers among its representatives some of our most enterprising and prominent merchants, among whom we may appropriately mention in this connection, Mr. A. C. and Wm. F. Handy the popular proprietors of the well known grocery house which was originally established eight years ago by Mr. Joseph V. Shipp who was succeeded by Messrs. Handy Bros. in April, 1882. The premises occupied as sales rooms are 18x40 feet in dimensions and the stock carried which is full, complete and comprehensive in every department embraces an admirably selected assortment of the choicest varieties of staple and fancy groceries, table and culinary supplies, provisions, crockery and glass ware, cigars, tobacco, foreign and domestic fruits, confectionery, notions and miscellaneous merchandise

pertaining to this special branch of trade. The Handy Bro's, who are well and favorably known throughout this section have by their enterprise, ability and honorable methods of dealing established a lucrative and steadily increasing trade aggregating at the present time not less than \$15,000 per annum and derived from Shelby, Hancock and Rush Counties. Both brothers are natives of this state, the Sr. brother, A. C. was born in Shelby Co. in 1837, Wm. F. Handy was born in Hancock Co. Ind., 1852. Both of them devoted many years to agricultural pursuits, and possessing good educations they taught school for several years previous to embarking in business. In April, 1884 W. F. the Jr. partner was elected to the office of Township Trustee for a term of two years.

HUFFMAN & GRAHAM,

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

The grocery house of Messrs. Huffman & Graham is one of the latest accessions to the mercantile establishments of Morristown, and although established as recently as in April, 1884, by Mr. Huffman, has already secured a high rank among its contemporaries on account of the admirable selection of merchandise carried, the uniformly low prices at which it is offered, and the enterprising and liberal management which has characterized it. The stock is new, fresh and desirable, and comprises a full assortment of the choicest varieties of staple and fancy groceries, fine teas, roasted and ground coffees, pure spices, sugars, syrups, fruits, canned goods, confectionery, cigars, tobacco, notions, and grocers' sundries generally. The sales room, which is fitted up in a neat and attractive manner, is 18x40 feet in dimensions, and in its interior arrangements, presents a metropolitan appearance. The firm has no old stock to "work off," and, in selecting goods, special attention is paid to purity, freshness and reliability, and no inferior articles of any description will knowingly be allowed a place on their shelves or counters. Mr. Huffman, who is a native and life long resident of Shelby County, was born in 1861. His early years were spent upon a farm, and subsequently in saw-milling; where, by an unfortunate accident, he lost his right hand, May 4th, 1883. His partner, Thornton Graham, was admitted to an interest, July 27, 1884; he also is a native of Shelby County, born in 1863. Both members are young and energetic, well worthy of public patronage.

J. L. BINFORD,

GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

This old established and popular house came into the possession of the present proprietor in 1879, at which time he succeeded Mr. A. J. New. The premises occupied are 22x50 feet in dimensions, and the stock carried embraces a large and complete line of foreign and American dry goods, notions, furnishing goods, ready-made clothing, boots, shoes, hats, caps, staple and fancy groceries, teas, coffees, spices, fruits, canned goods, and miscellaneous

merchandise of every description pertaining to the above named branches of trade. Each department is thoroughly stocked and replenished by frequent arrivals of new goods as often as the stock becomes reduced, so that patrons are at all times enabled to make their selections from unbroken lines of desirable and seasonable merchandise. The trade of this house is derived chiefly from Shelby and Hancock Counties, and the annual transactions range from \$12,000 to \$15,000. Mr. Binford is a native of Hancock County, Indiana, and was born in 1845. His early life was spent upon a farm, and he commenced his business career at Westland, in Hancock County, as a member of the firm of Harold & Binford, which partnership remained in force for about four years. After being out of active business life for a short time, he purchased the present stock and stand as above noted, and has built up a large and steadily increasing trade.

JAMES M. TYNER & CO.,

GRAIN, LUMBER, COAL AND LIME.

Both on account of the nature and character of the commodities handled, the importance of the interests involved in its transactions, and the high financial standing of the members of the firm in commercial circles, both at home and abroad, the house of Messrs. J. M. Tyner & Co. claims conspicuous recognition among the representative mercantile houses of Shelby County. Originally established in 1865 by Messrs. James M. Tyner and W. W. Woodyard under the firm name and style of Woodyard & Tyner, the business was conducted by them for about five years, when Mr. Woodyard retired and Mr. Tyner continued the business alone until the formation of the present partnership in 1881, when W. C. Mauzy of Rushville purchased an interest in the business. The ware-house and elevator occupied by this firm is situated on the railroad, thus affording the amplest facilities for receiving and shipping merchandise of every description, with a storage capacity of 5,000 or 6,000 bushels at one time. A prominent specialty of the business is buying and shipping grain of every description, and the amount handled during 1883 closely approximated 100,000 bushels. Their lumber yards contain at all times a large stock of rough and dressed lumber, lath, shingles, flooring, siding, doors, sash, blinds, and building materials generally pertaining to this line, their annual sales aggregating about 50,000 feet of the various dimensions. From fifteen to twenty car loads of the best quality of coal, and about ten car loads of lime are also disposed of by this firm annually, and their annual transactions range from \$75,000 to \$100,000. They also handle a superior quality of drain tile, which they are enabled to offer to the farmers of this and adjoining counties at factory prices. Mr. James M. Tyner is a native of Hancock County, this state, where he was born in 1840. His early life was spent upon a farm, and in mercantile pursuits as an assistant to his father who was a prominent merchant,

until embarking in his present successful business enterprise. In addition to his interests in this town as a merchant, Mr. Tyner owns a fine farm of about 207 acres, two and one-half miles from the village, which is at the present time leased to other parties. He is one of our most influential and public-spirited citizens, and has been for the past four years a member of the board of township trustees. His partner, Mr. W. C. Mauzy, is prominently identified with the business interests of Rushville, and a history of his career, with a brief biographical sketch, will be found under its appropriate head in that department of this work devoted to Rush County.

I. N. JOHNSON, CARPENTER AND BUILDER.

For more than a third of a century, Mr. I. N. Johnson, whose office and shops are located in an alley near Main St., has been identified with this special branch of industry, having commenced to learn the trade as early as in 1850, with Mr. W. W. Woodyard, by whom he was employed for about three years, becoming an expert and accomplished workman. After leaving Mr. Woodyard, he removed to Shelbyville, where he was employed by Mr. O. D. Pedrick for two years, and then embarked in business on his own account, and, with the exception of brief periods, during which he devoted his attention to cabinet-making, has been continuously engaged in general carpentering and building. Mr. Johnson is prepared to furnish specifications and estimates for any kind of public or private buildings, residences, business blocks, churches, school houses, etc., and to contract for their erection and completion upon the most favorable terms. Mr. Johnson is a native and life-long resident of this county, and was born August 31st, 1828. His father, one of our early pioneers and most respected citizens, came to this place in 1824. Mr. Johnson has, by industry, application, good workmanship, and a conscientious fulfillment of all obligations, established a lucrative and prosperous business throughout both town and country.

S. SALISBURY, M. D., PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON.

The term "Eclectic," as applied to a special school of medicine and surgery, signifies that its followers and disciples are bound by no narrow or prescribed code, but are free to choose or select from the various schools and methods that system of treatment which seems to them the best, and for this reason the masses of the people in this enlightened and progressive age are breaking away from the superstitions of the past, which have permitted patients to die rather than to submit to rational treatment simply because it has not been recognized by the special school of medicine to which the physician in charge happens to belong. Careful investigation, close study and an extensive practice during the past sixteen years have convinced Dr. Salisbury that in

the successful treatment of the various "ills which human flesh is heir to," no beaten track can be followed safely, and that there are good features in all schools of medicine, any one of which he is free to follow, according to the dictates of his own conscience and the requirements of the case, according to his own diagnosis. Dr. Salisbury is a native of Clinton County, Ohio, where he was born in 1836. His early literary education was acquired at Greencastle, Indiana, and his medical education from close and conscientious study and thorough investigations. He first commenced the practice of his profession in 1868, at Freeport, Indiana, and has since that time been constantly engaged in practice in this vicinity, removing his office to Morristown in 1878. Dr. Salisbury is one of our most cultured scholars and successful practitioners, and entered the ministry of the M. E. Church, and for several years was an active and influential preacher in the Cincinnati conference.

M. MYERS & CO., GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

Familiarly known throughout this section as the "Trade Palace" the model mercantile establishment of Morristown now conducted by the enterprising firm of Mr. Myers & Co. claims prominent recognition among the leading commercial enterprises of Shelby County. Established originally by the present senior member of the firm more than twenty years ago upon a comparatively small capital this representative establishment has steadily grown in public favor and popular estimation until in addition to being the oldest established business house in town it has become the most extensive. In March 1883, Mr. Isaac Kaufman was admitted to an interest in the business and the present firm name and style was adopted. The premises occupied for business purposes comprise a commodious and conveniently arranged building 20x100 feet in dimension and the stock carried which is full, complete and comprehensive in every department embraces a general line of Foreign and American dry goods, dress fabrics, woolsens, domestics, white goods, notions, trimmings, ready made clothing, ladies' and gentlemen's furnishing goods, hats, caps, boots and shoes, staple and fancy groceries, provisions, cigars, tobacco and a great variety of miscellaneous articles too numerous to particularize but including almost everything required in ordinary walks of domestic life in town or country. The trade of this house which is derived principally from Morristown and adjacent territory in Shelby and Hancock Counties ranges from \$20,000 to \$25,000 per annum and is steadily increasing with each succeeding year. Mr. Myers is a native of Baden, Germany where he was born in 1835. He came to the United States in 1855 landing at New York, and was first engaged in business at Hamilton, Ohio. He went to Cumberland Gap, Ky., in 1857 in the employ of other parties but returned to this place in Nov. 1864 at which time his present successful

business was inaugurated. Mr. Myers commenced business with very moderate means and may be said to have been emphatically the architect of his own fortune. With the proverbial thrift and industry of his race he has accumulated a handsome competency, and owns the building occupied by the firm, a fine town residence and a well-stocked farm of 56 acres two miles from the village limits.

S. W. YOUNGS,

LIVERY, BOARDING AND SALE STABLES.

In its relation to the commercial, industrial, and social interests of the community the livery, boarding and sale stables of Mr. S. W. Youngs assumes proportions entitling it to favorable recognition in the present review. These stables which were originally established in 1880 were erected by Mr. Albert Tyner and came into the possession of the present proprietor in 1882 at which time he succeeded Mr. J. K. Kemper. The main building is 40x60 feet in dimensions with an addition 13x60 affording ample space for the accommodation of 15 horses at one time. He keeps constantly in stock for livery purposes from seven to ten fine road and trotting horses with a number of fine carriages, buggies, phaetons, road wagons, etc., suitable for pleasure excursions or business trips. Mr. Youngs makes a specialty of furnishing conveyances for commercial travelers and their sample cases to points inaccessible by rail at the most reasonable rates and supplying rigs and teams appropriate for any occasion. In the sales and boarding departments his facilities are not surpassed by those of any similar establishment in the county and parties contemplating purchasing or those having horses to dispose of will find it to their advantage to entrust their interests to Mr. Youngs who is a thorough judge of values and conscientious and strictly reliable in all his transactions. Mr. Youngs who is a native and life-long resident of this county and state was born in 1855. His early life was spent upon a farm and prior to engaging in his present business he devoted his attention principally to agricultural pursuits.

C. T. WILLIAMS,

DRUGGIST.

The old established and well-known "Corner Drug Store" of Morristown now conducted by Mr. C. T. Williams was founded about fifteen years ago and under its different changes of administration has always maintained a high rank and leading position on account of the reliable character of merchandise handled and the care exercised in the preparation of physicians prescriptions and pharmaceutical compounds. The present enterprising proprietor succeeded Mr. C. H. Dailey, Oct. 10, 1882 and under his efficient management the well earned prestige of the old house has not only been maintained but new vigor has been infused into the business which will at the present reach fully \$6,000 per annum. The sales room which is 10x60 feet in dimensions is fitted up

in metropolitan style and the stock carried embraces a general line of the purest and freshest drugs, medicines and chemicals, all the standard proprietary remedies of the day, paints, oils, varnishes, painter's supplies, toilet articles and perfumeries, confectionery, fancy goods, notions and the various articles embraced under the comprehensive classification of druggists sundries. Special attention is devoted to the prescription department and the accurate preparation of physician's prescriptions and family recipes from the purest and freshest ingredients. Mr. Williams is a native of this state and was born in Fayette County in 1855. He was subsequently engaged in agricultural pursuits until purchasing his present stand as above noted where he has built up a lucrative and prosperous trade extending throughout Shelby and Hancock Counties.

GEO. A. SPURRIER,

HARNESS, SADDLES, &c.

This well-known house was established many years ago and in 1873 was owned and conducted by Mr. J. M. Dalrymple who was succeeded in 1882 by the present enterprising proprietor who occupies for salesroom and manufacturing purposes a building 18x30 feet in dimensions where he carries at all times a good stock and fine assortment of light and heavy, single and double hand made harness, saddles, bridles, robes, blankets, whips, oils and general horse clothing and equipments, turf goods and stable supplies. He also makes a prominent specialty of manufacturing every description of fine and heavy harness to order and of general repairing and jobbing, carriage trimming, etc. His trade is derived principally from Shelby, Hancock and Rush Counties and his average transactions will range from \$3,000 to \$5,000. Mr. Spurrier is a native and life-long resident of this county and was born in 1855. He received his education in Morristown and learned his trade here becoming an expert and thorough workman before embarking in business on his own account.

J. G. WOLF, M. D.,

PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON.

Dr. J. G. Wolf one of our most prominent citizens and eminent physicians and surgeons is a native of the State of Pennsylvania and was born in what was then Huntington, now Blair County in 1823. After completing his literary education he commenced the study of medicine in the spring of 1846 at Hagerstown Wayne County, Ind., where he first commenced the practice of his profession. He subsequently entered the Ohio Medical College of Cincinnati, Ohio, and graduated with high honors in the class of 1849. He also graduated and holds a diploma from the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia in the spring of 1857. During the war of the rebellion he responded to the call of Governor Morton for volunteer surgeons after the memorable battle of Stone River and rendered most effective and valuable aid to the Union cause in the field hospitals

for a period of several weeks. In 1867 he was elected Clerk of Shelby County a position which he filled with credit and ability until 1871 when he returned to Morristown and resumed his practice in the following year. As a thoroughly educated, accomplished and successful physician and surgeon he ranks deservedly high both with the members of the fraternity and with the citizens of this and adjoining towns from which his patronage is principally derived.

HITTLE & HUDGINS,
MEAT MARKET.

This popular market was founded at about the time the present Railroad was completed to this point by Mr. Hudgins nearly 20 years ago, the present partnership was formed in 1882. This firm slaughters and prepares their own meat and use on an average about 12 fine fat beeves per month and a proportionate number of smaller stock. They carry at all times the choicest and best varieties of fresh beef, pork, lamb, veal, mutton, etc., and all kinds of salt

and smoked meats of their own curing, lard of their own rendering, sausage and bologna of their own manufacture and poultry and game in season. Mr. F. P. Hittle is a native of Ohio but has been for many years a resident of this town where his father was one of the prominent merchants until the time of his death which occurred in 1878. Mr. R. H. Hudgins is a native of Illinois and was born at Shawneetown in that state in 1833. He resided for many years in Tennessee and came to this state in 1858 and for nearly twenty years has been identified with this special branch of industry and trade.

In addition to those firms already mentioned, there are doing business here the following: T. Wrennick, drugs; F. Rigelsberger, saw mills; J. Hart, general merchandise; J. Smiley, boots and shoes; Wilson & Son, undertakers; J. Wrennick, grocer; J. Davis, watch maker; Morrison & Co., meats; Mrs. C. Rodgers, hotel.



WALDRON.

This thriving place is situated in Liberty Township, seven miles south-east of Shelbyville, the county seat. It is situated on the Cincinnati, Indianapolis St. Louis and Chicago Railroad, giving it excellent shipping facilities for grain and stock. The place was organized March 27th, 1854, and formerly called Stroupsville. Being situated in the middle of a rich agricultural district it does a large trade in grain and live stock and is the

trade center for much of the surrounding country. It has a population of about 400 inhabitants, employs ample educational and religious advantages, contains a number of well established stores, the usual number of professional men, a good hotel, etc. In the series of articles on the leading business firms which follow, the reader will be able to gather a better idea of the importance of this place as a trade center.

ARCHEY & CAGE, BOOT AND SHOE DEALERS.

There is no one of the industrial arts requiring for its successful prosecution a higher degree of skill than that of the boot and shoe maker, and few that are of so much importance to all classes of the community; since an ill-fitting boot or shoe is not only a source of great annoyance and personal inconvenience, but frequently productive of corns, bunions, and diseases of the feet, incurable for life. Making a specialty of manufacturing to order the better grades of perfect-fitting boots and shoes for ladies', gentlemen's and children's wear, from the best and most serviceable materials, and in the latest style and most thorough workmanship, the house of Archey & Cage tender their services to the residents of this and adjoining towns. This house was established by Mr. J. B. Archey, the present senior member, in 1875. In April, 1884, Mr. James Cage was admitted to the business, and the scope of operations enlarged by the addition of a well-selected stock of ready-made boots and shoes for ladies', gentlemen's and children's wear. Mr. Archey, who is a practical and expert boot and shoe maker of many years experience, is a native of the State of Virginia, where he was born in 1841. During the civil war, he entered the service of the Confederate States as a member of the 58th Regiment Virginia Infantry in 1861, as a private soldier, and participated in many of the most important engagements of that eventful period until 1863, when he received an honorable discharge. He has been a resident of this township since 1866, and is justly regarded as one of our most enterprising business men and public-spirited citizens, and from none does he receive more kindly treatment than from those who wore

the blue during those memorable years when he, in a uniform of gray, supported the standards of the Confederacy. Mr. Jas. Cage is a native and life-long resident of this state; he has been identified with agricultural pursuits for many years.

J. S. ALLEY, DRY GOODS, NOTIONS, ETC.

There are few business houses in any of our interior towns which can boast of a more steady and gratifying growth, or the management of which have been characterized by a greater degree of enterprise and business sagacity than the representative dry goods house of Mr. J. S. Alley of Waldron, which was established by its present popular proprietor as recently as in 1882, with a capital of \$500, and which now carries a stock valued at not less than \$3,000, and transacts an annual business closely approximating \$10,000. In contradistinction to some merchants, who carry an indiscriminate assortment embracing a "little of everything," Mr. Alley, at the inception of his business career, determined to confine his attention exclusively to a few special lines of goods, and by purchasing only the best and most desirable articles in these departments, to "lead rather than to compete." With facilities for procuring his supplies direct from importers, manufacturers and first hands, unsurpassed by those of any contemporaneous establishment even in the large cities, he is enabled to offer to the residents of Waldron and adjoining towns extraordinary inducements in foreign and American dry goods, dress fabrics, woolsens, domestics, white goods, boots and shoes for ladies', gentlemen's and children's wear, hats, caps, ladies' and gentlemen's furnishing goods, notions, small wares,

etc., which cannot be readily duplicated in this section. Mr. Alley is a native of Franklin County, Indiana, and was born in 1833. He has been a resident of Waldron since the inauguration of his present enterprise, and has, by his uniform methods of fair and honorable dealing, established a lucrative and steadily growing trade. During the war of the rebellion, he entered the service of his country as a private in the gallant 68th Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and with that organization participated in its memorable marches, campaigns and engagements until 1865, when he received an honorable discharge with the rank of sergeant.

CUMMINS HOUSE.

MISS SARAH CUMMINS, PROPRIETOR.

The Cummins House which is conveniently arranged for hotel purposes is furnished throughout with a special view to the comfort and convenience of guests and the table is always supplied with the choicest viands including the luxuries of the season as well as the substantial served in the most attractive and appetizing forms and in the most profuse abundance. Mr. Joseph Cummins who for more than two decades presided over this popular house was a thoroughly practical and experienced caterer and hotel proprietor having devoted the greater portion of his life to this special business. Previous to establishing this hotel he was engaged in the same business at Middletown in this state, and few men in this section enjoyed so wide and influential a circle of acquaintances or were so universally popular as Mr. Cummins. His daughter who now conducts the business is a native of this county, and the experience acquired during the life time of her honored and respected parent in her associations with hotel life enables her to maintain the popularity which the Cummins House has acquired since its inception twenty-four years ago.

JEROME SPARKS.

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

An examination in detail of the various commercial enterprises of Shelby County, develops the fact that for solidity, enterprise and business capacity its leading merchants and business men compare favorably with those of any county in the state. Prominent among those who have by energy, integrity and industry established a prosperous trade and an enviable reputation we may especially mention as worthy of more than ordinary consideration in this review Mr. Jerome Sparks proprietor of the popular grocery and provision house of Waldron, who although among our youngest merchants occupies a prominent rank among his contemporaries. Mr. Sparks commenced business on his own account in this town in 1881 upon a comparatively small scale and each succeeding month since the inauguration of his enterprise has witnessed a marked and gratifying increase in the volume of his transactions until at the present time his annual

sales will closely approximate \$10,000. His sales room which is 24x50 feet in dimensions is filled to its utmost storage capacity with an admirably selected assortment of the choicest varieties of staple and fancy groceries, teas, coffees, spices, sugars, soaps, fruits, canned goods, table and culinary supplies, flour, meal, feed and provisions, plain and fancy candies, notions and groceries and confectioner's sundries generally. Mr. Sparks is a native of Decatur County, Ind., and was born in 1857. He has resided in Waldron since 1871, and from 1873 to 1881 served as Clerk in the Post Office. In 1881 he was appointed Post Master under the administration of President Garfield and Arthur a position which he has since retained to the entire acceptability of our citizens irrespective of party.

II. DRUMMOND,

BUTCHER AND STOCK DEALER.

The meat market of Mr. II. Drummond of Waldron has been for more than fifteen years a popular institution with the residents of this and adjoining towns, as furnishing their regular supplies of meat and as an indication of the extent of his business at the present time it may be stated that he slaughters annually for his local trade not less than 150 fine fat beefs, 75 hogs, 100 sheep and calves, which he disposes of from his market and wagons within a radius of a few miles. In addition to this business which is quite extensive for the size of the place, Mr. Drummond is a prominent dealer in stock of all descriptions, buying and shipping to other points large numbers of cattle and smaller animals. His sales rooms in Waldron is 18x25 feet in dimensions and the stock carried comprises the choicest cuts and best varieties of fresh beef, pork, lamb, veal, mutton, etc., all kinds of salt and smoked meats, lard of his own rendering and sausage and bologna in season of his own manufacture. Mr. Drummond is a native of Rush County, Ind. where he was born in 1849. He is a practical butcher and thoroughly conversant with the value of stock and with all the details of the business. He has been a resident of Waldron for the past fifteen years during which entire period he has been identified with this special branch of trade.

DAVID GRUBB,

GRAIN DEALER.

In a financial point of view, the grain business as conducted by Mr. David Grubb, is the most important of the commercial enterprises of Waldron, the amount of corn and wheat handled by him annually aggregating in value more than \$125,000, a most important factor in the sum total of our commercial interests. This business was originally established in 1858 by Mr. Milton Coffin, and ten years later Mr. Grubb purchased a half interest, and subsequently became sole proprietor. The building occupied for storage purposes, which was destroyed by fire June 20th, 1884, had a storage capacity for \$25,000 bushels. Mr. Grubb con-

templates the erection during the present season of an elevator building and mill, which will considerably increase his facilities, and afford ampler opportunities for the prosecution of his business upon a more extended scale. He is prepared at all times to purchase either in large or small quantities the cereal products of our fertile farms, paying the highest ruling rates. He is in constant communication with the leading dealers in the important grain centres of the Union, and keeps fully informed as to the state of the market, both at home and abroad. Mr. Grubb, who is a native of this state, was born in Rush County in 1831, and has been a resident of Waldron since 1869. Enterprising and energetic in pushing his business, thoroughly reliable and honorable in all his transactions, he has established in this town a business entitling him to a prominent rank among the representative operators in grain of Eastern Indiana.

S. P. STROUP,

SAW AND PLANING MILLS.

The situation of Waldron with special reference to its proximity to the lumber producing districts of Shelby County has been instrumental in giving to our little town an importance that has in no small degree added to its commercial and industrial prosperity. When to its natural advantages are added the facilities enjoyed for manufacturing the products of our native forests by means of improved machinery controlled by the enterprise of one of its prominent citizens it must be admitted that Waldron is entitled to prominent consideration

as among the producing and shipping centres of this section of the state. The saw and planing mills of Mr. S. P. Stroup were erected by him in 1873 but destroyed by fire in 1879 entailing a loss of \$4,000, with his well-known energy he soon rebuilt the present mills which are 40x80 feet in dimensions with a daily capacity for sawing 8,000 feet of lumber. The machinery employed both in the sawing and planing departments is of the latest improved varieties and is propelled by one 30 horse power engine and boiler. Mr. Stroup manufactures every description of hard wood and pine lumber for the local trade and ships extensively of his own products to Cincinnati, Indianapolis and other points both east and west. The average valuation of stock carried in raw material and manufactured lumber is about \$7,000 and the annual transactions will closely approximate \$20,000. Mr. Stroup is a native and life-long resident of Shelby County and was born in 1846. He has by his own energy, enterprise and business sagacity established a prosperous business which redounds not only to his own credit but also to the thrift and prosperity of his native county which as a lumber producing district is rapidly acquiring a national reputation.

Other firms here are, Haymond & Son, general merchandise; Powell & Feaster, distillers; R. Washburn, drugs; Vanpelt & Richcy, wagon makers; D. Thompson, general merchandise; J. M. Cain, harness; Chapman & Larimore, drugs.

MIDDLETOWN.

This place is located in the south-eastern part of Shelby County near the Rush County line, and about seven and a half miles from Shelbyville, the county seat. The place was organized in June, 1819, and while enjoying considerable trade considering its size, has not had a very

rapid growth. Waldron is the post office and nearest town, being located about a mile distant on the Cincinnati, Indianapolis, St. Louis and Chicago Railroad. Below will be found sketches of the more important business firms of Middletown.

T. N. DONNELL & SON, BOOTS AND SHOES.

There are few, if any, establishments in this section engaged in the same line of trade that carry so large, complete and comprehensive an assortment of the finer and common grades of boots and shoes as that of Messrs. T. N. Donnell & Son of Middletown which was founded by its present enterprising proprietors in 1879. This representative firm occupies a sales room 18x40 feet in dimensions, in which is also located the Middletown Post Office, and carry in stock a carefully selected line of the best makes of boots, shoes, slippers, etc., for ladies, gentlemen's and children's wear embracing not only the finer grades for dress purposes but also the heavier varieties suitable for farmers and the working classes in all positions of life. The average valuation of stock carried is not less than \$15,000 and the annual transactions of this house will exceed \$8,000. Mr. T. N. Donnell the senior member of the firm is a native of Decatur County this state and was born in 1832. His son and business associate, Mr. James Donnell was born in Rush County in 1858. He is the Post Master of Middletown at the present time having received his appointment Sept. 14, 1883. Determined to enlarge the scope of business operations the firm has decided on removing to Greensburgh, the county seat of Decatur Co. where they can avail themselves of extended and more complete facilities for trade.

NICHOLAS WEINTROUT, BOOTS AND SHOES.

The popular custom boot and shoe house of Nicholas Weintrout, of Middletown, was established in 1879. With a thorough practical knowledge of the business in all its branches, and an extended experience as manufacturer, this gentleman possesses the amplest facilities for turning out the best work in this line, and guaranteeing to his patrons perfect fits, reliable workmanship, elegant styles, first-class material, fine finish, and reasonable prices—

important items which cannot fail to commend his establishment to the favorable consideration of the better class of custom in Middletown and adjoining towns. Mr. Nicholas Weintrout was born in Franklin County, Indiana, in 1859, and has resided in this town since he was ten years of age. He is a practical and expert boot and shoe maker, and devotes his personal attention to the production of first-class custom work, as well as to general repairing in all branches.

ISAAC G. MORRIS, DRY GOODS, CLOTHING, ETC.

As the oldest established business house in Middletown, ante-dating by many years any similar establishment in this section, the general store of Mr. Isaac G. Morris claims prominent recognition among the representative commercial enterprises of Shelby County. Established by its pre-ent popular proprietor as early as in 1819, this house has, for more than a third of a century, maintained a high rank among its contemporaries, and become widely known throughout a wide area of adjacent territory, on account of the extent and variety of merchandise handled and the uniformly honorable methods of dealing, which have characterized its transactions during this period. Commencing with a capital of \$1,000, which was amply adequate for the requirements of those early days, this house has steadily grown in popular favor, extending the scope of its operations until it now carries a stock valued at not less than \$3,000, and transacts an annual business of more than \$12,000. The premises occupied comprise a general sales-room 20x60 feet in size, with an additional room 14x40 feet, and the stock embraces a general line of foreign and American dry goods, ready-made clothing and furnishing goods, hats, caps, boots, shoes, hardware, staple and fancy groceries, queens and glassware, notions and miscellaneous merchandise in great variety, including every article usually found in first-class, well regulated establish-

ments of this class in our interior towns and villages. Mr. Morris, who is a native of Manchester, Dearborn County, Indiana, was born in 1827, but has been for more than twenty years a resident of Middletown, and as a successful merchant prominently identified with

the business interests of this section of the state.

The other more important firms here are T. Miller, general merchandise; J. Custer, wagon maker; J. Youngman, groceries.

FAIRLAND.

This willage was organized in October, 1852. It is situated in the north-western part of the county about six miles from Shelbyville the county seat. It has excellent railroad facilities being located on the Cincinnati, Indianapolis, St. Louis and Chicago at its junction with the Martins-

ville branch. It also has the advantage of several turnpikes connecting it with distant parts of the county. It has about 400 inhabitants and is quite a trading point for the surrounding territory. The principal business firms here and their line of trade, are given below.

J. B. PLYMATE,

HARNESS, GROCERIES, ETC.

Mr. J. B. Plymate the present popular Post Master of Fairland commenced business in this town in 1873 as a manufacturer and dealer in harness and the various associated commodities pertaining to this important branch of industry. In 1879 he added a grocery department to his original business and in 1877 under the administration of President Hayes received the appointment of Post Master of Fairland a position which he has since filled to the entire acceptability of his fellow citizens irrespective of party prejudices. The premises occupied for business purposes and as Post Office are 15x50 feet in dimensions and the stock carried embraces a general line of hand made harness, collars, bridles, saddles, robes, blankets, whips and horse clothing generally, household supplies in the way of staple and fancy groceries, fine teas and coffees, sugars, spices, canned goods, cigars, tobacco, notions and miscellaneous merchandise in great variety. Mr. Plymate is a native and life-long resident of

this state and was born in Jennings County in 1843. He became a resident of this county and township in 1873 and has since been more or less prominently identified with the industrial, commercial and political interests of Fairland. In 1876 he was elected Justice of the Peace an office which he most creditably filled for one year, at which time he resigned; and he has ever taken an active and intelligent interest in political affairs both national, state and local. He is a practical saddler and harness maker having learned the trade and become an expert workman at Sardinia, Decatur Co. more than twenty years ago.

There are also doing business here the following firms: Holmes & Co., drugs, etc.; Neal & Reese, boots and shoes; Smith & Bro., general merchandise; Mrs. Culbertson, millinery; Mrs. Feary, groceries, etc.; H. Smith, general merchandise; W. Stewart, saw mills; C. Wright, general merchandise; Parkhurst & Gephart, general merchandise.

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