

Another enterprise just completed, which reflects marked credit on the citizens of Shelbina, is the erection by an association of citizens, of the best livery stable building in North Missouri. Messrs., Muldrow & White have secured the use of this building, and have fitted it out with a livery stock which is unsurpassed. These are both widely known and excellent gentlemen and are well qualified to successfully conduct the enterprise they have in hand. Some of the horses they have in their stable are very fine, and their carriages will compare favorably with the stock on large cities.

In company with Mr. J.W. Towson a representative of the Clipper a few days since enjoyed a pleasant ride through Shelbina and its vicinity. Many of the private residences and the grounds attached denote a degree of wealth, taste, and refinement on the part of the owners, one would scarcely expect to meet with in a town the size and age of Shelbina. There is an air of neatness and cleanliness and taste pervading every part of the suburbs of the town which cannot fail to strike the stranger with admiration, and which must add materially to the happiness and the health of her own citizens.

West of town, surrounded by beautiful grounds, towers an elegant residence, the proudest and most conspicuous landmark in all the country and the most imposing and costly structure of the kind in North Missouri. In an unpretending vault in the front yard, surrounded by beautiful green sward, slumber in the last long sleep, all that is mortal of the late master, Gen. John F. Benjamin: while lying upon her death bed in the beautiful mansion, is his widow, the last of his family. To one who has known and tested some of the best and noblest traits of Gen. Benjamin's character, feelings inexpressibly and were inspired by a contemplation of the scene described.

The public school building, south of Shelbina, is a good and substantial structure, and indicates a commendable spirit on the part of her citizens. The school under the management of an able corps of teachers, has been one of the most efficient in advancing the cause of public education.

Shelbina ranks as one of the best tobacco markets in the west. In the circle commanded by the market are some of the best tobacco growing lands in the state. The crop each year is steadily raising in quality and quantity and increasing in area. It will this year if the season should prove favorable, be increased over all former years. A tobacco growers association has been organized, which handles, buys, sells and prizes tobacco. Of this association Mr. J. R. Harris, once of this city, and an excellent, courteous gentlemen, is the manager. There are, it is said, but few more in the west who are more thoroughly acquainted with the tobacco business than Mr. Harris. During a long experience he has become thoroughly posted in its every detail. The