

association has erected a large and commodious building, in every part of which a large number of hands are at work as busy as bees. Between 600,000 and 700,000 pounds of tobacco have been brought in this season.

The Waverly house of Shelbina, which is beyond question, if not the very best hotel on the H. & St. Joe railroad at any point, ranks among the very best, was also built by an association of citizens. Mr. Connely, the proprietor, is one of the most courteous hosts we have ever known. The house is kept in such a manner which cannot fail to suit every reasonable guest. The tables are supplied with every luxury the markets afford, while the rooms are well furnished, clean, and comfortable. The Waverly House is held in high esteem by all who have been so fortunate to experience the generous hospitality of its whole-souled landlord, while its reputation extends throughout the west, and weary, hungry pilgrims from every section rejoice when they pass beneath its friendly portals.

While the prosperity of Shelbina during a period of time when other western towns and villages have retrograded, may in a great measure be attributed to the fortunate circumstances of a number of enterprising men with some capital earnest, steady efforts of the Shelbina Democrat on behalf of their interests and in encountering a spirit of enterprise, the citizens of Shelbina owe much. Unpretending, underassuming, the Democrat has gone on from year to year, laboring most faithfully on behalf of progress and improvement. That its efforts in some slight measure are meeting with the reward they so justly deserve, there is reason to believe, it is not probable that the citizens of Shelbina let their support to the Democrat be as generous as it may and we admit that it is comparatively very generous will ever repay all they owe the Democrat for their good fortune and prosperity. If they do not, friend Hosefon will be the last to complain.

No place of the same population is blessed with a larger number of live liberal business men than Shelbina. Her merchants are ready to seize every opportunity by which the trade of the place may be advanced, and among the excellent business institutions, none stand higher than the Bank of Shelbina, of which Mr. Daniel Taylor is the president. This is one of the safest and most reliable organizations of its kind in North Missouri. Mr. Wm. A. Reid is the cashier of the bank, and C.K. Dickerson clerk. Daniel Taylor, Wm. A. Reid, John Dickerson, H.C. Towson, and D.G. Minter are the directors.

Among the excellent merchants of Shelbina, none rank higher than Messrs. Hill and Smith, who are the proprietors of a large dry goods, boot and shoe and clothing establishment. These gentlemen are everywhere regarded as fair and honorable business men and are held in high esteem