

1891 Shelbina Trade Review

This thriving, beautiful little city of about two thousand inhabitants is situated on the Hannibal and St. Joseph railroad 47 miles west of Quincy and Hannibal. Its principal streets are well macadamized and they are broad and commodious. The buildings are well constructed of brick and afforded ample room and convenience for the large business here transacted. It is noted for fine residences and pleasant homes, good schools and churches, for the intelligence and morality of its people. Through a prairie town, it has the appearance of being in a forest, as fine shade trees line its streets and adorn it in every part.

Business Establishments

It has two large wagon factories-two first class flouring mills-2 banks-six dry good houses-3 millinery stores-5 drug stores-five grocery stores-two exclusive clothing and gent's furnishings goods stores-two hardware stores-three good hotels-three restaurants-two meat markets-eight real estate and insurance offices-four good liver stables-one furniture store-two book stores-two jewelers and watch makers-one creamery-1 photographer-two weekly newspapers and two opera house, one a fine brick, arrangements have been made by which the city is soon to be fully lit up with electricity.

Schools

The Shelbina collegiate Institute is a modern structure of brick, two stories high. The courses of study are divided into Primary, preparatory, high school and collegiate. In connection with this institution there is a first class boarding house, under the supervision of the president, at which students from a distance can obtain board at very reasonable rates.

The public school building is a fine three-story brick building containing six large well ventilated rooms and is well situated in room grounds. The system of education adopted by this board of education is something similar to that of the State Normal Schools.

Churches

The following denominations have church buildings: Southern Methodist, Baptist and Christian all elegant brick buildings; Presbyterian and Catholic have handsome frame structures and the M E church has a fine new frame edifice. There are also two-colored congregation in the city having church buildings, I E the Methodist and Baptist.

Secret societies are represented by the AFAM, IOOF, AOUW, triple alliance, chosen friends and K of P, the lodges all being in a flourishing condition.

Building Facilities

No town in N E Missouri has better facilities for building cheaply than Shelbina. In the midst of a section abounding with limestone for foundation purposes, and producing brick that cannot be excelled in quality; near to Hannibal, one of the greatest lumber towns on the Mississippi, with low rates all combine to reduce the cost of building to the lowest limit.

Stock and Grain Shipping

Shelbina is one of the most extensive shipping points on the Hannibal and St. Joseph railroad, the number of cars used per month for shipping cattle, hogs, sheep, hay, wheat, corn and oats, from the point being from 40 to 140 owing of course to the season. Last year there were shipped from the place 225 car loads of cattle, 267 of hogs, 70 of horses and mules, 38 of sheep, 67 of hay, 10 of oats and 45 of wheat. These represent a value of nearly half a million dollars.

Fine imported Horses

Located in Shelbina is an enterprise, which deserves particular mention, and that is the company, organized for the purpose of importing fine horses to this country. Visitors to our city interested in the improvement of horseflesh should not fail to see these fine animals, at J B Settle's big barn, located at the end of Chestnut Street.

Shelbina Fair Association

The Shelbina Fair Association is an institution of which the citizens of the county as well as the town are proud. The grounds are roomy, with plenty of good water and a large number of shade trees. The buildings consist of a hall for display of machinery, a floral and agricultural hall, a grand stand and exhibition hall combined and a room amphitheater, besides a great number of stalls for the accommodations of horses and cattle, sheep and hog sheds besides. The half-mile track is one of the finest in the state.

Resources of Shelby County, MO

(This article was prepared by one of the editors of this paper at the request of the N E Missouri Press Association.)

The tract of land laid down upon the map as Shelby County in the great state of Missouri, is in the heart of the finest blue grass region in the world. It is in the second tier of counties from the Mississippi and the third from the town line, small in territory, containing only 504 square miles; it is great in its productions, and still greater in its undeveloped resources. It has a soil capable of sustaining a dense population. On the prairie this is a dark loam, rich in vegetable matter, from eight to 15 inches deep with a sub-soil, rich in salacious matter, linic and magnesia carbonate, etc. In the timber the soil is light and quicker, but not quite as durable. If fertilizers are used on any of our lands, there is no waste, none of it reaches through, and its effects can be seen for 20 years. It produces to perfection nearly everything that grows between the gulf and Alaska. About half a million bushels of wheat, three million bushels of corn, one million bushels of oats, 15000 tons of hay, 50000 hogs, 10000 head of cattle and 3000 horses are among the natural productions and all especially the cattle and horses, belong to the top of pot. It is the natural home of the grasses, timothy, clover and blue grass growing to the greatest perfection.

There is no more beautiful farming country anywhere. Our pastures and meadows green with perennial sward, spreading out over swells of prairie, winding valleys, fringed and dotted with cluster and bunches of trees, with here and there patches of denser forest present an exceedingly attractive scene. Then the herds of cattle and sheep and droves of horses give life and animation to this landscape. The broad fields of wheat and corn, and the neat comfortable homes of the tiller of the soil add to what has already been described, make a picture of cultivated rural life so charming no editorial pencil or painter's brush can properly present it to the mind of any who has not seen it.

Originally this country was about equally divided between prairie and timber. North and Salt rivers, Otter Crooked Black and Fabius creeks, Tiger and North forks and a dozen smaller streams meander through the country in an easterly direction bearing toward the south. These afford abundant water, and along their banks formerly stood stately forests. These have been largely cleared away, but many shady pastures, with all the under brush and many of the trees thinned out, still remain to charm the eyes of the beholder. Timber is still abundant and coal and stone are found in sufficient quantities for all needs. Nature has, indeed, been lavish in her bounty to this healthy, charming region, where grass, grain, timber, fruit and flowers grow to such perfection and every prospect pleases. But what is all this without something higher and nobler? While we rejoice in what nature has done, our chief glory is in our "men, high-minded men, who know their rights and knowing, dare maintain." The original settlers were from all of the older states and from many of the European countries. Their children have grown up together, intermarried, and now we have a population, cosmopolitan but homogeneous. Our men are noted for intelligence, and industry and enterprise, and our women for beauty, culture and refinement. In morality and religion the country stands in the van. Nearly one hundred schoolhouses are scattered over this little territory, and churches are in every neighborhood. The standard of education is kept at high mark and still the watchword is excelsior. For many years there has not been a saloon in the county, and it is a very rare thing to see a person under the influence of intoxicants.

If further proof of the good qualities of the people of this grand little county is needed, I point to the fact that six live newspapers are published and well supported within her limits.

The Hannibal and St. Joe railroad traverses the southern part of the county from east to west affording ample shipping accommodations.

Shelbina is the metropolis of the county, being a beautiful young city of 2000 inhabitants with broad shaded streets, fine business houses and especially noted for its neat and elegant homes. Shelbina Collegiate Institute is here and an institution of learning worthy of note.

Shelbyville, the capital of the county though off the railroad is a solid business place, the people being noted for their hospitality and social qualities.

Clarence in the western part of the county is a rival of Shelbina in business having two thirds as many inhabitants and even more business houses. It is noted for the energy and push of its young businessmen. The Methodist high school is located there and is doing good work in the cause of education.

Hunnewell in the eastern part of the county is a good business point, having a mill and brook.

There are also: Bethel, Lakenan, Leonard, Maud, Oak Dale, and Lentner, thriving business points in this county.

Yet there is room for more businessmen; and especially we need men of genius, skill or capital to build up manufacturing industries. There is a grand opening here to that direction. We also need more strong hands to till the soil and help it yield bountiful harvests. All honest and industrious citizens will be welcomed with open arms; no matter from whence they come. We want them to help us develop and enjoy this grand inheritance.

I cannot better close this article than by quoting two passages from a correspondent of a Chicago paper.

"I like the people for their generous hospitality, their courtesy to strangers and their high appreciation of high personal character in private and public life. There are more demonstrative people in the border portions of the newer west, but nowhere more enterprising and progressive people than in Shelby county. Whoever doubts this should come and see the schools, churches, homes, farms, orchards, mills, and bridges of the county, and shake hands and exchange greetings and sentiments with the people."

"In Shelby County everybody grows stock, feeds stock, and ships stock, personally or by proxy. It is the one absorbing, commanding, entertaining occupation of the day and location. If it be eminently practical and profitable, so too, it is invested with something of a poetic charm."

J J RILEY

Photographic Artist

The subject of this sketch was born in 1857 in Westville, Chariton County, Missouri. He came to this city about five years ago to practice his profession as a photographic artist. Mr. Riley has had an experience at his profession for eleven years, and is thoroughly competent in this line of work. He makes a specialty of photographic views, copying and enlarging. Does also in and out of door work by, taking views. He also keeps on hand a nice lot of frames and moldings. All work guaranteed, to be equal and in many cases superior to that done in much larger cities. For reliable work, which will satisfy any reasonable person, call on Mr. Riley. For a good finish call on him and you will go away satisfied.

E P WEAVER

Edward P Weaver is one of the aldermen of Shelbina. He hails from the old dominion, having been born in Rockingham County, VA, March 28th 1849. In '68 he came to Missouri and stopped awhile in Cass County but returned to his old home in '71 from which place in '74 he moved to Orlando, Florida, where he lived for 4 years. He again returned to old Virginia, but in January 1870 he moved to Missouri and settled in Shelbina. He is a carpenter and builder by occupation and has the reputation of being a good workman. He has a charming wife and a nice little girl. In 1889 he was chosen on the aldermen for the 2nd ward and was re-elected in April 1891.

Thos E Hawkins

Is a member of the Board of Aldermen of this city, and he is a wide-awake, enterprising businessman. He is a native of this State, having been born in Monroe County within ten miles of where Shelbina now stands in 1853, and he resided with his father on the farm until he was 20 years of age, when he commenced dealing in horses and mules. He was quite successful and was able to save some money. In 1882 he formed a partnership with E W Worland of this place in the liver business and the horse and mule trade. Their trade is now among the largest in the state. He was elected alderman in 1890, and has shown himself alive to the best interests of the city. In 1882 he was married to Miss Mollie Crow and they have an interesting family.

D Morgan Sr came to Shelbina in the infancy of the place more than 30 years ago. He had nothing but his trade of wagon making to depend upon, but he was young, full of energy and determination. These are the qualities that make men successful. Men who are willing to work, to economize, to plan, deal honestly and wait patiently for results will nearly always succeed. Mr. Morgan has been no exception to the rule. He was the pioneer wagon maker of this place. He has maintained his reputation and enlarged his business from time to time, until he has one of the most extensive establishments in northeast Missouri. He and his sons, who are now partners, occupy 4 large buildings, three of which are brick and they give employment to 10 to 20 hands.

THOMAS AND PUCKETT

One of the enterprising grocery firms of this city is without doubt that of Thomas and Puckett. They are well and favorably known in this community and vicinity, as energetic and progressive businessmen. Last October Mr. Thomas associated with him Thomas Puckett, the firm name now being as stated. The firm keeps a well-selected and complete assortment of staple and fancy groceries, queen's ware, and all such other goods pertaining to a first-class grocery house. Their business is located at the corner of Walnut and Center Streets. They also deal extensively in country produce, paying cash for eggs and all other country produce, and respectfully solicit a fair share of the public patronage of Shelbina and vicinity.

HAINLINE'S RESTAURANT

Meal at all hours.

This restaurant has a reputation of which the proprietor may feel proud. He keeps a selected stock of candies and such other goods as pertain to a first class confectionery. Fresh bread can always be found at this place. When in the city and wanting a first class meal for 25 cents go to this place. Ice cream always on deck. Oysters in their season. Summer drinks, cool and fresh, always on hand. Go there once and you will come again.

HENRY BEROLZHEIMER
Dry Goods, ETC.

One of the leading and most prosperous businessmen of this fair city is Hy. Berolzheimer. He keeps a full line of dry goods, boots and shoes. His place of business is on Center Street, and he will be glad to have the readers call. He will show you the best lines of goods that were ever brought to this city. The gentleman has been business in Shelbina for the past eleven years, and has a reputation for square dealing which is unexcelled. Call on him for good goods at lowest prices.

DR C H STORTS

The advertisement of Dr. Storts, which is published in the regular issues of this paper, appears also in this edition of the trade review of the Democrat. A special feature of his method of practice is in having non residents of the town, who may be suffering with maladies of long standing, or chronic Skin diseases visit him at office, in drug store of S. Downing Jr. or take lodgings convenient, where their cases can be successfully treated. It has been found by experience that the expense is much less for the same results than by giving attendance at a distance and secured in a great deal shorter time. Dr. Storts gives strict attention to the Office Practice, attends sick calls in the city and offers his services in the several departments of Medical Practice, including disease incident to women and children. Dr. Storts is an old physician of varied and extensive experience, having practiced his profession in Missouri for more than forty years, purposes continuing his residence as a citizen of Shelbina permanently. He makes his home at the Waverly Hotel, where he may be found at night after the business hours of the day are over at his office.

HON. BENJAMIN F DOBYNS

Among the businessmen and citizens of Shelbina the gentle men whose name heads this article stands in the first rank. He was born in Marion County, MO in 1847, his father being Thomas W Dobyms of Richmond co, Virginia, and his mother Ann C T Durett. Raised upon a farm, he still found time for reading and study and completed his youthful training at Bethel College, Palmyra.

At the outbreak of the war he enlisted in the State Guard under Price and afterward in the regular confederate service, and was with Gen. Cockrell at Pen Ridge, Iukn. Port Gibson; Champions Hill, big black and Vicksburg, and in the preliminary fighting near Kenesan mountains. He was twice wounded, once by a piece of shell over the heart and again by a ball in the right hip. He was three times a prisoner. After the war he taught school in Marion County and finally in Shelbina, and in the mean time he was devoting himself to the difficult study of the law. He was admitted to the bar in Shelby County in the fall of 1870. In 1880 he was elected to the State Senate from this senatorial district. In that body he took rank as a good lawyer, an able and incorruptible man. Mr. Dobyms health was too poor to allow him to continue the practice of law, and hence he became engaged in the lumber business, not only keeping a yard here but also being largely interested elsewhere. He is a member of the board of trustees of the Shelbina collegiate institute, and takes a lively interest in education and in everything calculated to improve and benefit the people. He is alive to every enterprise. In December 1872 he was married to Miss Cordelia P Williams, and they have a very interesting family consisting of three girls and three boys. He was for many years been an active and consistent member of the Baptist church.

WAVERLY HOUSE

T F Hughes is the genial proprietor of this well-known house and leaves no stone unturned to make his guests feel at home. We speak of facts, when we say that this house has an excellent reputation among the traveling public and they speak in the highest terms of the accommodations of this house. The tables are at every mealtime laden with all plateable foods in their season and the cooking department is perfection. We advise all of our friends to make this place their headquarters when wanting a square meal.

MINTER AND SMITH

Buy everything for spot cash direct from the importers and manufacturers. They pay no rent, and no interest; they cannot possibly be undersold. By close attention to business honest and fair dealings their well known reputation for correct book-keeping, and the well known fact that they keep the very best goods, and sell them at the lowest possible prices, has built up for them and immense trade inferior to no house in Northeast Missouri. Be sure to call on Minter and Smith when in Shelbina.

MRS A MUNCH

Millinery

The millinery business of this city is well represented by Mrs. A Munch. Her place of business is located on Center Street. She keeps a complete stock of millinery, fancy goods, jewelry, hair goods, zephyrs, yarns, crewels, silks, etc. etc. Mrs. Munch commenced business in this city in the fall of 1880, consequently has been identified with the business interests of Shelbina, for about 11 years. Her extensive stock of goods contains everything that the most fastidious can desire. She keeps none but expert hat trimmers in her employ. When wanting any thing in her line call and see her before going elsewhere.

J WM TOWSON

J Wm Towson was born and raised to young manhood in "My Maryland." He had good early advantages and hence has a well cultivated mind. In '62 while yet a boy he joined the celebrated "black horse" cavalry under Fitzhill Lee and participated in all the battles of the army of Northern Virginia until Lee's surrender. In '66 he came to Shelbina with his now deceased brother B C Towson, and at once engaged in land and insurance agency business. They were both intelligent, energetic, determined men, and consequently succeeded in building up a profitable business. Some ten or more years ago the subject of this sketch bought his brother's interest in the agency business, and then sold half interest to A W Combs, who is still his partner.

Some years ago Mr. Towson became interested in real estate business in Kansas City and resided there for several years, but continued his business here. Some two years ago he gave up his business in Kansas City and returned to this place. He has always been a liberal, public spirited, enterprising citizen, and has succeeded in accumulating considerable of an estate.

G H WORLAND

Druggist

This establishment is prepared to put up prescriptions as well as the best. His place of business is on Center Street where he keeps a large stock of drugs, medicines, stationery, paints, oils; varnishes, toilet articles and such other goods as are usually kept in a first class drug store. Prescriptions are compounded at all hours.

When needing anything in the drug line call and see Mr. Worland. Those of our readers who desire to have buildings painted should not forget to secure his estimates, as he is reliable and sells on small margins.

R E BODINE

R E Bodine ably represents the lumber interests of this city. Its proportions are increasing as the growth of this city and surrounding country advances. Mr. Bodine will always be able to meet the demand. He keeps in stock the best and most select stock of lumber, which may be used in a general way and answers the purpose as well as better lumber also a complete line of laths, shingles, etc. In fact everything pertains to a first class yard. Com to this city and see Mr. Bodine when intending to build and get his estimates; they are cheaper than elsewhere.

RALPH R GARDNER

4TH DOOR EAST OF FORD'S DRUG STORE, thanks his friends for past favors, and hopes for a larger trade.

Notwithstanding the heated season Ralph's energy is unabated, and his stock of goods has grown into a general assortment of the useful and beautiful. A full line of stationery, also elegant easels, steel plates, and oil paintings, a great variety of hammocks, fine soaps, towels, baseball goods, French harps, violin strings, jewelry, fine cigars, fancy candies, tin ware and glassware at prices for the times. He continues to make a specialty in all kinds of picture frames, having recently added to his stock the greatest variety of frames ever carried by any dealer in this city. Ralph speaks well of his customers and the fact that customers speak well of him, shows that he is a success. Go in and see the elegant line of pictures and frames, and don't forget to look at that elegant umbrella stand the like of which was never before seen in Shelbina.

BAILEY BROS. MUSIC CO.

The leading music house of NE Missouri.

Shelbina has reason to boast of having one of the neatest and largest music houses in northeast Missouri. Below we give a brief history of the members of this house and also a sketch of their business up to the present time.

J T Bailey, the founder of this house was born in Monroe County, MO in 1851. He was raised on a farm but the most of his life has been devoted to the study and practice of music; even in his early childhood he exhibited a great fondness for music, and it has ever been his greatest passion. Possessing as

he did a natural talent for music, self willed and energetic, he has risen to an enviable position in the musical world.

In 1861 at the age of ten he commenced the study and practice of the violin. In 1869 he commenced teaching vocal and instrumental music, which was kept up as a business until 1180, at which time he entered the music trade, selling pianos and organs in a quiet way through the country. The piano and organ, both mechanically and musically has been his study for years. He is thoroughly acquainted with all the details of their construction, and understands in a high degree the art of tuning and voicing. In February 1186 he moved with his family to Shelbina. This placed him at once in a new field and by fair and honorable dealing his business so increased that in May 1890 he determined to take another step forward by erecting for his own use a large music house. This house was completed in September 1890 and would be a credit to most any city.

W B Bailey, the other member of the firm was born in Monroe County, MO, October 28, 1864. He too was raised on a farm and knows what it is to make a dollar by hard licks. His aptness for books as he grew in years qualified him, even at an early period of life for the vacation of school teaching. This he followed for several years. Being affable, kind and gently, possessing a thorough knowledge of human nature, only one result could follow, which was success in the very highest degree. Not being content with this high calling and having a natural fondness for music, he entered the music business as a partner with his brother, June 10th, 1891.

We would now call your attention to Bailey Bros. Music Co. as one of the solid institutions of the city of Shelbina. It is not of mushroom growth, which endured only for a session, but is a permanent institution, and the people of the surround country should lend a helping hand towards its support. Don't send away for your pianos and organs when you can do better at home. They buy their goods direct from the manufacturers for cash. Many dealers not having the necessary capital to carry on their business buy on consignment, which necessarily advances the price to the customer.

This house, embodying as it does long experience in the music trade is familiar with all the leading makes of pianos and organs in the United States. Hence paying cash for goods and placing their own guarantee with the manufacturers on every instrument sold compels them to buy the very best instruments on the market. It is not reasonably to suppose that a responsible house like this would invest their money in shoddy goods. Far from it. They could not afford to do it. It is evident then that you can buy a first class piano or organ from Bailey Bros Music Co for less money than in the large cities, besides you get a double guarantee from a responsible house at home. This house will take your old pianos or organs at all they are worth in exchange for new instruments. If your piano needs tuning or your organ needs repairing, write to Bailey Bros. Music Co. who will do your work to your entire satisfaction. To sum the matter up this house has all the necessary elements to carry on a successful music business. First a thorough knowledge of what goods to buy. Second their superior advantages in making low prices to their customers. Third, their ability to always keep their goods in the best of repair. Honest goods at honest prices are their motto. Give them a call.

GO TO

Mrs. M C Upton's for notions of all kinds, on Walnut Street.

DOBYNS AND DULANY

Messrs. Dobyms and Dulany entered into co-partnership some 7 years ago, and at this writing do an extensive business through out this section of the country. They deal extensively in lumber, shingles, doors, lime, paints etc. and are recognized among our most prominent businessmen. They keep on hand a full and complete line of the above-mentioned goods, which are essential to all those who contemplate building. Their place of business is located at or near the railroad track, where some member of the firm, or chief clerk, can be found to accommodate those desiring anything in their line.

The senior member of this firm Hon B F Dobyms, is well and favorably known to the citizens this city and vicinity.

W T MILES

Manufacturer of Brick

W T Miles has been in the brick business in Shelbina for the past 7 years. He has experience as a brick manufacturer for 30 years, and needs no commendation on our part to the public of Shelbina and vicinity, as his superior workmanship is highly spoken of by those who have had dealings with him. His yard is located just west of the city near the railroad track. He takes orders from the surrounding cities and all orders are filled with promptness. He has employed when running a full force about 11 men and boys. A larger Quaker machine, which is made on the pallet system, turns out from 800,000 to one million bricks

per annum. Mr. Miles has also furnished the brick for the new mill of this city. The quality of his brick is of a superior make, and wherever they have been introduced give entire satisfaction. Parties when building should always bear in mind that it pays to use first class material in the construction of a building and such can only be obtained in the way of brick from Mr. Miles. He says he is ready for Shelbina's boom and can turn out 2,000,000 brick per year if it need be. Parties living at a distance should call on or address W T Miles, Shelbina, MO. He can fill every order with a promptness that is equal to the enterprise of such firms in much larger cities.

R E MILES

Clothing merchant

The subject of this write up, R E Miles, was born in Washington county, KY and came when only three years old, with his parents to this state, settling in Monroe County, where he resided until 1865, when he came to this county. The same year he engaged as a clerk in a store at Macon, this state where until 1873, he went into business for himself. He come to Shelbina in 1879 and went into business with the firm of Cotton and Lasley, who were conduction an extensive dry gods business, after which he branched out for himself with Mr. Thompson. The firm name then being Thompson and Miles. This firm stood for seven years when Mr. Miles bought out his partner, Mr. Thompson. This was in the spring of 1891. Mr. Miles is now located on Center Street and has one of the largest stocks of goods in this section of the country. His immense stock of goods consists of clothing, gents furnishing goods, hast and caps, boots and shoes. His affable manners, kind disposition, and his good and superior judgment of selection goods, and the exactness with which he buys as cheap as the cheapest, has secured for him a large and ever increasing trade. On the other hand Mr. Miles is surrounded with a host of friends who realize that he is a loyal citizen and largely interest in Shelbina's boom. When wanting good goods that will fit like the paper on the wall, go to Miles, the Clothing Merchant.

W C CLARK

Mr. Clark came to this part of the country in 1866, from Brighton, Ontario, Canada, at which place he was born and raised. He is the manufacturer of the famous light running wagon, also dealer in all kinds of again agricultural implements. Repairing a specialty. His place of business is on Walnut Street, where he has commodious buildings, which he uses for storage of all kinds of farm implements. He also employs a force of blacksmith and wagon makers. His business has annually been increasing.

DR J H YOST

Dentist

One of the true representative men of Shelbina is Dr. J H Yost. Dr. Yost came to Shelbina in 1877, from Rockingham County, VA. Cine his advent in this city he has made a reputation for himself that many seek but few obtains. The Doctor we are informed by prominent citizens is the leading dentist in this section of the country. He is one of the graduates of the old Baltimore College, the first institution in the US that greeted dental diplomas. Having practice some (17) years in the profession he is fully qualified to meet all the demands of dentistry. His office is over Cotton and Bates, on Center Street where he will be please to meet all those desiring dental work. He fully understands the art of his profession and those who want first class work will do well to call on our leading dentist, Dr. J H Yost. People living at a distance will please address Dr. J H Yost, Shelbina, MO.

DR G C LYDA

He was born in 1864, in Macon County, MO. Just at a time when the war came to a close. He is today one of Shelbina's booming citizens, and leaves no stone unturned to assist in the progress of this wonderful princess of the Missouri prairie. Dr. Lyda was educated in St. James College and completed his literary course at Louisville, KY and graduated with high honors. After graduating he located at Atlanta, Mo and engaged in the Drug business at that place, at same time practicing his chose profession, until 1888, when the now well know Medic, located at Shelbina, MO. The doctor was married in June 1889 to Miss Lillie Reid, a most estimable young lady of Shelbina, but who died Jun 29, 1890. She died just where womanhood's morning touches noon and while shadows were falling toward the west.

The Doctor has a practicing office over S G Parsons' Grocery. When our correspondent met and spoke to him he found the Doctor in good spirits over the future boom of Shelbina. May all citizens feel thus. Amen.

PART 2

D W CARPENTER

Harness and Saddlery

D W Carpenter was born in Morgan County, Mo, in 1854 and commenced the harness and saddlery business in Shelbina about 7 years ago. He succeeded the Hawkins Bros' in business. Mr. Carpenter is a competent judge of good leather and an expert in the manufacture of harness and saddlery goods. His store room is a commodious one; the rear he devotes to manufacturing purposes, while the front portion of his store room contains a large and complete assortment of fine and heavy harness, curry combs, brushes, whips, fly nets and such other goods usually found in a first class harness and saddlery store. Don't forget to see him when needing anything in his line. Repairing done to order.

CHESTER COTTON

Born and bred a merchant, the subject of this sketch has followed the business continually for nearly forty years and if as the old adage says, "practice makes perfect," then he ought to be what his friends claim for him a perfect merchant. He certainly knows how to sell goods, and just what any article of dry goods is, and we presume he knows just how to buy. He always keeps a large stock, advertises liberally, deals honestly, and of course does a thriving business.

A native of Baltimore, he came with his parents when but six to Shelbyville, where he grew to manhood, and completed his literary education at Philadelphia, Marion County. In '0- he settled in Shelbina. Here he has been known as one of the most earnest religious, church, Sunday school workers connected with the M E church south. Mr. Cotton is an active, intelligent gentleman with strong convictions especially on religious subjects; and with a strong desire to do his whole duty in every particular.

SIMEON DOWNING, Sr.

Was born in Ohio, April 11th, 1822, and he lived upon his father's farm until he was 14. Then he commenced clerking in Springfield, Ohio; in 1841 he went to Burlington, Iowa, where he remained 5 years; then went to Saint Louis and remained 17 years, part of the time being in business for himself; in '62 he came to Shelbina and in connection with Dr. E N Gerard opened a drug store. This partnership continued four years; but he has been continuously in the drug business since '62 until about two years ago, when he turned the stock and store over to his only son, Simeon Downing, Jr. From 1863 to 1869 Mr. D. was postmaster here. During all his life here and in all his business relations he has maintained the highest reputation for integrity. Probably no man ever accused Simeon Downing, sr. of any departure from the strictest honesty of purpose; and this is saying a great deal. His reputation is that of a man scrupulously careful to do nothing but what is strictly right in every particular. He is certainly one of the noblest works of God, for he is an honest man if any there be. In 1849 he was married to Miss Annie Wishart; and they have had a long, and we believe happy, sojourn together. May they be spared many years yet is the wish of their many friends.

FORD & CO.

Hardware and Farm implements.

The hardware and farm implements business of this city is well represented by Ford And Co. They have a complete line of shelf hardware, such as is used in the construction of buildings, and also all the needed tools, etc. The members of this firm are W. J. and J A Ford. The house is an old one, and has a reputation dating back some twenty years. Ford and Co. has succeeded Miles and Connely and do their predecessors make sustaining the reputation. Their business with the public of this city has endeared them to those who have had business relations with them. They are popular not alone in this city, but by their just and conscientious dealings with farmers have a reputation that cannot be excelled. They carry only the best of goods in their line, and are competent judges as to the quality of such goods. They give their patrons the advantage of bargains, which is money, saved for the purchaser. In this particular direction they have reached the acme of the business, thus placing them foremost of all their competitors in neighboring cities, who purport through flaming advertisements to be in advance of our fair city. They carry in stock a line of farm machinery, which is the product of the latest and most perfect inventions. Farmers needing anything in their line are invited to call and inspect this machinery and pass judgment on the same as to the stability- located on Center Street. Their standing in this community is not excelled, and the Democrat can safely recommend them to the public as a reliable business firm.

A T GLAHN

Nurseryman

The nursery is situated on North Center street, and is own by A. T. Glahn who is a practical nurseryman. He commenced the nursery business in this city, and at the place he is now located, some 5 years ago, and during that time has improved the same to such an extent that it is one of the finest and bust equipped nurseries in this state. Being a practical nurseryman himself, he fully understands, how to handle

only such stock as is adapted to the soil of this state. He keeps for sale all kinds of fruit trees, shrubbery of all descriptions, and all kinds of flower plants. Go and see his nursery, and Mr. Glahn who is a genial gentleman will show you around. Order your plants now for fall planting.

J D GRAHAM

Tonsorial

The gentleman was born in 1861 in Hannibal, Mo., and came to Shelbina in July 1889. Here he opened up or branched out in the barber business at which he has eminent success. His stand is on Walnut Street opposite Bailey's music store. He has practiced at the business for eleven years, and is recognized as master in his profession. If you want a late style haircut, a thorough shampoo or an easy shave call on Mr. Graham and we will guarantee that he will fill the bill. The gentleman has filled a number of responsible positions and we know whereof we speak when we recommend him to the public.

A F Huggins, one of the prominent men of Shelby county, a recognized leader of the Republican party in this section of the state, and the present postmaster at Shelbina was born in Parke County, Indiana, February 3rd, 1843. In his early days his parents moved to Ripley, Brown County, Ills. where he grew to man's estate. His early career was marked by honesty, truthfulness, integrity and a keen perception of his duties and obligations to his God, his fellow citizens and to mankind generally. From Scott County, Illinois his parents moved to Whitehall, Ill., and from there to this county in 1868, settling in Lakenan, where Mr. Huggins and his father carried on the pottery business for 20 years. He was appointed postmaster of Lakenan under President Grant in which capacity he served for 13 years. He held also the position of Justice of the Peace of that place for 8 years, carrying on in the mean time he came constantly in contact with some of the leading democrats and republicans, who esteem it an honor to number Mr. Huggins as a friend of theirs. In politics he has been and unwarring republican from principles and not from policy, this be fully demonstrated in his long residence in this state commanding the respect and esteem of all political parties. He was a member of Co., H, 129 Ill., Vol., Infantry of Ben Harrison's brigade, and also served under Gen. Ueberman, being in his famous march to the sea. Mr. Huggins, as postmaster of Shelbina gives general satisfaction to all, regardless of party afflictions. May his years be many and may he be enabled in the sweet bye and bye to meet the write of this sketch in that "Land beyond the river."

T F HUGHES

T. F. Hughes, mine host of the Waverly, was born in Boone County, "Old Kentucky" September 5th, 1836. The next important step in his career, in fact the one that made him, was his marriage in 1860 to Miss Fannie C. Carter. Next in importance to his marriage was his migration to Missouri. As the great Stephen A. Douglass said of Vermont so we say of Kentucky. "It is a grand place to be born, provided you emigrate young." The fact that so many Kentuckians have been of the same opinion is confirmation of our statement. Look over Missouri, Southern Illinois and nearly everywhere else and see them by millions. The subject of this sketch left his native state in '65 and settled first near Tulip, Monroe County, but again he showed his good sense in coming to Shelby. After farming awhile he bought a place in Hunnewell, named it that national Hotel; this he and his better nine-tenths kept for the accommodation of the traveling public. This is where the wisdom of his marriage comes into view.

Some five years ago Mr. Hughes disposed of his Hunnewell hotel, and took charge of the Waverly here, which he has conducted so to make for it and him an enviable reputation. Your important acts have clearly demonstrated Mr. Hughes' wisdom; 1st and most important his marriage, 2nd his migration to Missouri, 3rd his settlement in Shelby, and last but not least his ??? ??? Of Shelbina as a home.

JACOBS AND ARMSTRONG

Proper ???? Meat Market

The above named firm has been in business in this city for the past two years. Mr. Jacobs the senior member of this firm has been identified with the business interests of Shelbina more or less for five years. His upright business methods and the promptness, with which he meets the general public, have made for him numerous friends who are and were with him through adversity as well as success. Having been burned out twice-his shop about 8 years ago-his slaughterhouse, afterward, only last fall his tools stolen, he has shown steadfastness and nerve to meet the devil and tell him he is the devil. He associated with him about two years ago Thomas Armstrong, a gentleman of the highest type of manhood. This firm is brining trade to this city by their square dealings they draw people hither who would not know this town if it were not for Jacobs and Armstrong. They are dealers in all kinds of fresh and salt meats, fresh fish, bide, pelt and fur. Highest market price paid for good ???, and sell cheaper than any other house in this part of the state.

C H LASLEY

Was born in Monroe county, Missouri in 1853, and was raised on a farm until he was a large boy, but when about fifteen years of age he commenced clerking in Hiram Miller's store in Shelbina; and in '74 he became a partner with Cheater Cotton in the dry goods business, afterward he was a partner with Taylor Thompson, but after the death of that worthy citizen, Mr. Lasley retired for some years from business on account of poor health. He is now in the clothing and furnishing business in the firm of Lasley and Million. He is an intelligent, careful businessman and has been successful. Mr. Lasley is now in the prime of manhood, and many years of usefulness, it is to be hoped, are still before him.

Some ten years ago he married Miss Lizzie Downing, of this place, and they have an interesting family. Mr. Lasley has for some years been president of Shelbina Fair Association, and his able management has extended the reputation and prosperity of that institution.

LASLEY AND MILLION

Gents' Furnishing Goods; Boots, Shoes, Etc.

Located on Center Street, Shelbina, Mo. This firm is one of our most enthusiastic boomers, and is willing to assist in making Shelbina the great metropolis of Northeast Missouri. Your correspondent had the pleasure the other day of interviewing them and found the gentlemen in good spirits with fond anticipations for Shelbina's Future. They are loyal to their city and the surrounding country and think that this very locality is the garden spot of God's Creation.

That's the way to think instead of constantly kicking yourself for not having enough, when really you are favored as much as other mortals who as well as you sooner or later must shuffle off this mortal coil. This world is all right if you only think so. It is sometimes the people who make our burdens harder. But we are straying from the subjects of this write up. We must do them and our readers justice or we won't earn our salt and water. Lasley and Million have one of the best-equipped storerooms that we have seen in this portion of the country. They are the foremost dealers in Clothing, Hats, Caps, and Gent's Furnishing Goods. In correction with this they also carry a complete line of boots and shoes. Their stock of goods contains everything that a person who is the least dyspeptic in his or her judgment can expect. When in the future great city call and see them, shake hands with them, and if you need anything in their line price the same and you will leave with the impression that this is an enterprising firm and that it is your moral duty to patronize them.

R E MILES

Clothing Mercenary

The subject of this write up, R. E. Miles was born in Washington County, Ky., and came when only three years old, with his parents to this state, settling in Monroe county, where he resided until 1865, when he came to this county. The same here he engaged as a clerk in a store at Macon, this state, where until 1873, he went into business for himself. He came to Shelbina in 1879 and went into business with the firm of Cotton and Lasley, who were conducting an extensive dry goods business, after which he branched out for himself with Mr. Thompson. The firm name then being Thompson and Miles. This firm stood for seven years, when Mr. Miles bought out his partner, Mr. Thompson. This was in the spring of 1891. Mr. Miles is now located on Center Street and has one of the largest stocks of goods in this section of the country. His immense stock of goods consists of clothing, gents furnishing goods, hats and caps, boots and shoes. His affable manners, kind disposition, and his good and superior judgment of select goods, and the exactness with which he buys as cheap as the cheapest has secured for him a large and ever increasing trade. On the other hand Mr. Miles is surrounded with a host of friends who realize that he is a loyal esteem and largely interested in Shelbina's boom. When wanting good goods what will fit like the paper on the wall, go to Miles, the Clothing Merchant.

Wm W MORGAN

William W. Morgan is City clerk, a son of David Morgan, Sr. and a partner in the extensive wagon making business of D. Morgan and Sons. William was born in Shelbina about thirty years ago and except while attending school has been brought up in his father's shop, so that he is thoroughly acquainted with every department of the business. He is the bookkeeper of the firm. Two years ago he made a trip to Europe. Having energy, industry and economy, he promises to be a successful businessman.

THOMAS BROS

Builders Hardware

It is with a sense of gratification that we speak of Thomas Bros. It is one of the reliable firms of this city. The members of this firm are W. L. Thomas and J. H. Thomas. The former is in charge of the business. They succeeded Miller and Thomas, April 16, 1891. They keep in stock a complete line of shelf and builders hardware, barbwire, stoves, tin ware, etc. When needing anything in their line, you will do

well to secure their prices and he governed accordingly. Their stock is a complete one and the goods are the best the market affords.

TOWSON AND COMBS

Real Estate

This office has been established since '66. J. Wm. Towson is the senior member of this firm. He associated with him in business about 7 years ago A W Combs. They do the largest real estate business in this section country, and are largely instrumental encouraging migration to this section, by giving entire satisfaction to their patrons. They are also Notaries Public. Also represent some of the leading insurance companies of this country. Their standing and reputation here as well as elsewhere is considered good and reliable. Abstracts and titles are carefully examined without charging exorbitant fees. Their trade also extends to other state. It was only recently that this firm sold a fine farm of 600 acres to Jacob Hardacre, of Tipton, Iowa, consideration 17,500. This farm is located near our city and our community hails with delight the coming of such people to our county, as they are useful citizens. Another transaction of theirs was the selling of 116 acre one mile north of this city for 4000 to a Mr. Shrader of Ohio. All such sales are items of interest to our community and are due to the individual efforts of Mes???. Towson and Combs. Parties living at a distance or in any of the states where land is too high to be cultivated, or renters who pay high rents so that they can scarcely subject on their meager income, will do well to correspond with Towson and Combs and see what can be done for them. This agency has sold more land than all the other land agencies of Shelby County combined. Correspondence solicited Address Towson and Combs, Shelbina, Mo.

JOHN S PRESTON

This is the name of our Mayor, the man who bosses the city, fines the guilty and discharges the innocent. He was born in Oneida County, New York in 1840 and raised, like the write and most other good and great men, on a farm. He moved to Illinois in '54 and in 1861, as all were flying to arms there, he persuaded a lovely girl, Miss Mary A. Naylor to become the present Mrs. Preston, the ceremony being performed by the now Bishop Vincent of Chautauqua fame. In '66 the wedded pair removed their household goods to Shelbina, where they have remained securely ever since. Mr. Preston engaged in mercantile business for a short time, but most of his time was raising fruit and watching the bees store away honey for his advantage. We said most of the time, but we mean the time he had to spare from his official duties for he has been 14 years in the city council, 12 years a member of the school board, many years a justice of the peace, and 4 years Cleveland's postmaster here, and very popular one he made too. Last fall on the death of Mayor Jordan, Mr. Preston was elected to fill the place and he has been working diligently with the aldermen to make the best possible contracts for the electric light plant which the people have ordered to put in.

The Mayor has a lovely home and family, may he long enjoy them.

MORGAN AND SONS

One of the best-known firms in Shelbina and in fact in this part of the west is undoubtedly that of D. Morgan and Sons. This firm was established in this city in 1858. It was in this year that Mr. D. Morgan came here when Shelbina was nothing more than a crossroad. He has since associated with him his two sons, Wm. W. and J. H. The senior member, Mr. David Morgan is identified with the early history of Shelby County and of Shelbina in particular. Being a practical man at his trade and thoroughly acquainted with the wants of this section of the country, and having not alone a keen perception of the progress made in his line of work, he has faithfully and earnestly endeavored to supply the wants of the public who have dealings with him. The result of this industry and strict integrity, and uprightness with his customers has been financially rewarded. From a crossroad black smith shop in 1858 it has increased too more than a business block, which four buildings. They are manufacturers of and dealers in wagons, buggies, carriages, surries, carts, and the Morgan farm wagon a specialty. They keep employed about 11 men the year round. Sorry that space and time forbids us to further speak of their eminent success in their line of business.