

both with subscriptions and advertising.

Besides the four papers printed in Rensselaer, there are two other papers published in the county. The Press at Remington and The Sheaf at Wheatfield, besides which the county is reached in a measure by several papers in towns quite near its boundary lines, among them being the very excellent Goodland Herald, the Brook Reporter, Medaryville Advertiser, Francesville Sun and Monon News. All the papers started in Remington were mere ventures until the Press came, which is healthy and newsy, and well appreciated by the community it serves. The Wheatfield Sheaf has been running but a few months but is fast getting a solid footing and is a very creditable publication.

A REVOLUTION AT BROOKSTON.

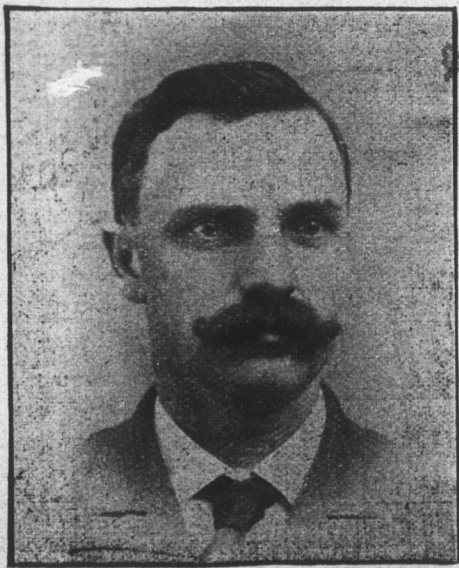
As previously mentioned Geo. H. Healy, a popular Rensselaer boy who recently returned from a four year stay in Kansas, has placed himself at the helm of the Brookston Reporter, and the first print under his supervision was issued last week. Mr. Healy is one of Rensselaer's most exemplary and talented young men, and has a charming wife whom he gathered to himself in the sun flower paradise. He has associated with him C. Ernest Graham, a camera campaigner and pencil pusher of no mean ability. Both are hard workers and thoroughly good newspaper men, and they will give Brookston a shock that will wake its sleeping citizens to a realization of their importance and the world will discover their existence. The paper has previously looked as if the type had been inked with a mop and run off on a cheese press, but their first issue is as neat as a bride at the altar. The boys made a large part of the photographs of buildings used in making the engravings for this edition of the People's Pilot and it is possible that Brookston may soon be treated to a dose of "Souvenir Edition."

Jasper County's Needs.

Though Jasper county has a thousand and one advantages, still like every other place on earth, it has some disadvantages, has many needs yet to be supplied. In this county we want more thorough drainage; farming done on a smaller and a more scientific plan; we want our country population doubled; we must have the Kankakee and Iroquois rivers straightened and dredged, we need more gravel roads, a few more district schools; our large landholdings need to be divided up into small farms; our farmers need to take a little more pride in the appearance and convenience of their farms; a direct east and west route by rail through the center of the county, is in great demand; more hay and grain wants to leave the farm on legs and less on wheels; a few more public highways must be laid out and improved; we would like a few coal mines, an inexhaustible oil well or two; thirteen gravel pits, natural gas at Rensselaer, silver mines in our northern sand hills and two months less of winter; with these few needs supplied what more could we ask?

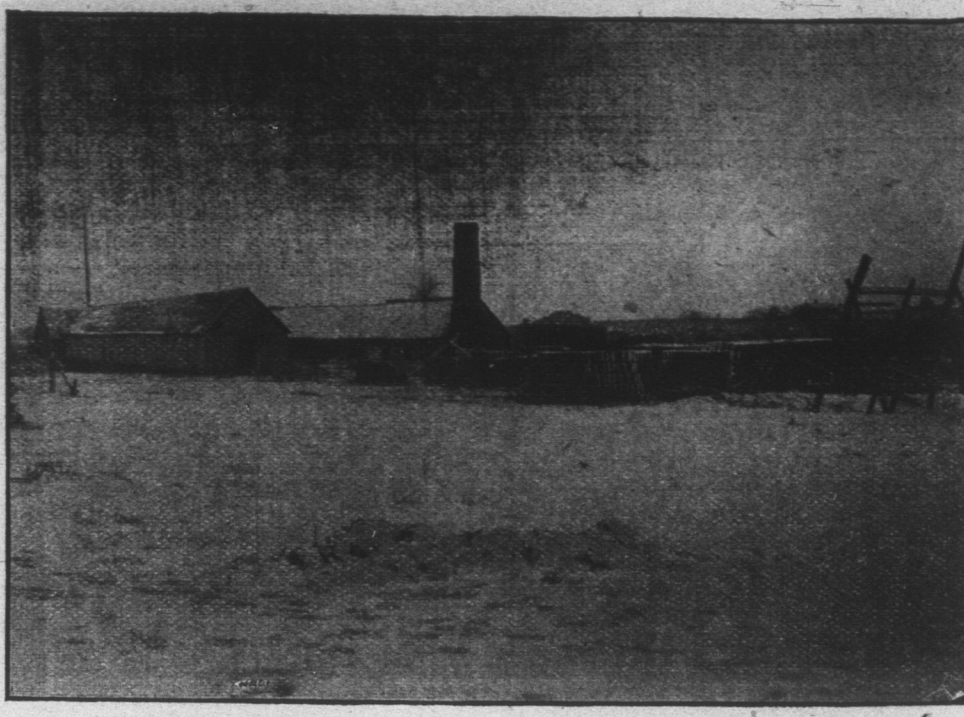
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The subject of this sketch is the able representative of the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company, of Springfield, Massachusetts. A company that for fair dealing and mutual



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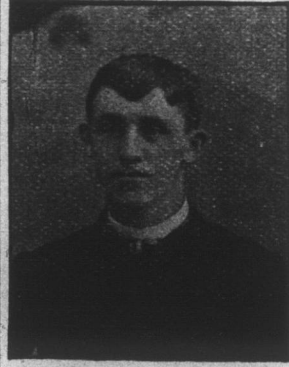
benefit to its policy holders, is first class. The state laws of Massachusetts are the most rigorous of any state, as regards insurance laws. The company gives cash surrender values, paid up insurance after the second year. Any one contemplating life insurance will do well to call on Mr. French, and investigate his company. Office with J. H. Chapman & Co.



TILE FACTORY OF B. F. ALTER & SONS.

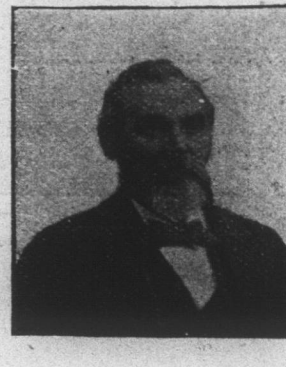
Two miles north of Rensselaer Depot, on the finest clay banks in Jasper county.

ANNOUNCEMENT.



Patrons and Friends:

Manufacturers of superior drain tile, which is of the greatest benefit, not only to the farmer who uses it, but to the county as a whole. Why? They drain the disease-breeding ponds and make it more healthy, and



health is of first importance always. But this is not all, the tile is what makes our farms more valuable and our land to yield more grain, and a better quality. Look at this county ten years ago; what was it? Nothing but a swamp, and the land worth only a trifle in comparison with the present values—ranging from \$50 to \$75 per acre. What has produced this change? It is drainage, and nothing else, and still there is room for more. If we will continue this work of drainage our land will become the garden spot of the world. Those who are contemplating drainage will do well to call on or address.

B. F. ALTER & SONS,
Box 383, Rensselaer, Ind.

A Happy New Year to all.

JASPER COUNTY.

CONTRIBUTED BY JUDSON H. PERKINS.

This county is in the north-western part of Indiana, its western boundary line being about thirteen miles from Illinois; north-west corner about fifty miles south-east from Chicago. It is twenty-one miles wide by forty-five miles long.

The surface is level, consisting of prairie in the south, timber and prairie interspersed. Jasper county was once the home of the bull-frog and the muskrat, but like worn out politicians, "they have had their day."

The county is drained by the Iroquois and Kankakee rivers; the different systems of ditches on a large scale have made a radical change in its appearance and productiveness. Thousands of acres of land which a few years since were worthless are now productive, and the "potato patch" has become a "potato patch." Another article in this issue shows more completely the farming industries of the county, suffice consequently to say, that, for general agricultural purposes Jasper county need not take "the lower seat in the synagogue." It has undoubtedly rich mineral productions waiting to be developed. The writer of this article is reliably informed that bituminous coal has been recently discovered in different parts of the county, one find being in the north end and the other in the south end.

Of the quality of the coal and extent of the veins nothing is known; but if these veins should prove to be of good quality and of considerable extent our citizens can afford to rejoice in the possession of this valuable mineral. Petroleum is found in many parts of the county but not in sufficient quantities to justify any large outlay in machinery to develop the oil industry at the present time. What future developments will show time alone can tell.

The county is well supplied with railroads, four lines running through it, furnishing ample means for shipping products in any direction.

Besides the railroads, the people are coming to the front in regard to wagon roads. Last year one township alone made seventeen and a half miles of graveled roads, and the good work is being carried on in different parts of the county, and it is safe to say that in a few years the towns will all be connected by these roads.

The people of Jasper county take a just pride in their towns. And well they may for they are all alive and thrifty ones. Rensselaer, on the Monon railroad, the county seat in the center of the county, is one of the thriftest towns for its size in the state. It has about 2,300 population; contains eight churches, which are alive to the moral and spir-

itual welfare of the community. Our schools are intended to be second to none in the state. Graduates from our high school can enter without further examination any of the colleges in Indiana. We have two fine large brick school houses well equipped with a library and apparatus to assist the students in prosecuting their work. Rensselaer has four banks, none of which are in the least shaky. Panics don't count with Rensselaer banks.

Our creamery has been and still is a blessing to the farming community. It turns out a first grade of butter and cheese which bring the best prices. Two grain elevators take care of the grain and hay.

Our one planing mill can furnish anything in the building line, while our foundry can fix you out with any casting needed. Our merchants are all gentlemen of character and genial good fellows.

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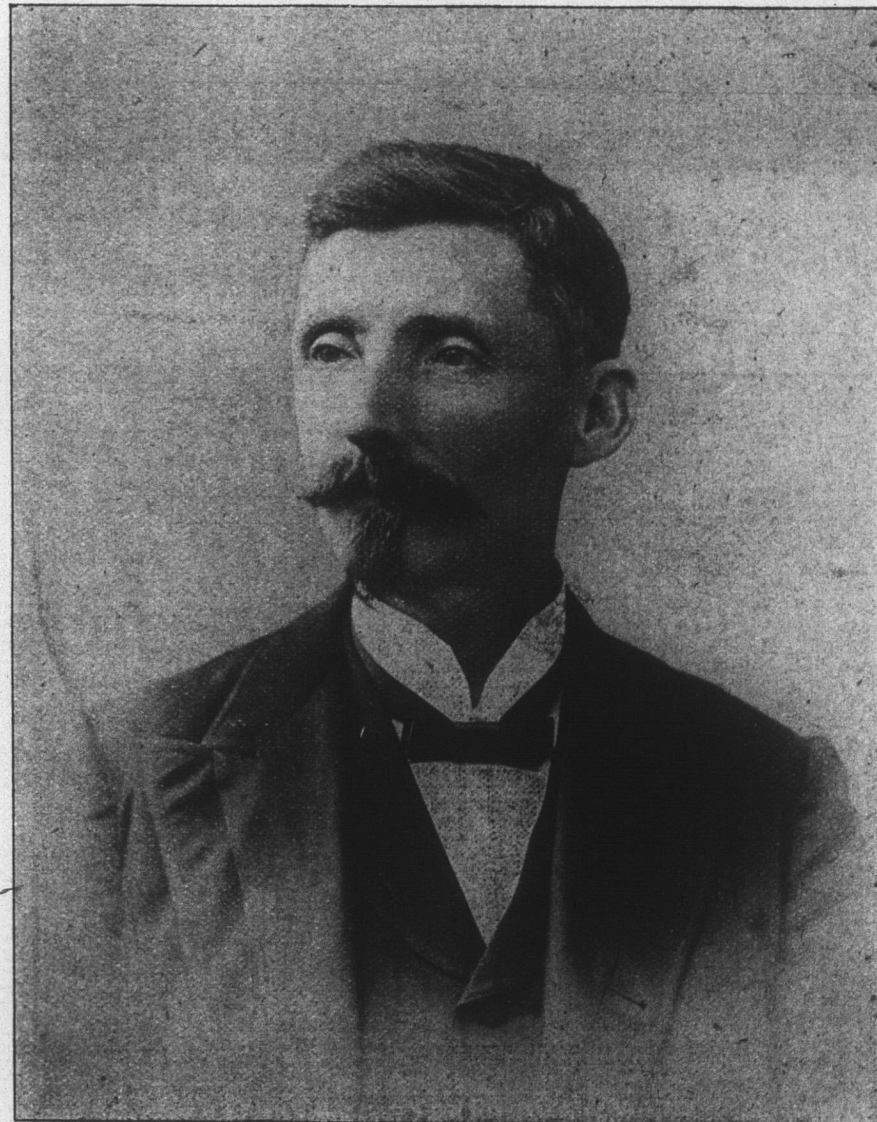
dle railroad, in the south end of the county, is a town of about 1,100 inhabitants, and is a wide awake town. It is a grain and hay depot, and its elevators and warehouses do a flourishing business. Four churches look after the welfare of the moral part of this town and vicinity. The school-house is one of which every citizen of Remington may feel proud, and the schools are an honor to the town. Two banks furnish ample facilities for carrying for the depositors of money. A first class tile manufactory furnishes an excellent grade of tile for the farmers of that vicinity.

In the north end of the county are a number of lively small towns on the I. & I. railroad and the C. & G. S. railroad. Politically Jasper county is republican but a man "can pay his money and take his choice," as all the parties are pretty well represented; and when the campaign opens there will be lots of eloquence found lying around loose.

JAMES DONNELLY.

Referring to the above progressive farmer, an illustration of whose comfortable home appears on page nine, it is fitting to say that his comparatively small farm, is as well tilled as any in Jasper county. He raises a variety of crops, all of the greatest excellence and by the most approved methods. It is not putting it too strongly to say that he is a model farmer, and that his example is certain to be largely copied by his neighbors and result in great good to the county as a whole.

Gravel road building has just commenced in this county; there being only twenty-three and a half miles of road now completed.



A. BEASLEY, PHOTOGRAPHER, REMINGTON, IND.

PHOTOGRAPHY.

A. Beasley, photographer, Remington, Ind., has the best equipped studio in northern Indiana. You will always find his prices in keeping with the times.

Owing to the present financial stringency you can get twelve \$3.00 cabinets for \$1.50. It will pay you to visit his studio. Good work and kind treatment his motto.

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ANTRIM & DEAN.

Apaced with the rapid development of Rensselaer the above new firm has been formed to conduct an exclusively hardware store. The members of the firm are James F. Antrim and Charles J. Dean, both natives of Jasper county boys in the prime of life, and honorably known to a wide community.

They have the reputation of a successful business career to sustain them in this venture, and have adopted as a safe rule of trade to buy strictly for cash and give credit to none. Hoping by this means to be able to give lower prices than has ever been obtainable before in Jasper county. They propose to carry a full line of heavy and shelf hardware, tinware, builders' supplies, etc.

A competent tinner will be employed and building contracts undertaken.

Their location is the commodious east room of the new Odd Fellows' temple.

COL. JOSHUA HEALEY.

Because of his residence for a considerable period and his active engagement in public life while living here, Col. Joshua Healey, the subject of this sketch, is remembered by almost all of the earlier residents of Rensselaer.

Mr. Healey was born in Bauhanraus county, Canada, Nov. 18, 1837, where he lived until the eighteenth year of his age, when removed with his parents to Cass county, Indiana. After living on the farm for several years, he qualified himself as a school teacher and coming to Jasper county taught the Smith school, north of Rensselaer.

Mr. Healey enlisted in the Ninth Regiment of Indiana Volunteers for the first three months service, serving as a private. At the expiration of his term of enlistment he reenlisted for three years and was made captain of Company G. In the spring of 1864 he was transferred to the 128th Indiana regiment and made major, and after serving in that office for one year, he was again transferred, this time to the 151st Indiana regiment, of which he was made colonel, and where he served until the surrender of Lee's army.

At the battle of Tullahoma, he was thrown from his horse, and injured to such an extent that he never recovered his health. Mr. Healey was with Sherman at the surrender of Atlanta and also on his famous march to the sea.

After returning from the army at the close of the war, he began the study of law in the office of E. P. Hammond. In company with Jacob Keiser he began the publication of the Iroquois Press in the fall of 1866, and October 1, 1868, the Press and Prairie Telegraph, published by R. B. James, were consolidated, the papers being run under the name of the Rensselaer Union, Joshua Healey and Horace E. James editors and publishers. Mr. Healey remained with the paper until the fall of 1875, when he retired from the paper, and engaged in the practice of law. Failing health caused him to go to the Hot Springs, Arkansas, the following spring, where he remained for one year. Returning somewhat improved in health he engaged in law practice in Goodland.

His health, however, was only temporarily benefited, and he died on January 2, 1880, after only a brief severe illness.

His remains were brought to Rensselaer for interment, where his wife and members of his family have since resided. Besides his wife, Mrs. Julia A. Healey, there are three children, Mrs. Frank B. Lyon, Delphi, Indiana; George H. Healey, of Brookston, Indiana; and Miss Manda Healey, who was born three months after the death of her father.

Mr. Healey belonged to the Masonic lodge of Rensselaer for several years, was an active lodge member, and was buried under the auspices of that lodge.

CEMENTWORK.

By far the larger part of street crossings and sidewalks constructed in Rensselaer last year were made by Ira E. Rinehart. He came here late in season and his first jobs gave such satisfaction that he found himself crowded with orders at once.



IRA E. RINEHART.

Realizing that this class of improvement would be made general throughout this whole town, he brought his family here from Delphi, and became a permanent citizen, with the prospect of several years steady work ahead.

Mr. Rinehart employs a force of about a dozen men, skilled workmen, and guarantees every foot of work done. He has put in nearly all of the sidewalk walks in front of business blocks on both sides of Washington street, and also a large amount of private walks.

He contracts for all kinds of cement work, such as foundations, cisterns, street crossings, walks, gutters, and in fact everything of the kind, cement being his special and exclusive line. His prices are certainly reasonable, and no one has questioned the value received for their money. Mr. Rinehart is an acquisition greatly needed by this town.

There are seventeen postoffices in Jasper county, two of them, Rensselaer and Remington, are presidential offices. They are all on the railroads excepting four.

Bradbury Pianos.

The condition of our trade encourages us to extend our special Christmas offer to Feb. 1st. If you want to own the best piano made, and we know you do, and buy it at a very low price, and on easy terms, write to us by return mail. Remember you do not pay for the piano till you have seen it and heard it. We pay the freight both ways, if you do not buy. Remember that the celebrated Bradbury Piano has been before the public nearly 50 years. Every instrument is fully guaranteed. We offer you the best piano made, at a confidential price, which we will quote on application. F. G. Smith, sole manufacturer, Nos. 255-257 Wabash avenue, Chicago.

NOTICE.

To WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Albert Wachholz, living in Wheatfield township desires to warn the public against giving credit to his wife, who has left his home, and whose debts he refuses to pay from this date.

Wheatfield, Ind., Jan. 2, 1896.

HARTLEY BROS.

DEALERS IN

GRAIN.

-AT-

Goodland and Remington.

Our extra facilities for handling and shipping large quantities of grain, enables us at all times to pay the highest market prices.

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Remington, Ind.

We have the best facilities for handling and shipping large quantities of grain, and will always pay the highest market prices. Give us a trial.

P. MAGUIRE

Also continues in the hay business, and will always pay the highest market price for timothy and upland prairie hay and straw.



INTERIOR OF RENSSELAER MARBLE WORKS.

MACKAY & BARCUS.

The above firm have their place of business situated on Front street near Washington, and are doing as fine work as any similar establishment in this state. They have put up within the last year the most attractive monuments to be found in the four counties tributary to their works, frequent mention of which has been made in neighboring papers. It is their aim to produce the newest designs in the most perfect manner. They keep always on hand a complete assortment imported and domestic marbles, and invite an inspection of work and comparison of prices. Henry Mackey is an old and esteemed citizen, a thorough master of his trade. His partner, Geo. W. Barcus, is one of the most enterprising men of Rensselaer.