

JOHN F. WARREN.

John F. Warren, county superintendent of schools, was born near Rensselaer in Marion township March 25, 1859. He received his education in the district schools, and the Rensselaer high school.

Commenced teaching at the age of eighteen and continued in



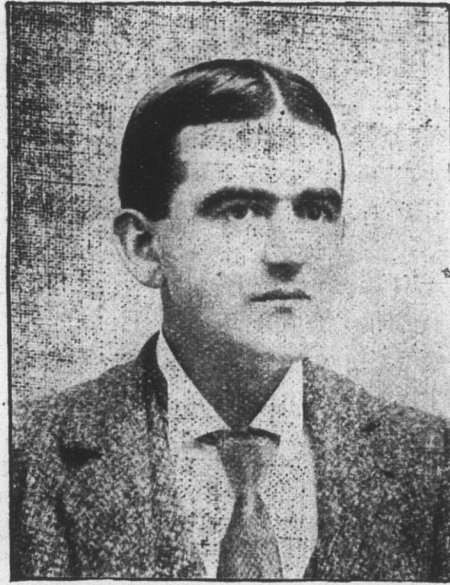
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the business until 1884, at which time his farm life ended. In July of this year he was appointed deputy auditor by George M. Robinson, auditor, and served in that capacity until June, 1887, when he was appointed county superintendent of schools. He is now serving his fifth term in succession.

He is senior member of the loan and real estate firm of Warren & Irwin. He is a republican in politics, always ready and willing to labor for his party. Is a member of the M. E. church and has been one of its trustees for many years. He has a wife and two daughters and enjoys the comforts of a pleasant and happy home. To his wife, who was for several years a teacher in the Rensselaer schools, he owes whatever of success he has achieved in his official capacity.

ALFREDA PHILLIPS.

Mr. Phillips was born in Rensselaer in 1866. Up to the age of nineteen his life was eventful chiefly in exploits characteristic of energetic youth, covering the full category of questionable adventures, inclusive of midnight excursions to forbidden melon patches, and the sparking of the daughters of irate parents. At that age he went west with the words of



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Horace Greeley packed in his grip, which was about all he possessed. He was employed by the Muscatine Cattle Co., located on the Cimarron river, in the most beautiful part of Uncle Sam's whole domain, the national park not excepted. Here he remained in the capacity of a wild rider of the round up for three and one half years. When the great range was broken up by settlement, he returned to Rensselaer and has been in the employ of Ellis & Murray until recently. He is now in business for himself as per his announcement on the cover of this paper.

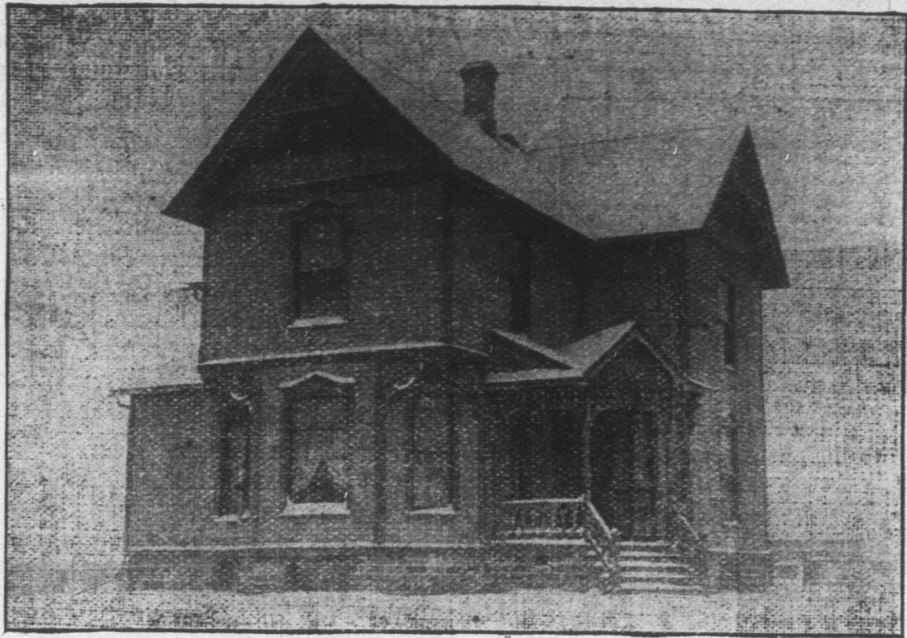
Two Remarkable Trap Shots.

J. W. and F. A. King, father and son, of Rensselaer, Indiana, are both very clever with the scatter gun. The father, J. W. King, on September 25th, last, at Logansport, Indiana, made the excellent score of 95 out of a possible 100 in events, 7-8-9-10 and 11 at reverse pull. F. A. King, the child trap shot, on August 24th on the Iroquois Club grounds, at Rensselaer, Indiana, broke 19 out of a possible 25, at known angles. He was only eight years and six months old at that time, and the fifth time he ever shot at a blue rock. They are also hard to beat with a 22 rifle, so everyone says that has shot against them.—Sportsman's Review and Bicycle News.

Mr. King has been the leading shot of Jasper county for years, both on game and at the trap, and in 1894 wore the badge for the six counties of northwestern Indiana. The father and son stand ready to meet any other father and 9-year-old son in the state, either with rifle or shot gun.

For Sale—Lumber.

All kinds of Oak lumber at mill, Pierce farm 2 1/2 miles south of Rensselaer. J. W. PIERCE.

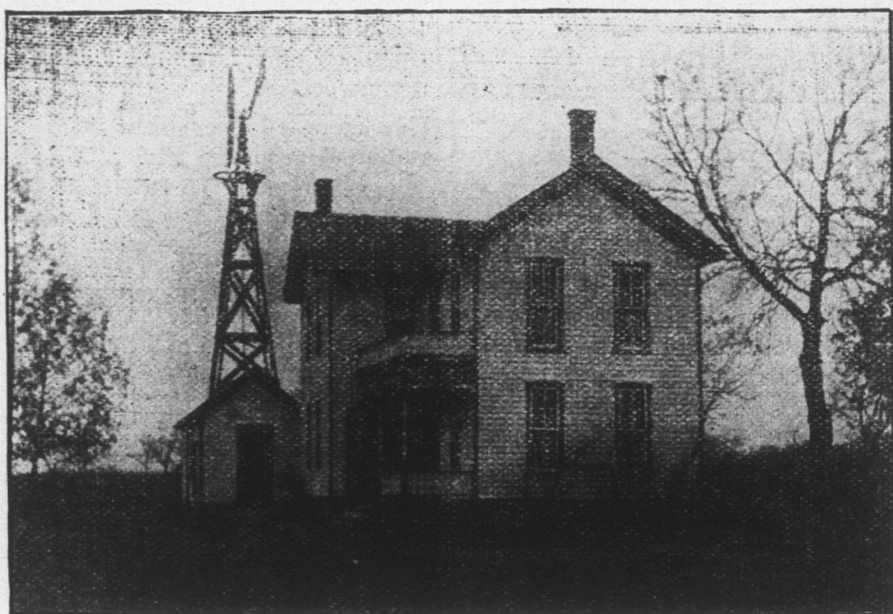


RESIDENCE OF FRANK M. PARKER.

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We desire to call attention to the accompanying illustration of the handsome new residence of F. M. Parker, in which the owner may feel justly proud. Mr. Parker has long been one of Jasper county's foremost agriculturists and successful financiers, having retired from the active management of his fine farm and moved to Rensselaer

less than three years ago in 1893. F. M. Parker was born in Champaign county, Ohio, Oct. 20, 1843, and moved with his parents to Jasper county in 1847. He was "brought up" on a farm and aside from six months spent in Illinois in 1865, and two years in Kansas in 1882-4, he has always been a resident of this county. Miss Mahala J. Walker became his wife Nov. 22, 1868.



FARM RESIDENCE OF DAVID H. YEOMAN, TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE OF UNION. (SEE SKETCH.)

WESTON CEMETERY.

Located on a slightly prominence on the high banks of the Iroquois just below the falls to the west of Rensselaer, is Weston Cemetery, naturally an unexcelled plot for the home of the dead, and recently made more beautiful by the expenditure of much labor and money. Weston is a very old cemetery and contains a few graves of persons who died in the eighteenth century, their remains having been removed here from other places. There are many very fine monuments. Few towns of like population employ a salaried sexton whose whole time is devoted to caring for the cemetery and beautifying the grounds, as is the case here. The present cemetery trustees, (Edward D. Rhoades, pres., John Eger treas., John R. Vanatta, secy.)

are now serving in their second year and have wrought a wonderful change during their administration. Graveled driveways, walks, 500 feet of ornamental iron fence, a new tool house, an arched gateway, etc., are part of the results achieved by them. Now all the shade trees are nicely trimmed, the grass well sodded, the graves frequently dressed with a lawn mower and a general tidy appearance maintained, and all this is accomplished without cost to the town, the cemetery being made self sustaining through the good financing of the committee. Nor is this all they hope to accomplish. Their plans include a green house and floral landscape decorations, and this too will undoubtedly be made self sustaining through the liberal patronage of the citizens.

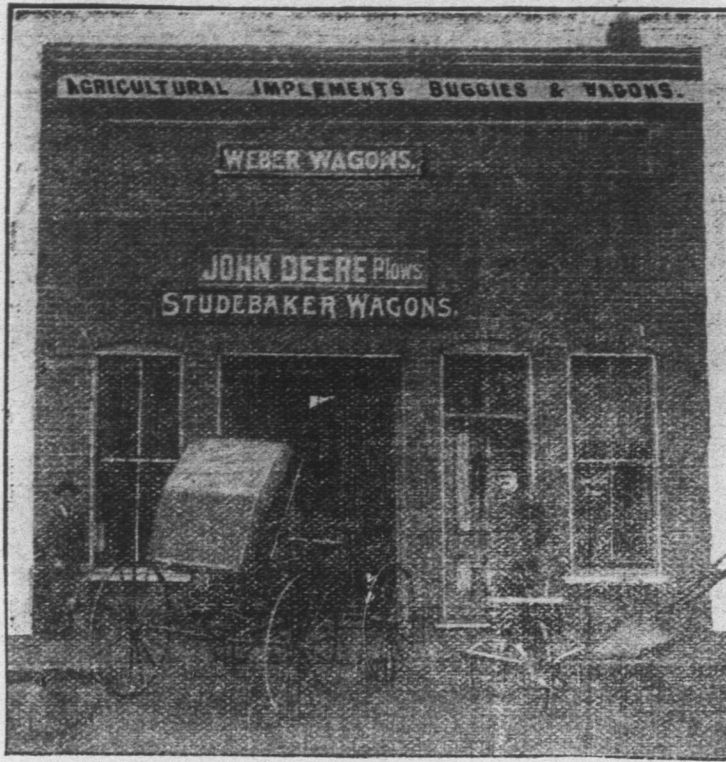


RESIDENCE OF WM. WASHBURN. (SEE SKETCH.)



MODERN FARM RESIDENCE OF BENJAMIN F. GIFFORD.

Occupied by Levi B. Hewitt, four miles north-east of Valma, Jasper county, similar to 110 others on his tract of 30,000 acres of reclaimed land. See Pinamink Drainage, page six.

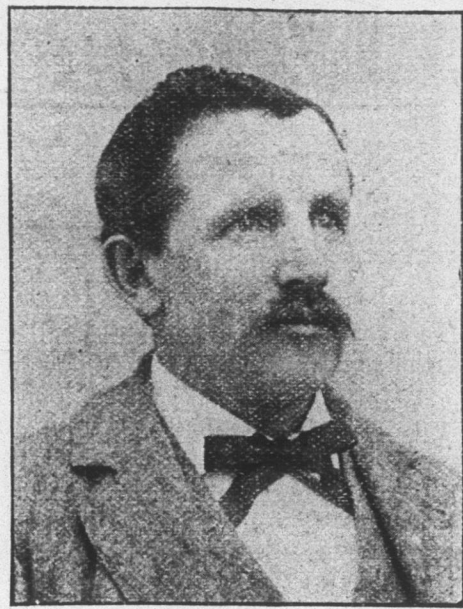


OFFICE AND AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENT SALESROOM OF ROBERT RANDLE, WEST SIDE PUBLIC SQUARE.

ROBERT RANDLE.

Among Rensselaer's most successful business men and foremost citizens is Robt. Randle, who is the oldest son of James T. Randle, whose life has been

welcome. He has now been established in the implement business for several years, prosecuting a most successful trade. His large repository and salesrooms for farming machinery, wagons and carriages are located on Van Rensselaer street opposite the court house square. Being reared on a farm his practical knowledge of the needs in modern agricultural work gives him peculiar advantage in the prosecution of his calling. His reputation for the strictest reliability and the fixed purpose to handle exclusively the best goods, at only reasonable profits, have drawn to his salesrooms the largest patronage enjoyed by any house of its kind in Jasper or adjoining counties. All he asks is an opportunity to make prices, and as his line is complete in every detail and all su-



ROBERT RANDLE, Dealer in Farm Machinery.

so much a part of the history of Jasper county's wonderful development. Mr. Randle is now in his thirty-ninth year. His education was derived in the common schools, with the exception of a few terms in the Ladoga normal schools of Montgomery county. In December of 1880 he was married to Miss Ida Nowels, youngest daughter of David and Phoebe Nowels. In the spring of 1890 he retired from the active management of his fine farm in Barkley township, which he still owns, and in which he takes great pride, and removed with his family to Rensselaer where they enjoy the comforts of a very pretty home on Dayton street, where their friends always find a most cordial



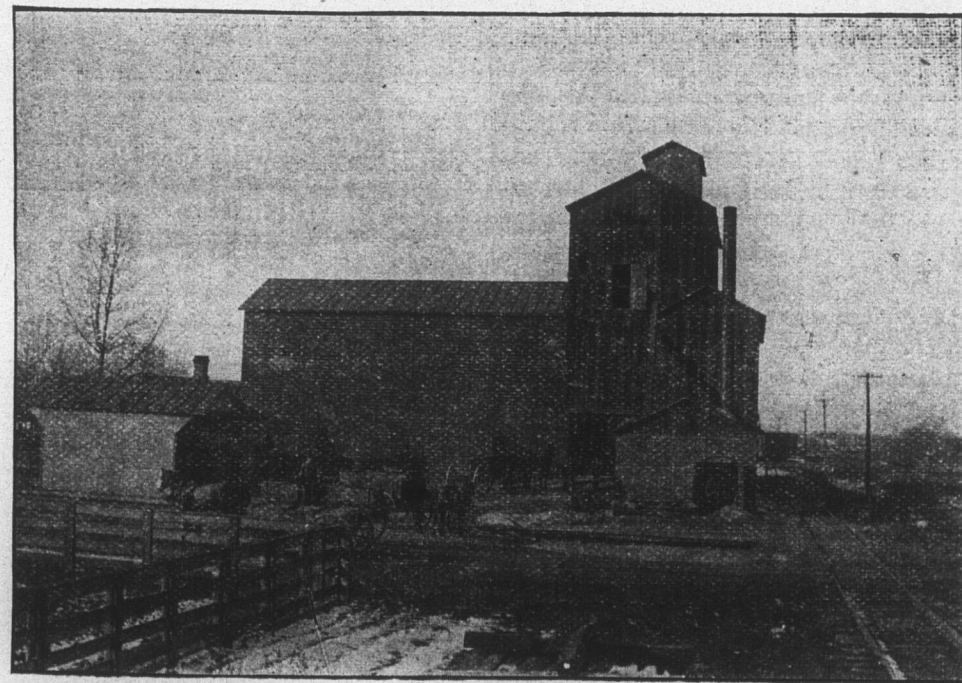
W. E. OVERTON.

Accountant and Salesman for Robert Randle.

perior improvements promptly obtained, farmers will be profit saved by consulting him. His line of vehicles is unsurpassed in points of excellence and cash purchasing value.



RESIDENCE OF ROBERT RANELE, NORTH DAYTON STREET, RENSSELAER.



THE PUNTNEY, TABER & COMPANY GRAIN ELEVATOR, REMINGTON, IND.

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The Puntney, Taber & Company's Grain Elevator, an illustration of which appears herewith, was erected during the summer of 1895 by O. P. Taber, and was opened to the trade August 21, 1895. This elevator is built of Georgia pine. Ear corn capacity, twenty-five thousand bushels; small grain bins capacity, seventy thousand bushels.

The elevator is sixty-four by ninety-two feet; highest point, sixty-four feet. It is fire-proof—being covered with iron, and it is the first elevator built with low dumps and driveway in Jasper county. This firm is doing a good business, and is well pleased with the patronage given it by the farming community, and extend thanks for the same.

ALFRED THOMPSON.

Alfred Thompson was born in Stark county, Ohio, Oct. 17, 1829. When four years old his parents moved thence in an ox wagon to Orange township, Hancock county, and settled in the forest with the first pioneers. Alfred soon grew strong enough to help carve out a farm, and when about ten years old began attending school in a log house,



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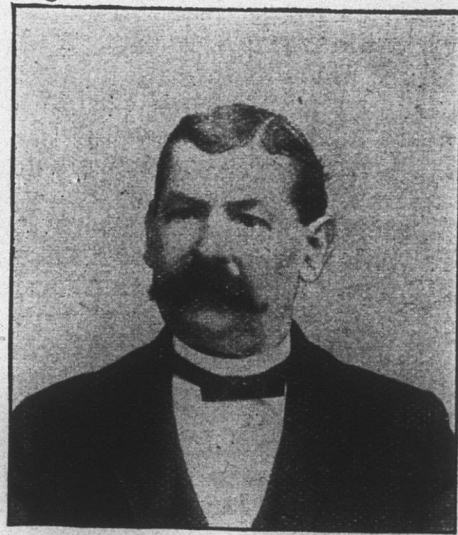
walking about two miles for sixty days each winter. At eighteen he began teaching, "boarding round." In 1850 he went to New Lisbon, Ohio, as cashier in the bank of his uncle, Thomas McCoy. Four years later he and his cousin, Alfred McCoy, started a branch bank at Rensselaer. On June 12, 1853, he married Mary E. Travis at Prairiebird, Illinois. They began their married life in Rensselaer, on Van Rensselaer street, soon removing to River street, where the family residence is now located. Their married life has been a happy one. Their children are two daughters, Mrs. Florence Sears and Mrs. Ora Ross, and one son, DeLos. The firms of F. McCoy & Sons, F. McCoy & Co., and A. McCoy & Thompson, with which Mr. Thompson was associated, were successively the solid financial institutions of the county for thirty-two years. Mr. Thompson having acquired a competence, retired and has since looked after his own private investments.

He has never been other than a receptive candidate for public office. At the invitation of his neighbors, he has acted as a school examiner, supervisor and township trustee. He has ever been just and generous in his dealings, public spirited and progressive, and a consistent christian.

For over fifty years his daily walk and conversation has been known and observed by the residents of this county, and we need add no words more to acquaint our readers with his life work.

JUDGE HEALY.

Since August, 1862, Sylvester Healy, who was born at Karkillary Lakes, Ireland, in 1838, has been a resident of Rensselaer. He came to America in March, 1860, but spent a couple of years adrift before locating here. His face has become so familiar to all, and his royal good nature so reputed, that this paper would be really incomplete without a mention of him, who has won so warm a place in the hearts of



SYLVESTER HEALY.

the people, who esteem his unassuming individuality. He bears with easy grace the title of Judge, from having once been elected against his will to the office of justice of the peace, though he declined to qualify. Without intentionally ever having offended or wounded the feelings of any one, he has occasionally earned the plaudits of friends by the perpetration of some of the richest harmless jokes that only his fertile ingenuity could devise.

Judge Healy has no peer as a gentleman of polished demeanor. He was married at twenty, and of a family of four daughters and three sons one son and two sons survive. He began life on the shoe bench at the age of twelve, and has never done a day's labor at anything else. At eighteen he was earning from \$10 to \$15 per week. His shop has long been located at its present place on Washington street, where his friends have been pleased to bring their work and pass the compliments of the day. He is a master of the shoemaking trade, and has an enviable reputation for doing fine new work and neat repairing. He is now putting in a line of first-class ready made goods, which he invites his patrons to examine before purchasing elsewhere.