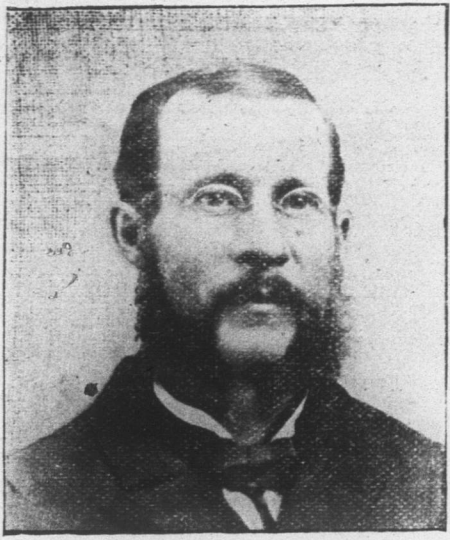


J. L. FOSTER.

Among those who have recently been drawn to Rensselaer by its remarkable activity in building is J. L. Foster, recently located at Odessa, this state. He has an interesting family and purchased a home property on Main street to become a permanent citizen.



J. L. FOSTER.

He is a contracting carpenter of excellent reputation, and will be a valued acquisition in building operations. His shop is located near the depot.

J. L. Foster was born in Allen county, Ohio, June 17, 1850. In 1856 he removed to Benton county, Ind., with his parents, and in 1861 to Remington. Until 1870 he spent most of his time in school in Howard and White counties. At that year he purchased a farm in Gilboa township, Benton county, which he operated five years. He then spent about eight years in Remington as a carpenter and builder, after which he returned to Benton county where he has since resided, most of the time being spent in the mercantile business. He was the chief mover in the establishment of a postal route from Fowler to Chalmers, with three new offices; was postmaster at Odessa for about eight years; was married to Miss Mattie Hoffman, December 28, 1871, and has four children, two boys and two girls.

WALTER PONSER.

The above thoroughly progressive farmer resides on the farm of Lucius Strong, five miles west of Rensselaer, an illustration of the dwelling being given on page ten. Mr. Ponsler has an excellent farm of his own of 200 acres situated in Newton county, upon which he has a tenant. In the operation of the place upon which he lives, he has a partnership with Mr. Strong. They do a general farming business in connection with stock feeding, and under Mr. Ponsler's skillful management, the business has been signally successful.

Mr. Ponsler is a Buckeye, though his parents moved to Newton county in 1854, when he was but two years old; has always been a farmer and is considered a thoroughly up-to-date agriculturist.

He wedded Miss Josephine Dowell of Newton county in 1882. They now have three children, one boy and two girls. For many years he labored in the republican party, but since the formation of the people's party he has given it his fullest support.

RENSSELAER STEAM LAUNDRY.

Preceding an opportunity to establish a business that the people have long been in need of, and at the same time make it a financial success, J. E. Spittler and J. R. Kight, enterprising young men of successful business experience, formed a partnership a few months since and installed a thoroughly modern steam laundry. They procured a first class laundryman as foreman, and began operation determined to excel in high class work. This they have accomplished to the fullest extent and as a just appreciation of their merit the citizens are now bestowing upon them all the favors they can accept without enlargement of the plant. For years there has been a number of agencies for foreign laundries here. This custom was unsatisfactory and the work often poorly done, and as a result of the advent of Messrs. Spittler & Kight very little work is now being sent away. The laundry is located in the block owned by Mr. Spittler on Washington street next to Old Fellows Temple. The machinery is all new and consists of every modern device to execute work in the highest excellence, as well as being labor-saving and fabric-saving. At the present time they are putting in a new starching machine and an improved drying room, to such proportions has their business grown.

They are doing work for a number of other towns, having agencies in several places, and constantly establishing others. Their specialty is fine linen work, though they solicit family washings, which they do at prices within the reach of all.

In the early spring an addition will be built to their present quarters and several new machines added. It is a business that is bound to grow under the clever management of this firm.

Wanted.

C. W. Coen wants 25,000 bushels of corn within the next 30 days and will pay the highest market price for the same.



TRANSFER OUTFIT OF W. T. PARKS.

WILLIAM T. PARKS.

This hustling drayman, an illustration of whose team is given above, has been engaged in transfer business in Rensselaer for a little more than one year, but in that time he has built up a remarkably good business. He has been most accommodating and prompt, and the people

find that he could be relied upon to have constantly increased their patronage until he now has all his teams can do. He has the contract for carrying the mail between the depot and post office. Mr. Parks has just completed a new and pleasant home on the corner of College road and McCoy avenue.



BARBER SHOP OF E. D. PARCELS.

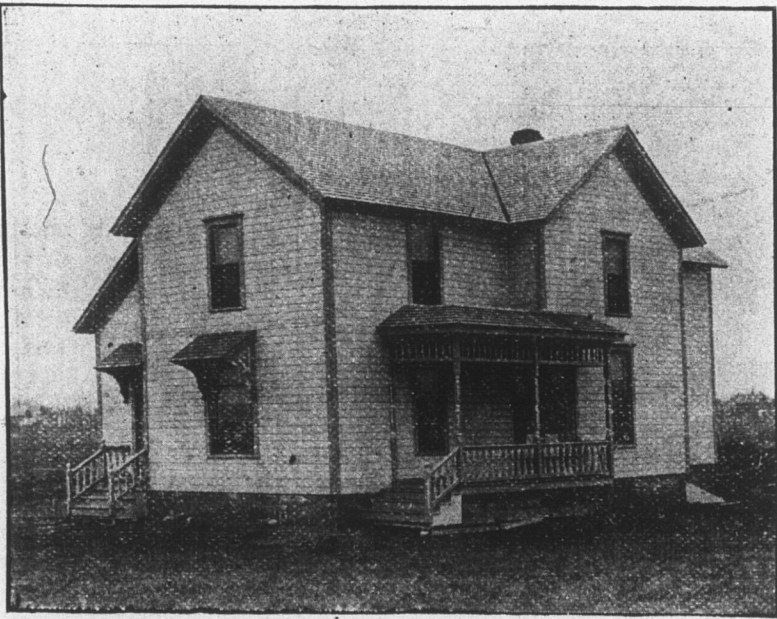
E. D. PARCELS.

The above named barber has a very attractive shop near Washington street on Van Rensselaer, where he enjoys as fine a patronage as could be asked, many of his customers having been regular visitors to his place for years. He has no peer anywhere as a skillful barber and gives his business the closest attention.

His present quarters are new and his chairs and fixtures the latest pattern. He employs two competent workmen. Mr. Parcels has membership in the I. O. O. F., and also in the Foresters. He is a most genial associate and an excellent citizen, and has a pleasant home and estimable wife and interesting daughters and sons.



RESIDENCE OF E. L. HOLLINGSWORTH, CASHIER COMMERCIAL STATE BANK. SKETCH ON PAGE ONE.

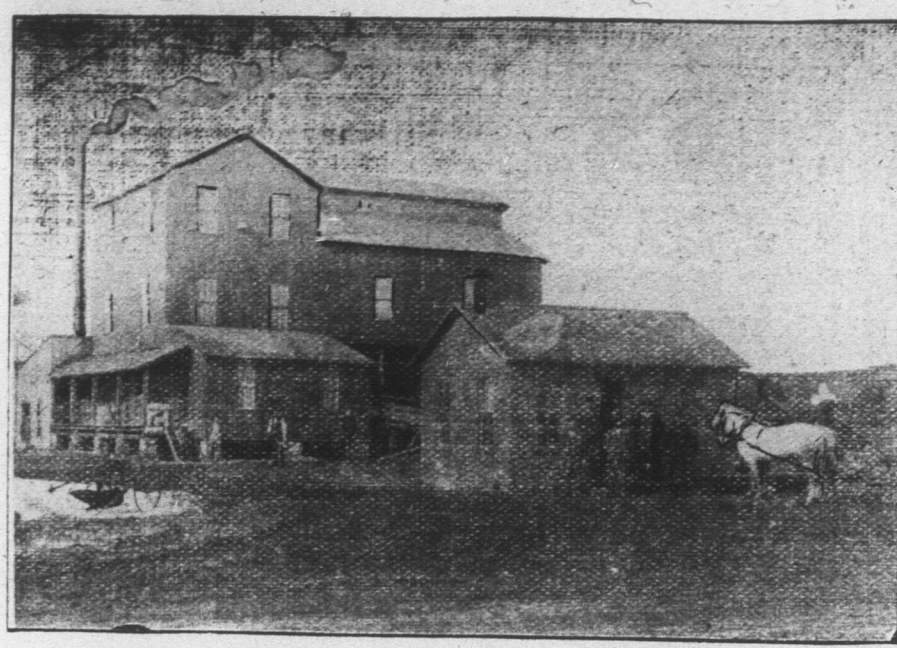
JUDSON H. PERKINS.

I have some of the finest farms in Jasper county for sale, at prices from twenty-five to thirty-five per cent lower than lands of the same quality in Illinois, or of the adjoining counties. I also have lands in Missouri and Kansas, for sale at a bargain.

Correspondence solicited.

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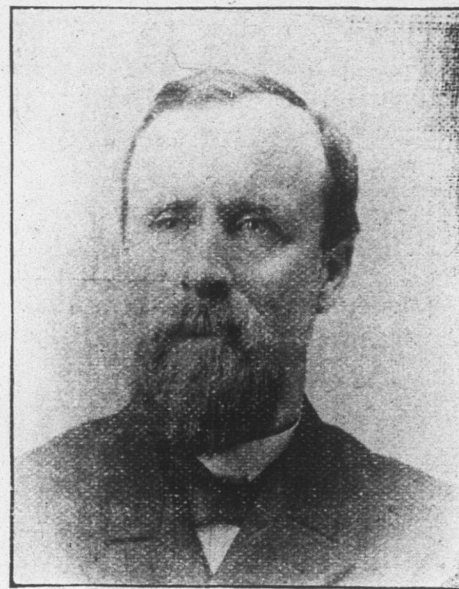
RENSSELAER, INDIANA.



MONITOR ROLLER MILLS AND ELEVATOR, NOWELS & BABCOCK, PROP.

NOWELS & BABCOCK.

This firm are proprietors of one of the finest modern equipped roller mills and grain elevators, with low dump, in Indiana.

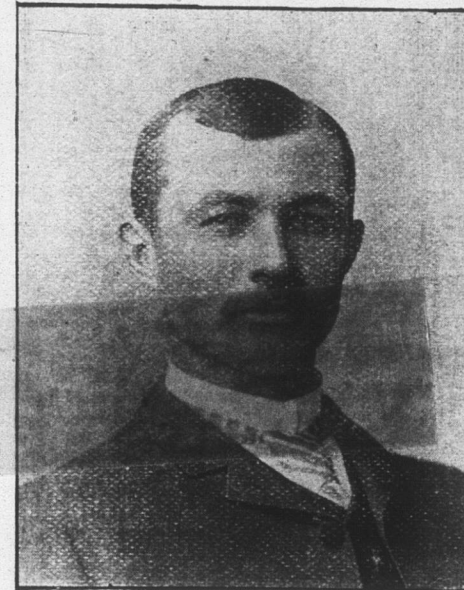


W. R. NOWELS.

diana, as per the accompanying illustration. The members of the firm are, W. R. Nowels and W. C. Babcock, lifelong residents of Jasper county, and than whom none stand higher in the estimation of the community for integrity and honorable citizenship. They enjoy a most satisfactory share of the patronage of a large territory as the result of having the confidence of the people they have transactions with.

In 1888 W. R. Nowels purchased the elevator of B. F. Ferguson, and for four years the business was conducted under the firm name of W. R. Nowels & Son,

In the winter and spring of 1892-3 additional buildings were erected and a complete outfit of flouring machinery was put in and the manufacture of flour commenced, their brand "White Lilly," attaining a very large sale. About two years ago W. R. Nowels assumed the entire management of the business, continuing the same until last July, when he admitted to partnership W. C. Babcock. Recently the elevator has been equipped with new machinery for elevating and shelling ear corn, making the plant complete in every way. Farmers are not



W. C. BABCOCK.

compelled to shovel their grain since the introduction of the low dump appliance. The firm expects to handle two hundred thousand bushels of corn this season.



RESIDENCE OF DELOS THOMPSON.

AUGUST ROSENBAUM.

This popular citizen, proprietor of the Headquarters Saloon, now in the prime of life, is of German nativity and has been in America since 1879. As is so often the case with the sturdy Teutonic sons who seek the New World to better their condition, his fortune was yet to be made when he set foot on Columbia's soil. Mr. Rosenbaum went straight to Helena, Montana, where he remained until 1892, working first in a saloon, then in a grocery, then in a saloon at Missoula. It was in Montana that he became acquainted with the young woman who afterward became Mrs. Rosenbaum, Miss Hulda Schultz, who was temporarily staying in that state, a daughter of Michael Schultz of Union township, this county. Soon after Miss Schultz returned to Indiana, Mr. Rosenbaum followed and they were married. In 1893 he engaged in the liquor business in Hammond, where he soon suffered a severe loss from fire. Though without a

roof over his place he continued business, and struggled to get on his feet again.

In March, 1894, he opened his present place of business in Rensselaer, which is a finely equipped saloon, with billiard and pool tables in adjoining room. His bar and fixtures cost to exceed \$2000 and are very handsome and unusual in a town of this size. He has endeavored to conduct his saloon in an orderly manner and strictly according to law and serious censure has never been laid at his door. He has been prosperous to an enviable extent, attends strictly to his own affairs, is public spirited and in the management of a saloon the community could have no better proprietor. His courtesy has won him many friends. The accompanying illustration is of the very pretty home which he built last year at a cost of about \$3000. They have but one child living, one having died at the age of eleven months. On page nine is given an illustration of the interior of his saloon.



RESIDENCE OF AUGUST ROSENBAUM.

DR. I. B. WASHBURN.

Dr. I. B. Washburn was born in Cass county, Indiana, Jan. 9, 1838. He received his education in the common schools of Pulaski and Cass counties, the Logansport Seminary and Franklin College, Franklin, Indiana. After which he worked on his father's farm and taught school, until he commenced the study of medicine in 1858, in the office of Dr. James Thomas in Royal Center, Cass county. He attended two courses of lectures in Rush Medical College and graduated from the same in February, 1861. In November, 1861, he enlisted as a private in Company I, 46th Indiana, but two months after his enlistment he was detailed in the medical department. He was appointed assistant surgeon of the same regiment in November, 1862. And the following October he was appointed surgeon of the 46th Indiana. He won that appointment by the hard work done during the Vicksburg campaign in 1863. He was in his 25th year when he received that appointment and was the youngest surgeon in the Department of the Gulf. His regiment came home on furlough in June, 1864. He was married to Miss Mattie A. Moon of Royal Center, July 6, 1864.

He was mustered out the service at Lexington, Ky., Dec. 28, 1864, by reason of "expiration of term of service." He attended a third course of lectures in Rush Medical College in 1865 and in August of that year he located in Star City, Pulaski county, where he practiced his profession nearly nine years. He was elected joint representative for Pulaski, Jasper and Newton counties in 1870. He removed to Logansport in 1873, where he was engaged in the drug business in connection with the practice of medicine.

He removed to Rensselaer in the autumn in 1877, where he has since resided. He was elected county treasurer in 1886, and re-elected in 1888, by the largest majority given any one on the republican ticket in Jasper county at that election. Since then he has attended two special courses of instruction in the post graduate medical school of Chicago. He is a member of the Chicago Medical Society.

He has been a friend of education and was a member of the Rensselaer school board with E. L. Clark, M. F. Chilcote and M. L. Spittler, and helped to formulate the present course of study in the Rensselaer schools. He became a member of the Christian church in 1859 and has been an ardent church and Sunday school worker since that time. He has a comfortable home and enjoys the confidence and patronage of a large number of people in Rensselaer and the adjacent country.

CHARLES A. ROBERTS.

The above well known citizen of Rensselaer has done much for his town by the improvement of the several properties which he has purchased with the earnings of a busy and useful life. He is now living on the corner of Cullen and Washington streets on premises purchased about one year ago, which he has transformed into a very comfortable and pleasant home, and erected on the rear of the same lots a suitable building for the handling of farm implements, to which business he is well adapted, and will undoubtedly be successful, as he has a large and valuable acquaintance.

Mr. Roberts has been a resident of Rensselaer since the fall of 1873. He is a blacksmith by trade, having learned that business under the instruction of Jesse Hoff, an able smith in his day, who occupied a log shop opposite the present site of Hemphill's shop on Front street. Was in the employ of Norman Warner for a year, then formed a partnership with James Shindler and Mr. Warner retired from the blacksmithing business.

Shindler & Roberts continued in the place where Mr. Warner had toiled so many years, until Mr. Shindler retired and settled on his farm on "Two Mile Prairie." They followed the firm of Roberts Brothers for nine years of hard work, when both Charles and his brother Louis F., retired from that wearing labor. The subject of this sketch was then engaged in the farm implement trade and finally erected the long brick building now occupied by Geo. A. Strickfaden's saloon, where for five years he conducted the finest implement store in northern Indiana. In this business he was very successful but his health failing he sold the business to Hammond Brothers. After a short rest Mr. Roberts hit the easiest job of his life by forming a partnership with Mr. Zimmerman in the tailoring business. The contrast between sewing on buttons and shaking the hind paw of a mule was too great and a few months ended this venture, and he is now engaged in his familiar calling at which he has been so successful in the past, selling farm machinery.

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