

PETOSKEY VILLAGE.
Business Interests.

The village of Petoskey is located on the south-east side of Little Traverse Bay, at the northern terminus of the Grand Rapids & Indiana Railroad, the mouth of the Bear River which affords as good a water power as can be found in Michigan. The village is situated upon an eminence, on grounds formerly owned by Petoskey, an old Indian, from which the town derived its name.

There is at this point an inexhaustible supply of Lime Rock from which is manufactured the finest quality of Lime. The proprietors of the Lime Works are H.O. Rose & Co., who have, during the summer season three kilns in full, blast and manufactured last season over 10,000 barrels of lime, and are now making preparations to enlarge their present capacity, which will furnish employment to a large number of workmen.

The surrounding country is heavily timbered, principally with beech and maple, here may be found some of the finest specimens of bird's-eye and curly maple that ever was known.

Most of the people in the surrounding town are engaged in getting out shipping wood preparatory to shipping when navigation opens.

The first building built by a white man upon the present site of Petoskey was erected for a temporary hotel, two years ago last October. The present population of the village is about 700 with some forty-three business places, counting all kinds of business carried on in our midst making a very thriving and enterprising town, which will compare favorably with many towns much older than ours.

We shall now endeavor to give a sort of
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...east end of Mitchell st., the main street of our town, at the furniture store of

C.B. HENIKA,

Who came here in February last, from Wayland, Allegan county, this State, and established his business in July last, and since then has been doing a very thriving business, not only supplying the people of this town and surrounding country, with goods in his line; but, people along the line south of this place, have found it to their advantage to come to Petoskey to buy furniture.

Passing west on the south side of the street we come to the clothing and gents furnishing store of

W.T. LATHAM,

He, also came from Allegan county, a place called Burnap's corners, in June last, and established his business at once, and since that time has received very liberal patronage as people soon found that he was keeping all first class goods, and was willing to sell at small profits, we bespeak for him a good trade in the future. We next come to the grocery store of

G. KOPKE,

Who came from Saginaw last summer, and erected a double building, one of them he occupies as a store, and the other as a hotel and groggery. The next in order is the

CITY HOTEL,

Owned by Wm. Garvin, and occupied by a lady named Mrs. Monroe, recently came from Traverse City. Next comes the large store of

FOX, ROSE & BUTTARS,

Mr. Fox and Buttars, are residents of Charlevoix, where they also have a large store of general merchandise. The store here is under the management of Mr. T. Quinlan and Mr. M.V. Barnes. This enterprising firm have the largest stock of general merchandise and are, without a doubt, doing the largest business of any in our town. Their stock comprises Drygoods, Groceries, Provisions, Boots & Shoes, Hardware of all descriptions, Furniture, Crockery, Flour and Feed of which they have immense stocks to select from. This store

has been in operation about two years, and of course have done a tip-top business as their large stock attracts a great many people to our town, and would do credit to much larger towns than ours. The next in order is the store of and building owned by Peter Bremmeyr and occupied by

BOND & INGALLS,

This firm have been engaged in trade near this point about four years being the first that brought any goods to this point for sale. Mr. Bond is a resident of Kenosha, Wis., and Mr. Ingalls has long been a resident of this country. This firm are doing a good trade in the way of general merchandise, also are the largest dealers in wood of any one firm in our town, and furnish employment for 50 to 75 men cutting wood and hauling to the beach ready for shipping when navigation opens. A firm of this kind is of incalculable good to a new town like this.

Crossing the railroad we next come to the shoe shop of

E. KINNEY,

Mr. Kinney came from Wayland, Allegan Co., in June last, and put up a big boot at this place, and has been carrying on this business ever since, making Boots & Shoes, and repairing. He has had a good run of custom[ers] and makes good work at reasonable prices. He intends to build a new shop in the spring upon the site of the present shop that will be a credit to the town.

Passing along west to the corner of Mitchell and Petoskey streets, we find the office of the

EMMET COUNTY DEMOCRAT,

A paper started about ten months ago.

South of the printing office we find the Gun shop of

WILLIAM ABBOTT,

Who came from Grand Rapids last fall, putting up a fine residence and shop in which he has tools to do all kinds of work in his line, being a fine workman has all the work he can attend to, also keeps a large stock of guns and ammunition of all kinds, a stock much larger than anyone would expect to find in a town of no larger size than ours.

Passing along Petoskey St., north to Lake St., we find on the north-east corner the store of

BEZILE PETOSKEY,

A stock of Drygood, and Groceries, and lots of Indian trinkets. This store has been in operation about five months.

On the opposite corner on the north side of Lake St., is found the jewelry store of

J.S. COFFMAN,

Who commenced business in June last, and carries a fine stock of Watches, Clocks, and Jewelry, etc., etc. Also does a large amount of business in the way of repairing. The next as we go east upon north of Lake St., is the drug store of

Dr. B.B. SUDWORTH,

Who came here in April last, from Kalamazoo and bought considerable real estate afterwards built a store at this point and opened a stock of drugs, in August last, and has since been carrying on the business with success, also been practicing medicine, but now on account of ill health is obliged to discontinue that portion of his business.

Next in order upon the south side of the street, is the Dining Hall of

A.O. HUTCHINGS,

Came from Maple Hill, Montcalm county, in April last, putting up a building at this place making a good boarding house, with good accomodation: both for regular and transient boarders. The next door is the store of

G.W. BUMP,

Who came here last spring from Maple Hill, built a very pleasant store and filled it with choice Groceries and Provisions, and has since been doing a thriving business, although Mr. Bump makes but little noise about his business. The next in order is the shoe shop of

STEVEN KETCHUM, [Correct spelling: Stephen]
Who came from Grand Rapids, and just opened his business; his ad., appears in this week's issue of the DEMOCRAT for the first time. On the opposite side of the street is the Livery Stable of

Wm. M. EVERETT,

Who came here in August, 1873, and built his barn and office last spring and furnished it with some nobby turnouts—as we know by experience.—He also does the transferring of the passengers and frieght from the cars to the boats during the navigation season—keeps teams at all kinds of work that may come along, and does a general business of [next three lines illegible.]

J. WATSON & SON, [no. 21 Lake Street]

Who came to Petoskey in October, '74, and built the store, filling it with Groceries, etc. The store is under the management of Mr. L.C. Watson, Mr. J. Watson residing in Grand Rapids. There is also in this building a Tin Shop run by

O.N. WATSON,

A practical tin-smith, and doing a first class business, supplying the surrounding country with all the articles wanted in his line.

Crossing the street again on the corner of Lake and Howard St.'s we find Millinery and Fancy store of

Mrs. H.A. CAMPBELL & CO.,

Who came from Traverse City, and opened this store the first of May last, furnishing the ladies of this vicinity with articles needed to ornament their person. Judging from the stock they carry we think must be doing a very good business. Now turning the corner to Howard St., we next come to the barber shop of

JAY SCRAFIELD,

Who came to Petoskey from Grand Rapids, in April last, and opened a shop in the building owned by Mr. Bunnell, afterwards built the building he now occupes. We can boast of having as good a barber as can be found in any town, which might be a surprise to most of people coming to our country. The next store is occupied for a store by

Mrs. LIZZIE WAKAZOO, [Correct spelling: Waukazoo]

A daughter of the old gentleman Petoskey's, in which is a small stock of Dry Goods and Fancy Goods, and is a very tasty store. Turning the corner on to Bay St., we come to the bowling alley of

JAMES FARLEY,

And managed by Mr. Phil Caffery. This hall was built by Mr. Farley last summer, there is also kept a choice stock of Wines and Liquors, and all other things pertaining to a first class restaurant.

In order to do justice to the upper portion of Lake St., we shall have to postpone the remainder of the history until our next issue.

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(Continued from Last Issue.)

Coming back from Bay street,—where we stopped—upon Lake Street, to the store of

E.J. GIFFORD'S,

Who came here from Ionia, one year ago last July, and built a store and stocking it with a choice stock of Groceries and Provisions. Mr. Gifford also deals quite extensively in lumber, his yard is near the railroad. Mr. Gifford's store is certainly one of the pleasantist store rooms in our town. The next door east is the Grocery of

A. BUNNELL,

Who is always busy waiting upon his hosts of customers. Mr. Bunnell, although his store is small, is doing a business that many of his neighbors might feel proud of. Another peculiarity of his store is the extensive game of checkers played at his place of business, by the wife of the afore said Bunnell. Crossing the street we next come to the butcher shop of

W.W. HALLIDAY,

Recently opened his tasty neat market, supplied with choice meats, and cut in a manner that reflects credit upon him. Next we come to the store of

PETOSKEY BRO'S,

Quite a fine stock of General Merchandise, Petoskey Bro's Is ha-kan-kish-pin Ka-chi-go-da wi-a-ga-man pai-nat ka-tai-gi-gin. The proprietors are Francis Petoskey and James Petoskey, sons of Ignatius Petoskey. The next place on the corner of Lake St., and the railroad grounds, is the restaurant of

O.D. TRACEY,

He can dish up a tip-top dish of Oysters—we know how it is myself. Mr. Tracey opened this institution some time in the past fall, and has been doing a good business ever since. Passing around the corner and fronting on the railroad ground we next come to the liquor store of

JOHN SHIER,

Mr. Shier came to this town from Paris, Mich., last April, and opened his business. He will not allow any games of chance carried on in his institution, everything is kept quiet and neat around his restaurant, and he doing so sets an example which many of our saloon keepers would do well to follow. The next in order is the bakery of

WILLIAM ALLEN,

Who built the building now occupied by himself last fall, and now has a very pleasant sale room. Crossing the railroad, we next come to the

ROSE HOUSE,

A three story building and closely situated to the depot. It is now—since the death of the former proprietor Dr. Wm. Little—run by Robert Little, but will ere long change hands and be run by someone else. Crossing the street we come to the billard parlor of

MCCARTHY & CULVER,

Who came here from Clam Lake, last spring. A place very centrally located and managed by the gentlemanly proprietor Mr. A.N. McCarthy, it is said that he knows how to dish up a "boss" bowl of "Tom and Jerry." His institution is well patronized by all classes. In the next door we find

L. MCKINNON,

Who keeps a quiet orderly saloon. Mr. McKinnon came from Allegan county, one year ago last July. He built last season the building which he now occupies sells tip-top cigars which we know to be true by sampling. The next room is occupied by

JOHN McNEILL,

For a meat market. Mr. McNeill came from Antrim county, to this place two years ago. and is the pioneer butcher of this place, and now keeps constantly on hand a choice stock of meats, fish, &c., which he sells at prices to correspond with the times. The next store east is the Flour and Feed store of

I.L. AUSTIN & CO.,

This firm came from Berlin, Mich., some time last fall with a full line of Flour, Feed, Etc. This is a branch of business which has never been carried on exclusively in our town before, and they are doing a business which corresponds with the large stock they carry. The last, but not least upon Lake St. is the Hardware and Grocery store of

H.G. WAIT,

Who came from Sparta, Mich., in August '74. Judging from the stock he carries, he must be doing a good business. Mr. Wait also has an interest in a store at Little Traverse.

SHAW & McMILLAN,

Are Real Estate dealers, they came here in July 1873, bought the land on which Petoskey now stands and platted the same, and bought more of other parties, and are now selling lots to any who wish. Mr. Shaw of this firm is a resident of Grand Rapids. Mr. McMillan attended to the business here. Their office is just off Lake St., in the rear of McCarthy's restaurant.

CUSHMAN HOUSE,

Is the next to come in our history of Petoskey. This house was built about two years ago by D.J. Cushman, the present proprietor. This hotel is well managed, and nicely furnished and is deservedly the popular hotel of this place.

We also have two blacksmith shops, one is managed by
G.C. FERRISS,

Who has been in business some time, on the north side of the town near the engine house. And one by

Mr. FIX,

Who came from Pennsylvania, some time last summer. His shop is near the Bay.

There is also two sawmills in operation, one owned by

GEMMILL & KILBOURN,

Who bought the old Government Grist-mill site, and built a very good mill, putting in all modern machinery, and are making a very excellent quality of lumber, as all can testify, who have used it. They have recently added to their saw mill a run of stone for the purpose of grinding feed, which is a matter of convenience to all. The other mill is owned by

E. FOGLESONGER,

Who built the mill last summer, upon a power belonging to Hazen Ingalls, which by the day, is as good a power as can be found.

Last, but not least, we have three Attorneys at Law, one of them is,

Mr. C. JAMES PAILTHORP,

Who came here last spring and established an office over Gifford's grocery, and his business has gradually increased until now his business is lucrative.

Mr. J.G. HILL,

Came from Lawton, this State, last fall now has an office with A. McMillan, Justice of the peace, near the Cushman House.

Mr. R.D. JOSLIN,

Come from Cheboygan, some time since, and is the oldest established lawyer in Emmet county. He has recently been appointed Deputy U.S. Commissioner.

In the office with C.J. Pailthorp, we find the Real Estate agent

Mr. A.S. LEE,

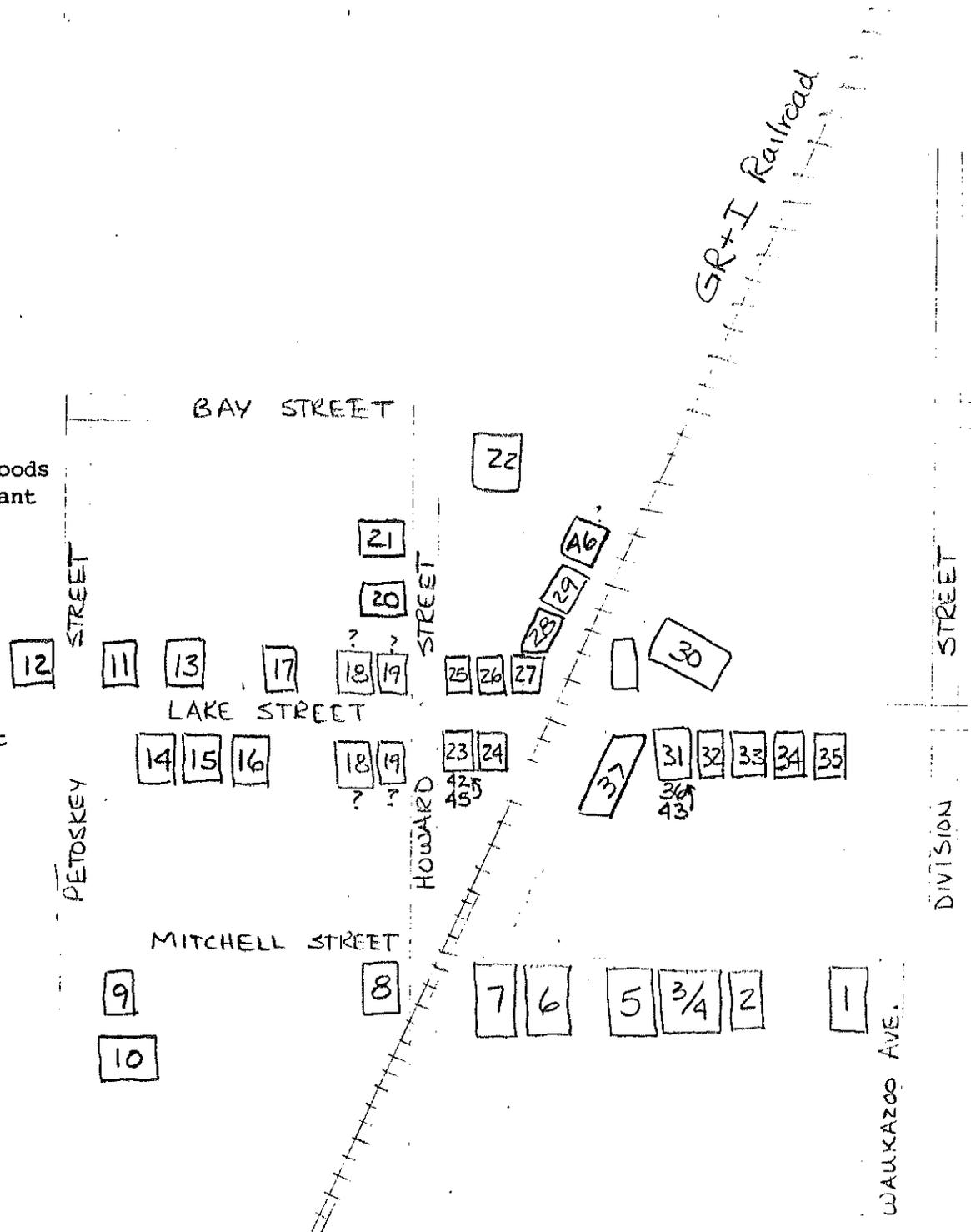
Who devotes his entire time to the real estate business, and of course, is doing the largest amount of business in that line of any man in town, Mr. Lee is all of the time corresponding with outside parties, and by so doing is bringing a large amount of capital to our town.

We have endeavored in this statement of business carried on in our town, to give a plain statement of business done in our town just as it appears to us from casual observation, and we think there are few towns of the age of this that can make a better showing than ours. We do not hear the cry of hard times as much in our town as we hear it outside, and if one half of the buildings are built next summer that are talked of it will be more of a growth than we had last year.

—In another column:

Our town seems to be all the time on the improve, it is Mr. J. Wenks, this time who is putting up a large building for a hotel, on his lot next North of the Bakery, which will improve the looks of the street very much.

1. C.B. Henika-Furniture/Undertaker
2. W.T. Latham-Clothing
- 3&4. G. Kopke-Grocery & Hotel/groggery
5. City Hotel
6. Fox, Rose & Buttars-Gen. Mds.
7. Bond & Ingalls- Gen. Mds/Wood
8. E. Kinney- Shoes & Boots
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10. William Abbott-Gun Smith
11. Bazille Petoskey-Gen. Mds/Trinkets
12. J.S. Coffman-Jewelry
13. Dr. B.B. Sudworth-drugs
14. A.O. Hutchings-Restaurant
15. G.W. Bump-Groceries
16. Stephen Ketchum-Shoes
17. William M. Everett-Livery
18. J. Watson & Son-Grocery
O.N. Watson-Tin smith
19. Mrs. H.A. Campbell & Co.-Millinery
20. Jay Scrafield-Barber
21. Mrs. Lizzie Waukazoo-Dry & Fancy Goods
22. James Farley-Bowling Alley/Restaurant
23. E.J. Gifford's-Grocery
24. A. Bunnell-Grocery
25. W.W. Halliday-Meat Market
26. Petoskey Bro's-Gen. Merchandise
27. O.D. Tracey-Restaurant
28. John Shier-Saloon/Restaurant
29. William Allen-Bakery
30. Rose House-Hotel
31. McCarthy & Culver-Saloon/Restaurant
32. L. McKinnon-Saloon
33. John McNeill-Meat Market
34. I.L. Austin-Flour & Feed
35. H.G. Wait-Hardware & Grocery
36. Shaw & McMillan-Real Estate
37. Cushman House-Hotel
38. G.C. Ferriss (not shown)
39. Mr. Fix (not shown)
40. Gemmill & Kilbourn (not shown)
41. E. Foglesonger (not shown)
42. Mr. Charles James Pailthorp-Lawyer
43. Mr. J.G. Hill-Lawyer
44. Mr. R.G. Joslin-Lawyer (not shown)
45. Mr. A.S. Lee-Real Estate
46. Mr. J. Wenks-hotel



PETOSKEY.

ITS ATTRACTIONS AND ENTERPRISES.

What is Being Done in Our City, and
Who are Doing it.

A Long Line of Action - Wide Awake Firms.

A Chapter of Important Information,
Especially to the Trading Public.

In a recent issue of the DEMOCRAT there was given quite an extensive and complete history of our city, dating back to the advent of the first civilized human being that cast his lot and "staked his claim" on the east shore of Little Traverse Bay, which occurred in the month of October in the year of 1872. In a very short time this location began to be generally recognized by the outside world, inasmuch as the surrounding country presented to the agriculturist rich resources, and the most advantageous facilities of transportation offered by the chain of lakes, and the early prospect of a railroad. Another and very important feature—and which indeed is very essential in the location of a prospective village—is the fact that, throughout the state of Michigan there is not to be found a more lovely spot, situated several hundred feet above the bay on a tract of land which has a gradual decline toward the water. Hence one is presented with a magnificent view of the bay and beyond as far as the eye can reach out into Lake Michigan, and on either side of the bay there extends long ranges of thickly wooded hills.

Taken altogether the most fanciful imagination cannot picture a more romantic bit of scenery, and we do not wonder as the rapid growth of a village which has for its inheritance all the advantages which kind nature could bestow. Having given the incentive which first inspired the settlement of our young city, we will give a brief description of what she is today. Petoskey now contains a resident population of 3,000 inhabitants, is well appointed as those things which urban populations with enterprising tendencies usually provide for their convenience, comfort and general well being. A city endowed with a system of public water works, distributing to the homes and business houses of her people and to the fire hydrants at her street corners, an ample supply of pure water for domestic use and protection against fire, with a well organized and efficient fire department for like protection, with a system of public schools, well graded and classified, and four churches dispensing instruction in righteousness to her people. Two well conducted and reliable banks, numerous hotels, some of which cannot be

surpassed in the state. In brief, the city now enjoys all the modern luxuries and conveniences to be had in large cities. As a summer resort it is unequalled, and during the past few years has acquired a reputation which extends throughout the United States, thousands coming here from all points of the country.

For the benefit and interest of our large circle of readers we have compiled a few sketches of some of our most prominent business houses. The reader will find in each account something of interest relative to the personal history and business efforts of the men who now transact the largest portion of the business done in our city, and who give to Petoskey its prominence in this part of the State in a business way. The DEMOCRAT points with pride to the history herein contained, and can safely say that in no city in the State the size of Petoskey can there be found a better record of capacity, of energy, and of standing on the part of the business men, and with our interests placed in the hands of such men as are spoken of in this paper, we need have no fear that we will not continue to increase in wealth and solidity.

The crowded condition of our columns precludes such a history of Petoskey as we had designed, and with these few remarks we will enter upon our business review. Every line of this business history should be carefully read by the thousands who may read this special issue of the DEMOCRAT. The first firm we shall mention is:

SHIRK BRO'S (General Dealers in Hardware, Proprietors of the Merchants Bank)

R. ROSENTHAL (Dry Goods and Clothing)

PRAY BRO'S (Clothing, Dry Goods, Fancy Goods, Notions)

ISAAC STAUFFER (Farmer, Real Estate Dealer)

HENIKA & TOUSLEY (Furniture and Undertakers)

W.R. KILBORN (Farm Implements)

L.W. COLE (Drug Store)

THE CLIFTON HOUSE (Hotel)

J.L. NEWBERRY (Lawyer)

JAMES FUNK (Saloonkeeper)

NATIONAL HOTEL

BOWMAN, NYCE & CO. (Grocery)

EDDY & HUNTLEY (Produce, Fancy and Staple Groceries)

G.E. MILLS (Harness and Supplies)

LEVI HERRICK (Dray Service)

THE CITY MILLS (J. Ingalls - Flour)

ROSE BRO'S & CO. (Groceries, Dry & Fancy Goods, Notions)

ABNER S. LEE (Real Estate, Loan and Insurance)

DAVIS & MAY (Meat Market)

W.L. McMANUS (Planing Mill)

CURTIS, WACHTEL & CO. (Bank - Later became First National Bank)

SHIRK BRO'S

Numerous and varied are the items of commerce which make up the network of city trade. This proposition is not only true in regard to the leading cities of the United States, but also of the younger members of the fraternity of these centralizations of humanity. Even in Petoskey there are many features of commerce whose extent and value are not generally recognized, and it is these that the press with its means of disseminating useful knowledge steps in and performs its mission of public instruction and education. Among the many business houses of Petoskey we call the attention of our readers to that of Messrs. Shirk Bro's, general dealers in hardware, and also proprietors of the Merchants Bank. The members of this firm are John C. Shirk, James A. Shirk and George M. Shirk. This enterprise was first established by Mr. G.M. Shirk, March 10, 1882, continuing with considerable success until January 1st of the present year, at which time he was joined by his two older brothers, John C. and James A. The facilities of the concern were of course enlarged to a considerable extent, the stock and resources being increased, and a general banking business added in connection with their other line.

It might be well for us here to give a slight description of this establishment, as there are many perhaps in the surrounding country who are not familiar with its details in regard to the stock carried and the really great inducements which they are offering in the way of hardware and everything pertaining to the line. The stock of shelf and heavy hardware, tin, copper and sheet iron ware, iron, steel, nails, etc., is large and well assorted, which among the stock of stoves we noticed particularly, assortments of such celebrated makes as the Rathborn, Sarn & Co., Albany, N.Y., and Sherman S. Jewitt's of Buffalo, N.Y. These goods embrace a full variety of stoves and ranges. There is also carried mill supplies, builders hardware, brass fitting, rubber and leather belting, carriage hardware and wood stock, the Wetmore axes, paint from Detroit White Lead Works, Cleveland Refining Co.'s lubricating oils, and blasting powder, generally used for blasting stumps, etc. In the tin shop department, tin, copper and sheet iron ware is manufactured in large quantities, employing first class workmen. There is also employed an expert plumber for special work, and he is, we believe, the only mechanic of that class in the city. This firm usually buy in large quantities for cash, discounting all bills, and they are determined to sell at the very lowest living profit and always keep the stock fully up with the times. The business since last January has increased very rapidly, so much so that they are compelled to seek for more commodious quarters, consequently have made arrangements, and have now under construction the finest brick block of this city, which is to be in dimensions 50 X 80 feet, two stories and basement. The first floor will contain the general sales room and banking office. The office will measure 16 X 40 feet, to be fitted in an elegant manner and provided with massive safes and vaults, and for perfect security against burglars the celebrated Hall's time locks are to be attached. These locks are of the same description as used in the Bank of England; in fact no expense will be spared in making a secure repository for the safety of their customer's funds. The second floor will be devoted to the storage of stoves and reserve stock. The building will be provided with a hydraulic elevator, and heated throughout with steam, in fact it will be equipped with every modern improvement and convenience that skill can construct or ingenuity devise. The banking department of this concern is managed on such a basis that makes progress inevitable, and it is without any idea of depreciating the position, importance or ability of the other financial establishments of this city, that we predict for them in the near future the position of the leading bank of Petoskey. The gentlemen comprising this firm are all quite young men of ambitious and enterprising tendencies, thoroughly understanding the business in which they have embarked, and they are so conducting their business as to gain the confidence and respect of all our citizens, and to place their house among the first rank for sound and solid business qualifications.

R. ROSENTHAL.

That every branch of business must have its representative houses is a pretty well fixed fact in this era of the commercial world. That such houses, as a rule, are honorably entitled to their high position there can be no doubt, for, with scarcely an exception, they have been attained by fair and honorable dealing on the part of their proprietors, and thorough knowledge of the wants and requirements of the community in which they live. The dry goods and clothing establishment of R. Rosenthal is a notable example of this class of merchantile institutions. It is the leading and most important trading place of Petoskey, and is as well stocked and systematically arranged store of its kind as is to be found in northern Michigan.

Mr. Rosenthal first located his business on the corner of Howard and Lake streets, in 1879, remaining there one year when he moved to his present location. During the last three years his trade has increased so rapidly that he has been compelled from time to time to enlarge his quarters, which has been done by extending the store back fully forty feet, making the store room 90 X 20 feet. The business occupies two floors, the first, or main floor, being the general sales room. This room is completely packed with the largest variety and most complete assortment of clothing, dry goods, gents furnichings, hats and caps, and everything pertaining to a lady's or gents outfit. The second floor is used for the display of carpets, curtains, mats, etc., also trunks, valises and tourist supplies.

Particular attention is paid to the clothing department, and the stock is indeed the larger and best selected we have seen north of Grand Rapids, and would do credit to any concern in the largest cities. Mr. Rosenthal has lately given orders to dispose of the goods through all of the departments at cost price, in order to make room for the fall trade, which will be very large. Our friends throughout the country should take advantage of this opportunity, and sacrifice of goods. Mr. Rosenthal is ably assisted in the management of his business by his head clerk, Mr. Wyness. This gentleman is a thorough business man, and being quite popular among their many customers his services go a great way toward furthering the interests of the concern. As to Mr. Rosenthal's manner of doing business, his reputation throughout this whole section of country is a sufficient guarantee as the high business principles which marks his every transaction, and we know of no establishment with whom we take more pleasure in referring our friends and the public generally, assuring them of prompt and courteous treatment at all times.

PRAY BRO'S.

In displaying the advantages of our city with reference to its commercial and manufacturing resources, no method affords so complete a representation as that which depicts fully the various individual and corporate enterprises. It is therefore, with pleasure that we present for the consideration of our readers some facts regarding the establishment of Pray Bro's. We wish we had more space to devote to this concern, for the reason that it is essential for the public to know who to deal with, in order to receive goods of no inferior material, and that you may depend upon, under all circumstances, both in price and quality. During our rounds in this city, we find no house more worthy of mention, both from the extent and class of goods kept in stock, and their large trade throughout this section.

On entering the establishemnt one is impressed with the large variety and elegant appearance of the articles which go to make up the stock, which is composed of clothing, dry goods, fancy goods and notions. Clothing is made a special feature of the business, and great care is taken that the stock shall at all times be complete and of the latest styles and patterns. The goods are bought direct from the manufacturers for spot cash, thereby saving the middle man's profit; which benefit is given to their customers. In selecting goods in this line the utmost caution is used in securing garments of the very best material, calculated to meet the requirements of their now large and rapidly increasing trade. One great advantage the public have in dealing with this house is the one important fact, which our friends throughout the country would do well to remember. No misrepresentation is ever allowed in order to secure a sale. Goods are sold for exactly what they are, and no advantage is taken of a customer because he may be ignorant of the quality of the goods, or resort to any of those tricks so common with unprincipled dealers.

Messrs. Pray Bro's have been established now nearly two years, and from the very start their business has increased quite rapidly, in fact the monthly receipts of the year are on the average of \$200 over that of last year, which indeed shows well. These gentlemen are both quite young men, and deserve great credit for the enterprise and ability which they have displayed in establishing their business, and as they are both possessed of a large degree of pluck and perserverance, together with a courteous and attentive manner of treating customers, we have no fear but that their future business career will prove most prosperous.

HENIKA & TOUSLEY.

The department of commercial industry is looked upon as one which contributes to our comforts, our necessities and our luxuries. The able management which it receives at the hands of Petoskey's leading merchants Henika & Tousley, causes the entire community to look upon it with satisfaction and pride. A few years ago the articles offered to us by dealers in furniture were rough and unattractive, when compared with the highly finished, nicely designed and handsome products presented by the furniture dealers of today. The above firm is composed of Messrs. C.B. Henika and C.L. Tousley. Mr. Henika first established the business in 1875 in a very small way, the stock probably not amounting to all told over \$300 and of the cheapest and plainest description.

The business from the start began taking rapid strides onward, increasing in fact very rapidly, and of course as the trade increased the stock and resources were accordingly enlarged. In 1879 Mr. Tousley was admitted in the firm, thus enlarging the concern's facilities, and dividing the responsibilities of the business which had then reached quite extensive proportions. From that on, to the present time, their transactions have been marked with a large degree of prosperity, until now they have the satisfaction of knowing that there is no house in northern Michigan that can begin to compete with them in either stock or extent of business. Last spring it became necessary for them to, in some way, enlarge their quarters in order to accomodate the trade, which emergency was soon overcome by leasing a large and nicely equiped store room in Feick's block where all their finer furniture was transferred, making this a repository and sales-room for the better class of goods. Both places of business now occupy two floors each, which are completely packed with furniture of every description from the cheapest to the finest and most costly, embracing a large line of elegant bedroom sets, parlor goods and pier glasses. At their old stand a speciality is made in the manufacture of picture frames, a large variety of mouldings always being kept on hand from which to select; quite a business is also done in repairing furniture, two men being constantly employed.

In the undertaking branch of the business this firm probably have a larger trade than any house north of Grand Rapids, and the stock of cloth caskets and cheaper goods are certainly very fine, embalming either partially or permanently is also done with great skill, in fact everything pertaining to the business, this department is presided over by Mr. Henika, who thoroughly understands every detail of the trade and who has an extended reputation as the most skillful in the profession. This house as its success would attest is conducted upon the highest business principles. The business transactions are marked with a degree of honesty and fair dealing that is bound to win friends on all sides. The entire establishment is justly entitled to the consideration and patronage of the public, and the gentlemanly proprietors to the esteem that energy and reliability and talent always inspired.

W.R. KILBORN.

The most important factors to success in the working of a farm are the saving of time and labor, and the possession of the most efficient appliances whereby the handling of the crops can be most economically accomplished. By economy we mean that judicious investment of money in the use of every appliance which can contribute toward the above result.

To the stand-still man who does not wish to move out of the beaten track of muscle vs. brains and ingenuity, we know that every cent expended will be put down as extravagant, but on the other hand, to the class of agriculturalists whose spirit of progress this country owes its present proud position, the economy most practiced has been that of equipping their farms with the very best class of agricultural implements.

In reviewing the leading industries and business houses of Petoskey this interest claims a most prominent place, for the fact that the surrounding territory is a magnificent farming country, on which the city merchants are principally dependent for their support. We are pleased then to be able to state that the farming community have been well supplied in this respect and at the establishment of Mr. W.R. Kilborn can be obtained every class of agricultural implements, wagons, carriages, threshing machines, etc., from the factories of all the most noted makers, including Wood's machines, mowers, reapers and binders, the Champion mowers, Thomas' rake, J.I. Case threshing machines, also Pitts of Chicago, with steam engine of horse-power attachments, Lawrence and Chapin harrows, and the Reed harrow; South Bend chilled plow, Oliver chilled plow and others. He is also agent for the Blimyer steam engines.

In carriages he handles the Jackson Studebaker and Kalamazoo makes, which are all of superior manufacture and noted for their durability and fineness of finish. In wagons there are a large variety, embracing the Flint, Jackson, Borne, Belknap, Coquillard, Big Rapids and the Studebaker. The merits and reputation of these wagons are world renowned and it is not necessary for us to repeat what everyone must be familiar with in regard to their standing.

Mr. Kilborn has been an active business man in our city since 1877, first establishing himself in the lumber business, at which he remained two years, and then embarked in the business in which we at present find him, and to say that he has been successful in his business one has only to glance through his well stocked ware rooms to be convinced of the enormous extent his trade has reached. He makes his trade a study, and uses judgement in selecting stock throughout with reference to what is required in this section of country, so that he understands far better than many farmers what is really more practicable and durable for their especial use. The establishment of Mr. Kilborn fills probably as important a position in Petoskey as any we could name, and great credit is certainly due to that gentleman for his enterprise, and for the efficient manner in which he aims to supply the community with everything they may require in farm implements, etc., and above all he will always be found a very pleasant man to deal with, and his word can be relied upon.

L.W. COLE.

An important feature in connection with the progress and prosperity of the business interest of cities is their well conducted drug and pharmaceutical establishments, and in a complete and comprehensive work, professing to present in a reliable and attractive manner the commercial facilities of a city, this enterprise deserves special notice. In looking up this branch of business we were directed to the establishment of Mr. L.W. Cole, who we find is the representative dealer of this city, and from his long experience in the business is in every respect a thoroughly qualified druggist and who has by strict attention to business succeeded in establishing a reputation throughout this section for reliability and trustworthiness. We mention this fact for the reason that it would be impossible to mention any line of business in which more explicit confidence must be placed in the merchant, the dispenser, than in this traffic. Mr. Cole began business here in 1880, and from that time until the present he has enjoyed a steady and increasing trade and has received his full share of patronage. His stock is as complete as can be found in any first class drug store, and embraces the usual assortment of drugs, chemicals, fancy goods, toilet articles, fishing tackle in great varieties and also a news department in which will be found the leading dailies, weeklies and reading matter generally. The prescription department is made a special feature and great care is taken that prescriptions are not only carefully filled but compounded of the purest medicines to be had. This department is without a doubt the most complete to be found north of Grand Rapids. Mr. Cole will always be found prompt and to the point in all his business transactions, and his word may be relied upon with strictest confidence.

JAMES FUNK.

Mr. Funk is proprietor of one of our new business enterprises, having only opened his place since the 4th of June. He came for the purpose of establishing a quiet orderly and first class resort, where all visitors may be sure of a pleasant welcome and be treated with politeness and courtesy, and we have no doubt but that he will succeed in building up in a short time a fine trade. Men will drink no matter if all the influence of the combined nations are brought to bear against it, and without arguing the morality of the question the point is this: they should have good liquors, not the poisonous compounds found in some localities for the sole purpose of making money, but liquors just as represented, pure in every respect, as such we can recommend the above place. His place is newly fitted throughout, and presents a very attractive appearance, the bar being furnished in quite an elegant manner, and stocked with a variety of some of the best brands of liquor from the most celebrated distilleries. There is also two bran new billard and pool tables. Our readers who are "inclined that way" should not forget this cozy resort but call in and we guarantee a reception.

BOWMAN, NYCE & CO.

In giving this brief sketch of our leading business interests, we should feel it incomplete without some mention of the firm whose names form the caption. Messrs. Bowman, Nyce & Co., are proprietors of one of the neatest and most attractive grocery houses in the city. As we glanced through this large and well arranged store we could not fail to observe the neatness and cleanliness which prevails everywhere, and the evident care taken in the arrangement of stock, so that it might show to best advantage, instead of the chaotic mass which often prevails in the average grocery store. In connection with a large line of staple and fancy groceries they carry a very select stock of crockery and glassware embracing majolica decorated ware and all the finer grades. In butter they make it a point to keep in stock the very best of choice dairy and creamery which is sure to give the best satisfaction. Fine tea is also made a special feature. We have no hesitancy in commending these gentlemen to the trading public, knowing as we do that all who deal with them will receive the best the market affords and at the most reasonable terms.

EDDY & HUNTLEY.

During our rounds the other day we called in at the establishment of the above named firm. This firm is unquestionably the representative grocery house of Petoskey, both as regards stock and the amount of business done. Their facilities for handling produce—of which a speciality is made—are quite advantageous, their having in years past been engaged in the produce commission business, which secured for them an extended acquaintance throughout the farming districts of Michigan, enabling them to keep supplied with the very best the country affords in butter and eggs, also vegetables and fruit in season. The general stock embraces a most complete line of fancy and staple groceries, salt and fresh meats of all kinds, and an extra line of fine teas. In butter they do a larger trade by far than any concern in the city and in which they have built up a reputation for keeping none but the best. These gentlemen in their dealings with patrons treat all alike, rich and poor, one price to all, and the same courteous treatment is extended to all their customers. Call and see them.

G.E. MILLS.

Dealer in harness, also has a large variety of trunks, valises, shawl straps, and tourist supplies generally. The largest and finest assortment of harness, whips, and everything pertaining to the line, to be found in northern Michigan.

Mr. Mills is willing
And ready to explain,
His devises for hame-straps,
And for buckling the rein
And that his fine harness
Either single or double,
He'll fit to your animal
Without the least trouble.
Also saddles and bridles,
Circingles and whips,
We're sure all others
In Michigan eclipse.
Robes and blankets in variety
The best ever made,
You'll find at a bargain
If you go there to trade.
He gives special attention
To fine repairing,
Such as collars and harness
That are constantly wearing
And our readers are all
Thusly invited,
For the intention is
That none shall be slighted.

LEVI HERRICK.

WE SAY IT BOLDLY and we say it without hesitation, that no well organized city or village that sports the dignity of a mayor, and the usual compliment of full-fledged city officials, together with a system of water works, fire department, etc., conscientiously put on metropolitan airs without the assistance of a city dray and truck line, for it is just as essential to a well regulated town as any other of its necessary adjuncts. Now Mr. Levi Herrick is the proprietor of the leading dray and truck line of this city. He keeps four wagons running constantly, moving and transferring baggage and freight, and hauling all sorts of movable matter. Orders may be left at any of the hotels or at his office. Mr. Herrick appears to us an active, wide awake and enterprising sort of man and we do not wonder that he is so liberally patronized by our merchants, citizens and the traveling public. Our readers must not forget him when work is to be done in his line.

ROSE BRO'S & CO.

The Pioneer Establishment of Petoskey.

General dealers in groceries, dry goods, fancy goods, notions, etc.

At Rose Bro's & Co.'s store,
Prices now as heretofore,
Are at the lowest. 'Tis their design,
Of teas to keep an ample line;
Sugars, Coffees, butter, cheese
And spices that we know will please.
They keep preserves, canned fruits and jams
And extra fine smoked beef and hams;
With nuts and raisens, mustard keen,
Soap, starch and blueing, kerosene,
And much there is not space to mention
To which we'd like to call attention.
Their motto will extortion smash:
"Quick sales, small profits, ready cash."

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PETOSKEY. Its Attractions and Enterprises. (an excerpt)

DAVIS & MAY.

These gentlemen are proprietors of the leading meat market of Petoskey, having been established since the spring of 1879. They aim to keep on hand a full supply of fresh and salt meats, also fish and preserved meats. They buy only the best stock, and anyone trading with them we feel assured will be satisfied in every respect. Those having first class stock will do well to call upon them, and we recommend this establishment to our trading public who appreciate good meats and provisions.