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ANDOVER'S ACTIVITY!

A Chapter Devoted to the Business Interests of this Prosperous and Growing Town.

It has been said that everybody has a hobby, and the editor of the News is willing to plead guilty to the charge of having for his hobby the desire to hold up, as it were, for public view, the advantages offered by the village and town of Andover both as a desirable place of residence and as the opportunities it affords for the transaction of business. We are also desirous of doing everything possible to increase these advantages, and believe that in this we are marching in a procession comprising a large majority of the citizens of the place.

Acting under the influence of the hobby above alluded to, we have decided to devote a large portion of the space in this issue of the News to a review of some of the prominent features of this village, in a general way, and also to a few words concerning each of the more prominent business establishments within its borders.

We make no idle boast when we say that no place in this or adjoining counties is showing a more progressive spirit at the present time than is Andover. Outsiders who have occasion to visit this growing village bear testimony to this, and residents of the place whose business or pleasure calls them abroad are quick to recognize the fact. Without any intention of belittling the place as it has been in years past, we may say that during the last few years a spirit of enterprise and improvement has developed which surpasses anything of the kind heretofore existing. The time has seemed to be ripe for taking an advancing step, and the people have grasped the opportunities as they presented themselves.

The improvement in educational facilities is perhaps as noticeable and beneficial as any thing we could mention. The improvement came, as it understood, to an institution which was already classed among the very best graded schools of the county, a distinction which it enjoyed for many years. But there is something better than a graded school, which is available for villages in the front rank of progress. In December, 1891, the Andover Union School was placed under the visitation of the Regents of the State of New York, and the institution became a full fledged Academy. Large additions were made to the apparatus, and the School has since possessed the best advantages for educating those who pursue their studies here. A steady increase has been shown in the attendance of foreign students, and this year, being no exception, the number of students from outside is greater than in any previous year. Too much can not be said in praise of our excellent Union School and Academy, and we have full faith that students desiring a thorough, practical education can find no better place at which to obtain it.

Everything in and about the village denotes the same spirit of progress that is manifest in our educational matters. The village is governed according to the most advanced and most practical methods, by a Board of Trustees whose business ability and solicitude for the welfare of the village are apparent upon every hand. The streets are kept in the best condition, and substantial side walks on every street render travel on foot a pleasure.

Last fall the most perfect system of water works in this part of the

State was constructed here, and we have absolutely the best protection against fire that it is possible to obtain. The fire department is well organized and well equipped for business, and property owners may well congratulate themselves upon this new departure. The water is supplied from springs located at an altitude of 300 feet above the village, and is absolutely pure. It is already in use in about forty residences and business places, although the weather since the completion of the plant has been the most unfavorable of the whole year for making connections. This indicates that in a short time the use of this water will be practically universal.

Another luxury that should not be overlooked is the supply of natural gas for fuel and lights. It has been so long since the people in this place have lugged in coal and wood, and lugged out ashes, that they have almost forgotten how to do these things. We build our fires as easily as we can open a door, with no dust or inconvenience, and the members of the Mutual Gas Company are such pleasant, courteous and agreeable gentlemen to do business with that we consider ourselves extremely fortunate in having them among us.

The churches of the village number five, namely: Catholic, Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist and Seventh Day Baptist. They are well supported, and the pastors are men of ability and education. We are especially favored in our religious privileges.

Taken altogether, no pleasanter place to live can be found, and this fact seems to be appreciated by a large number of families who have recently located here. The past year was one of great activity in the line of building, and present indications make it appear that the coming year will be one of still greater achievement in this respect. New streets are being opened, many tracts of land are being laid out into building lots, and we have every reason to expect a material addition to our population during the coming year. Our manufacturing interests also appear to have taken on new life, and we confidently expect great improvements in this important branch of our enterprise.

In behalf of our citizens we earnestly and confidently invite the people from outside to come to Andover to live and to trade.

And now for a few personal notes concerning our business institutions.

J. C. ROSS.

In putting before the public an edition of the News dedicated to a review of the mercantile and other business interests of our town, we will first refer to this large and magnificently stocked establishment, which will compare most favorably with establishments of the large cities. The great success which has attended Mr. Ross' efforts since establishing is very gratifying and may be attributed to his ability and upright character as a merchant, and furthermore to the great advantages the people find in dealing here. The business is of long standing before the public, and was, until about a year ago, carried on by T. McTigue, whom Mr. Ross bought out. Want of space will not permit of any adequate description of the commodious establishment and the large and superior stock which fills it, embracing general merchandise of every description, dry goods, groceries, boots and shoes, hats and caps, furnishing goods, etc. In connection is a first class mer-

chant tailoring department, which is noted for the superior work it turns out. Mr. F. H. Ross is the efficient cutter, which is a guarantee of the excellence of the work.

L. A. BURROWS.

No name is better known in connection with the drug trade than that of L. A. Burrows, whose popular and successful establishment we wish to make prominent mention of in our review. Mr. Burrows has been established here a number of years. He has always been successful and done a large share of the drug trade of the town. This establishment is known to and appreciated by the public for its capable management. Mr. Burrows is a chemist and druggist of more than ordinary ability, having taken an extended course at the New York College of Pharmacy. He deals with the most reliable wholesale houses and carries a large and superior stock of all kinds of pure drugs, druggists' sundries, the leading patent medicines, books, stationery and fancy goods. This is a model drug store.

E. J. ATWOOD.

A good hardware establishment, where the public can obtain anything needed in this branch of mercantile industry, is an important business in a town. In this respect our village is in advance of places of its size. In the establishment herein referred to our citizens and the people of the surrounding country have all the advantages to be had in the large places. Mr. Atwood is one of the leading hardware merchants of the county, and does an extensive business. He buys to advantage from the best markets and his commodious store is filled with a very large stock of all kinds of general and shelf hardware, farmers' supplies, oils, paints, glass, nails, cutlery, stoves and ranges of the best makes. Mr. Atwood does a large trade in wheeled vehicles, handling the best makes of carriages, wagons, buggies and farm machinery. The business is in a flourishing condition, a fact apparent to all who enter the well kept and splendidly equipped establishment.

P. CANNON & SONS.

In reviewing our various business places, we have in the establishment successfully conducted by Messrs. Cannon & Sons, a notable example of mercantile enterprise worthy of the highest emulation. Commencing business here some five years ago, the extensive trade that has been built up shows how the efforts of the firm have been appreciated by the people. Their success is all the more gratifying because it has been obtained by fair dealing and honorable competition. The store is in every respect a most desirable and advantageous place to deal. It is always filled with a large, well bought and carefully selected stock of all kinds of general merchandise, dry goods, groceries, boots and shoes, hats and caps, etc. This firm makes a specialty of boots and shoes, being sole agents for the famous Heywood fine shoes for men, the Waverly School Shoes, and Snag Proof boots. It pays to deal here.

H. MOURHES.

No branch of our mercantile trade is in a more advanced condition than the jewelry line, represented by the fine establishment of the gentleman above named. A sketch of this business will be one of the most interesting articles in our review. Mr. Mourhess' long and consistent record as a business man has been rewarded by success. His business methods, perseverance and industry, might well be imitated by young men in business. The subject of our sketch has done his full share in the upbuilding and improvement of the village. The erection of his magnificent brick store is a monument to his enterprise. It is one of the finest equipped jewelry establishments of this section. The handsome wall and counter cases are filled with fine gold and silver watches, clocks of great variety, jewelry of every description, spectacles, silverware, etc. In the same building is Mrs. Mourhess' excellent millinery business, which is very popular with the ladies. Her stock is bright and new, and up to date in every particular. She also carries a full line of ladies' furnishing goods.

MOSHER & BROWN.

This is one of the best equipped and finest mills in the country. The mill is comparatively new, having been quite recently erected by Mr. Brown, the former building having been de-

troyed by fire (before our water works were built.) The equipments of the mill are the most complete and perfect, being supplied with the latest and best machinery capable of turning out a superior quality of goods in the milling line. Their business includes all kinds of custom grinding. The best brands of family flour constantly on hand for sale. The present partnership was recently formed, Mr. Mosher being a miller of much experience in several large mills in this section. A saw and planing mill is attached, and all work in this line is promptly attended to.

J. A. ROBINSON.

In referring to the furniture trade of our town we will first devote space to a reference to the business so well and favorably known to the people, owned and successfully conducted by Mr. Robinson. This store was established 15 years ago, and has many desirable features. Mr. Robinson has quite a thorough knowledge of the furniture business gained from long experience. He buys to advantage, handles a varied and carefully selected stock, and is never discounted in prices. He gives special attention to undertaking and is well qualified to discharge the duties pertaining to this line. Mr. Robinson is always prepared to answer village or country night calls at his residence adjoining the store.

ROSEBUSH & RUNDY.

Oliver Rosebush and Marsh Rundy are well known gentlemen, and rank among our most substantial business men. The public have in their business the advantages of a first class flour and feed store, one of the best in this section. They are doing quite an extensive trade with the villagers and people of the surrounding country. They purchase from the leading mills and handle the best brands of family flour, feed, meal, seeds, etc. You can always rely upon getting the best value here.

W. H. PHILLIPS.

This is a large and magnificently equipped mercantile establishment, doing a flourishing trade and conducted in a capable, enterprising manner. It ranks as one of the leading general stores of the place, and is an institution creditable to the town as well as to the enterprising proprietor. A few words as to the advantages the people derive from dealing here will be of interest and profit to our readers. Mr. Phillips is a progressive merchant. He buys to advantage from the best markets and the establishment is conducted on lines strictly in accordance with his proved principles of success. The store is kept up with the times. It is noted for carrying a superior stock, and is always filled with all kinds of fancy dry goods, groceries, boots and shoes, hats and caps, etc.

J. M. GOODWIN.

We can refer in our review of the business places of the town in the highest terms of praise to the time-honored harness establishment of the gentleman whose name appears above. Mr. Goodwin is one of the very longest established harness manufacturers of the county, and has always been a prosperous and valued citizen of the village. He is relied upon by everybody for his integrity and honor and we are only expressing the opinion of the farmers of the surrounding country when we say this is one of the best harness shops of the county. Anything which leaves Mr. Goodwin's hands may be relied upon. He manufactures all kinds of harnesses, light and heavy, double and single, collars, etc., and keeps on hand a full line of all kinds of horse goods. The business deserves its success.

E. DONNELLY.

The patrons of this reliable and well conducted grocery store will appreciate a record of praise bestowed upon its proprietor. Mr. Donnelly has been faithfully serving the public in the grocery line for a great many years. An appreciative public extends to him the confidence and popularity his uprightness and agreeable methods of doing business deserves. One of the best evidences of the merits of the business is the fact that many who commenced dealing with him years ago are his best patrons today. He knows the wants of his customers and neglects nothing that would be to their interest. Good goods, square dealing and courteous treatment of patrons is the basis of his success.

L. ANPHEAR & WILLIAMSON.

A flourishing and successful industry, of great importance to our town, is that carried on by the enterprising firm above named, proprietors of our first class roller process mill, with saw and planing mill in connection. This mill is equipped with a fine line of the latest and best machinery for turning out a superior quality of buckwheat flour, also for doing all kinds of custom grinding. They do an extensive business in the sale of feed, etc., and draw trade from a great distance. The scene presented at their mill is one of activity, and we are glad to note their apparent prosperity.

D. J. COMSTOCK.

Mr. D. J. Comstock, practical wagon maker and general blacksmith, is a gentleman whom we refer to with pleasure in our review. Mr. Comstock makes to order a very superior class of wagons which have gained an enviable reputation for his business. He is a competent workman and allows nothing but the best work to pass from his shop. He does all kinds of general blacksmithing, repairing, etc.

MRS. J. B. MARTINDALE.

Our lady readers will appreciate a reference in this review to the popular millinery store successfully conducted by Mrs. Martindale. Here the ladies find superior advantages in the purchase of their millinery. Mrs. Martindale is an experienced and competent milliner and a capable buyer. The stock is always the most stylish and fashionable and the prices the lowest.

E. SMITH & CO.

No business of our town is more deserving of prominent and complimentary mention than our first class bakery, successfully conducted by Messrs. E. Smith & Co. This bakery is conducted in a capable manner by Mr. Smith, who is thoroughly competent and experienced, and understands every detail of the business. The bakery is noted for turning out a superior quality of bread, cakes, pies, etc., and has a large and appreciative patronage. In connection is a first class restaurant, where meals may be obtained, also lunches at all hours. Oysters served in every style, also sold by measure.

DR. E. M. STILLMAN.

Dr. Stillman, proprietor of one of our drug establishments, and one of the leading and successful physicians of the country, has been an esteemed citizen of Andover for a great many years back. He is an able and worthy representative of the medical profession, whose ability has won the entire confidence of the people. His store has a large and satisfactory patronage and is equipped with everything usually found in a first class establishment of this kind. Dr. Stillman is now and has been for several years, the Health Officer of this town, and performs his duties in a manner satisfactory to the public.

D. K. PORTER.

One of our most enterprising and successful business men is the gentleman above named, and in referring to the hardware trade of our town, a sketch of this business will illustrate its advanced condition. This establishment has a long and successful record. It was established years ago by the father of the present proprietor. A large trade has always been done. Mr. Porter has had splendid training and experience as a hardware merchant and his fine business qualities and integrity deserve the highest commendation. The flourishing condition of his business reflects credit upon his management. It is a well ordered and first class establishment, stocked with everything found in a complete hardware store. The sale of farm machinery and agricultural implements is an important branch of the business.

H. E. MINER.

This gentleman is one of the most successful insurance agents of the county, and our town has the benefits of his business. Mr. Miner represents a large number of foreign and American companies, several of them being among the strongest in existence, and is in the best position to place your insurance in the most reliable companies at the smallest possible cost. He also owns a nicely stocked store devoted to the sale of fruits, confectionery, cigars, etc. His honorable business principles make it a pleasure to do business with him.

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