

CASS CITY LAUNDRY.

A MOST THOROUGHLY EQUIPPED ESTABLISHMENT.

A good laundry is a blessing to any community and in this respect the people of Cass City are to be congratulated, for in the establishment owned and operated by Charles L. Robinson, we have one of the best equipped and best conducted laundries in this part of the state. He has all of



CHAS. L. ROBINSON.

the necessary machinery for a first-class laundry and as he is thoroughly versant with all the practical workings of the business, and gives his personal attention to all work, he has made a decided success of the calling. Mr. Robinson is a most affable and accommodating young man and painstaking to a degree, to which qualifications must be credited much of the increased trade the Cass City Laundry has been granted since he assumed control of the business.

WM. FERGUSON.

PROPRIETOR OF THE CASS CITY MARBLE AND GRANITE WORKS.

It may not be generally known yet it is a fact that the Cass City Marble and Granite Works, conducted by Wm. Ferguson, does an average amount of business of about \$12,000, their splendid work being shipped throughout the entire eastern portion of the lower peninsula in competition with all the more pretentious monument concerns of the state. Indeed they have now on hand and in course of completion \$1200 or \$1500 worth of work and will set up about \$3000 worth in May. These figures are published merely to show the importance of one of Cass City's lesser manufacturing concerns.

Both Mr. Ferguson and E. E. Yakes travel throughout this territory seeking orders, and the excellent designs they show, together with the very low prices quoted, as well as the splendid workmanship executed, enable them to make many important contracts in the face of the sharpest competition.

Mr. Ferguson has been engaged in the business here for the past four years, and may be said to have been more than successful.

J. D. BROOKER.

AN ABLE ATTORNEY AND REPRESENTATIVE CITIZEN.

Mr. Brooker has been a resident of Tuscola County from infancy and a representative citizen of Cass City since 1886. He dabbled in the newspaper business here in his earlier days, but has really devoted most all his time for the past 15 years to the practice of law, in which he has met with decided success. Mr. Brooker is a well-read lawyer and thoroughly posted in all that pertains to latter-day practice. He has always been an ardent Republican and has been honored time and again with public office, having for the last eight years filled the position of city attorney with marked credit. Mr. Brooker is a large owner of business and residence property in Cass City, his pretty house being one of the most modern in town, and his offices in the City block, of which he is a part owner, being commodious, convenient and well filled with a large law library. James D. Brooker, who is still a young man, is destined to a bright future.

W. A. ANDERSON.

EXPERT WOODWORKER AND MANUFACTURER OF WAGONS AND SLEIGHS.

One of the substantial men of Cass City is W. A. Anderson, the well-known woodworker, who has been a resident here since 1890. For seven years or more he has been engaged in business for himself, turning out a superior grade of hand-made wagons and sleighs and doing special and repair work of whatever nature in his line. All of Mr. Anderson's work is of the most substantial character, the kind that advertises itself, and in consequence he is at all times a pretty busy man. He occupies a modern brick veneered building, 20x30, on Main street, which he erected four years ago.

WM. MESSNER.

THOROUGH IN ALL THAT PERTAINS TO THE MANUFACTURE OF HARNESS.

Almost every owner of a horse in this section has purchased harness made by the hands of Wm. Messner,

for he has been connected with this trade in Cass City for the past six years, having served his apprenticeship under W. D. Schooley, for years acknowledged one of the most expert harness-makers that ever drew a thread in this vicinity. In October, 1898, Mr. Messner became manager of the harness business belonging to the estate of James J. Wallace, which at that time was purchased by Joseph Wallace. In August, 1899, Mr. Messner succeeded to the business, and since then has been making new friends and new trade almost every day. He manufactures an excellent grade of harness, both light and heavy, and deals in collars, robes, whips, blankets, etc., giving especial attention to repair work of all kinds. No matter what you want in the line of harness or other horse goods, you are assured the utmost satisfaction when dealing with Will Messner.

2 MACKS 2.

WHAT RESIDENT OF THIS PART OF THE THUMB DOES NOT KNOW 'EM?

It has been suggested that the Chronicle offer a prize for the man, woman or child living within 20 miles of Cass City who is not aware of the existence of this enterprising firm of dealers in dry goods, clothing, furnishing goods, footwear, etc., but the uselessness of such an offer is apparent, for 2 Macks are known by everybody hereabouts. Both the Macks—James S. McArthur and P. S. Gregory—have been in business here since 1884, and have always been leaders in their lines. Mr. McArthur carries an unusually large line of all that comes under the head of dry goods and Mr. Gregory a most complete stock of



P. S. GREGORY.

clothing, furnishing goods, footwear, etc. Both gentlemen are firm believers in Cass City's claim of future greatness and are always prominently in the foreground whenever any public move is made to better her condition and each has been honored with public positions of trust.

AMOS BOND.

A PROGRESSIVE KEEPER OF AN UP-TO-DATE DRUG STORE.

During the two years or more that Amos Bond has been the proprietor of the drug store formerly conducted by A. W. Seed he has most clearly demonstrated his peculiar fitness for this business, as his place is at all times neat, well-kept and well-stocked with all the best known proprietary remedies or patent medicines and the freshest and purest of all drugs known to materia medica, the latest books and stationery, wall paper, window shades, etc., including a full line of druggist's sundries.

Mr. Bond has been in the drug business for a dozen years and is thoroughly experienced as a compounding pharmacist, having passed a most creditable examination before the State Board of Pharmacy in 1890. His place is therefore a favorite and safe one with those who have physicians' prescriptions to fill. Mr. Bond is a popular and progressive business man and is held in high esteem socially, being an ardent member of the Oddfellows and Maccabees.

H. A. PIERCE.

MEETING WITH FAVOR AS THE SUCCESSOR OF H. S. WICKWARE.

When H. A. Pierce purchased the business of H. S. Wickware a few months ago everybody predicted he would make a decided success of it because he was not only possessed of a good business head but as well was thoroughly experienced in every department, having been a valued employe of Mr. Wickware for ten years or more. "Lon," as he is familiarly termed, does a general blacksmithing and horseshoeing business, in which department he gives steady employment to two expert workmen—Nicholas Gable and Norman Morrison—and he has materially increased the trade of late. He also manufactures to order wagons, buggies, sleighs, and also does all kinds of repair work in both the blacksmithing and woodworking departments in a most thorough and satisfactory manner. If you are not a patron of "Lon's" become one when you want the next job done and you will be pleased.

J. H. STRIFFLER.

WHO IS THERE IN THIS SECTION WHO DOES NOT KNOW THE GENIAL JAKE?

There is probably not a man in this section of the Thumb who has not personal acquaintance with J. H. Striffler, who has for many years conducted an extensive implement business in Cass City for Mr. Striffler's business has constantly called him to all parts of the surrounding country. But "Jake" has recently disposed of his implement stock, reference to which is made elsewhere and will hereafter confine himself to auctioneering and farming and his interest in stockbuying with Schwaderer Bros. Mr. Striffler has always been one of Cass City's foremost citizens and has ever been among the foremost to promote the best interests of his place of adoption. He has met with success in all his ventures and retires somewhat from active business with the good will of all who know him.

H. H. GOULD.

A NEW ACQUISITION TO CASS CITY'S BUSINESS INTERESTS.

The importance of Cass City as a distributing point for agricultural implements is shown in the complete manner in which the field is covered from this point. The latest acquisition in this line here is H. H. Gould, of Pigeon, who has opened a large stock of goods on Main Street opposite Janks' meat market. Mr. Gould will carry a full line of the McCormick harvesting machines of which there are none better on earth and will make a special feature of wagons, buggies and all heavy farming tools, such as binders, mowers, reapers, farm rollers, threshing machines, etc. He has been engaged in the sale of such goods many years, and is therefore well posted as to which implements are the most desirable in this section. It will be to your best interests to remember Mr. Gould if you are in the market for anything in his line. Give him a chance to "figger" with you.

W. FALLIS.

A WIDE-AWAKE AND PROFESSIONAL "HARNESSMAN."

This gentleman has only been in business in Cass City since last April, yet in that short time he has built up a most successful trade. From the beginning he carried a large and very complete line of hand-made harness, collars, blankets, robes, whips—in fact, almost everything pertaining to the horse—and made a rule that in whatever community he sold one set of harness that one set should be so well made and give such perfect satisfaction that it would serve as a standing advertisement for his house and create other sales. In consequence his goods are meeting with marked favor throughout this section and his sales are perceptibly increasing each month. His repair department, too, is very popular because of the excellent workmanship and the very reasonable charges. Mr. Fallis makes a special feature of handling an excellent line of trunks and valises and guarantees you a better article in these goods for less money than you have been used to paying.

CHAS. D. STRIFFLER.

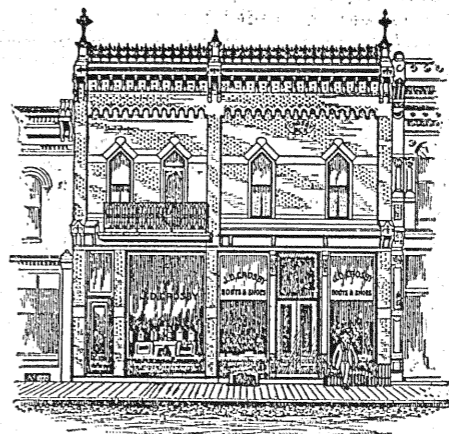
KNOWN ALL OVER THIS SECTION AS A HUSTLER.

One of the most energetic fellows in this part of the country is Charlie Striffler, for whatever business he has to do he does with a vim and a vigor that justly entitles him to the term hustler. Mr. Striffler's time is divided between the sewing machine business, of which he is agent for a dozen kinds, his leader, however, be-



CHAS. D. STRIFFLER.

ing the celebrated New Home, and doing territory work throughout the Thumb for the Champion mowers, binders, reapers and rakes. In the sale of sewing machines Mr. Striffler has been unusually successful, because he makes it his personal business to see that every patron is satisfied and that the machines he sells are kept in perfect repair for a stated time. There are perhaps few better known or more popular men hereabouts than Charlie Striffler.



Who Knows?

That our new spring styles of Men's, Boy's and Children's Suits awaits your inspection.

Who Knows

that our Spring Line of Trousers are in?

Who Knows

that the Golf Hat and the Yacht Caps are the proper spring shapes.

Who Knows

that our Spring Line of Ties, Collars, Shirts and Furnishings are here.

Who Knows

that we carry the W. L. Douglas, Pingree & Smith, Rindge, Kalmbach, Logie & Co. celebrated line of Shoes and that the new spring styles are on our shelves.

Who knows that we carry

The largest stock

of the above lines

Shoes and Clothing

in the City?

Who Knows

that our sales are increasing over twenty per cent every year?

Who Knows

that we buy everything direct from the manufacturer, thus giving our patrons better goods at lower prices.

Who Knows

we take Butter and Eggs same as cash?

Who Knows

that they owe us and ought to pay this month?

J. D. CROSBY AND SON,
Cass City's Shoe and Clothing Men.