

SULLIVAN.

Biggest and Best City of Its Size in Central Illinois.

Noted for Handsome Homes and Business Houses. Description of the City.

Sullivan is the biggest town of its size to be found anywhere. One on looking it over can hardly believe that the count of the inhabitants by the census bureau was correct. The city covers more ground and makes a better appearance than any other town of its population in this part of Illinois. It was laid out on a liberal scale and has made a good start towards being a big city. It is already a place of a great deal of importance among Central Illi-

The plant the city now owns was put in in 1895. The water is taken from wells. There are three. Two are six inches and the other is four inches. The shallowest one is 20 feet deep and the deepest is 22 feet. All are within a circle, less than fifteen feet across. The water is pumped from two of the wells into a cistern and from the cistern into the tower, and a third pump forces the water directly into the mains.

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rounding towns. They contemplate putting in a number of farmers' lines during the present year.

The company has a line to the county farm and a toll line to Kirkville. The service over the entire system is satisfactory.

The Central Union has a 'phone here. It is located at D. R. Green's drug store on the east side of the square.

GRAIN AND BROOMCORN.

Sullivan Handles Immense Quantities Yearly.

A large amount of grain is marketed here every year. The surrounding country is rich and produces corn and oats in great abundance. There is not a great deal of wheat produced in this section.

There are three grain buyers here and the people who market their products here feel assured that they will receive the top of the market.

BUYERS AND ELEVATORS.

The buyers are Bartlett, Kuhn & Co., A. F. Powers, and I. R. Smith & Co. Bartlett, Kuhn & Co. have an elevator in the east part of town on the Illinois Central with Wm. Elroy as manager. A. F. Powers' elevator is also on the Illinois Central and I. R. Smith & Co. have just completed a new elevator with all modern improvements on the Wabash, near the Wabash depot. There is no elevator on the C. & E. I.

The Wabash and the Illinois Central are better prepared to handle the grain as they have direct lines to the east and

Sullivan is a business place. The many large and well stocked stores show that. The size and the arrangement of the stores show that the city enjoys a trade from a wide territory. Its business men are enterprising and their success shows that they are fair and up with the times.

In its residence sections Sullivan is unusual. Every house, almost, has a big lot and well kept lawn. There are many handsome homes. In fact there are almost no other kind. Trees are seen everywhere. Large school houses attract attention. Good looking churches are seen. Altogether there is an air of comfort, enterprise, advancement, and prosperity that is pleasing and speaks well for the town.

POPULATION.

Sullivan is a city of 2,800 inhabitants (according to the census of 1890). It is in the central part of the county of Mendota which it is the county seat. It is on three lines of railroads—the Peoria division of the Illinois Central, the Wabash and the Chicago and Eastern Illinois. It is surrounded by a farming country that is unsurpassed anywhere. It is on the edge of the broom corn belt and quite a number of farmers in the county have been raising this product in the last few years.

There are several miles of brick and concrete walks in town. The squares around the court house and West Harrison street are paved with brick. The pavement is a great benefit in bad weather as it is used for all traffic to and from the depots. There are a number of the residences along this street, but there are a great many fine residences on other streets as well.

There is a wide boulevard on each side of the paved street and all the walks on the street are made of concrete. A number of the lots have been filled in and are higher than the walks. A number of well kept lawns present a beautiful appearance. There are three nearly the entire length of the street which furnish an abundance of welcome shade during the heat of the day.

GOVERNMENT.

The city is divided into three wards and there are two aldermen from each ward. The present aldermen are: First ward, B. T. Butler, Bush Patterson; Second, Garrett Wolf and Paul Thomsen; Third, Walter Chase and James Diamond.

The mayor is John R. Jennings, who was elected this spring for two years. The other officers of the city are: B. T. Board, treasurer; D. G. Lindsay, clerk; J. K. Mottin, attorney; E. D. Hutchinson, police magistrate; Charles Landon, marshal; James Moore, night police.

WATER SYSTEM

Furnishes a Good Supply All Over the City.

The water system is owned by the city.

The capacity of the tank on the tower is 5,000 gallons. The tower was built last year. It is of steel. The contract price for it was \$1200, but the price paid amounted to something more than this amount. It will last for years to come.

Before the present wells were sunk the city had one well and a pump in the northeast part of the city. This could not supply all the water needed and Poland & Powers furnished the balance from a well at their elevator.

MAINS.

The mains in the city are 4, 6 and 8 inches. There is a main the entire length of Harrison street and around the square. At the east end of Harrison street a main extends two blocks north. Coming west the next branch is at the Christian church corner. It runs north for two blocks, west seven, then north three.

The next main goes south from the southeast corner of the square to near the Illinois Central railroad. Two blocks south of the square a line extends east four blocks, then south three. At the turn south a 1 1/2 inch pipe goes east to the elevator and a 1/2 inch pipe from there to the cemetery. A main runs east from the southeast corner of the square one block, then north to Harrison street.

The next main extends south from Edson's livery barn for about four and one-half blocks. This is all of the mains. A 1 1/2 inch pipe is laid from the west end of West Harrison street north to the fair grounds. Besides the mains, service pipes are laid nearly all over town.

FIRE APPARATUS.

In the way of fire apparatus Sullivan has a hose cart and quite a good deal of hose, but no fire company. When there is a fire some one makes a run for the hose cart and it is generally at the fire on time. It would be a great deal better if there was an organized company; then every one would have a place and understand what would be expected of him.

LIGHT.

All Sections Well Supplied With Arc Lights.

The city of Sullivan is as well-lighted as any city in the state. There are forty-two electric arc lights evenly distributed over the city. They are run on the moon-light schedule, lights being furnished the entire night when the moon does not show up by day. The plant is not under municipal control, being owned by the Sullivan Electric company. During the summer there is a day circuit and a large number of fans are used by the business men.

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shipped from here as there is a mill here and all the wheat raised in this section could be used at home.

OATS.

There is a great deal more oats than oats produced in this section. The price of oats has been so low for the last few years that the farmers are putting most of their land in corn. There is probably one-fourth of the farm land sowed with oats and the remainder is planted in corn or some other product.

BROOM CORN.

Quite a number of farmers put in about twenty acres of broom corn last year while others put in eighty acres or more. Forty acres would be a good average for broom corn fields. Last season the farmers held for a better price and some were disappointed and will not put any in this year, but it is likely the average will not fall much short of what it was last year.

BROWN CORN.

There are three broom corn buyers here and each firm has a large warehouse. They all have a good supply on hand at the present time.

An average yield for broom corn is a ton for three acres. A good many farmers do not like to raise broom corn on account of the number of hands required to harvest it and the extra amount of work thus required to be done by the women folk. From twelve to fifteen hands are necessary to care for a crop.

POULTRY AND EGGS.

Make One of the Town's Important Industries.

Every farmer's wife and quite a number of people who live in the outskirts of town raise poultry. Some have them just for home use, but generally have a few left over that they sell. Every household and it may be surprising to some when they hear how much poultry and eggs are handled here every week.

TWO BUYERS.

There are two buyers here that buy poultry and eggs, paying cash for them. They are the Arthur Jordan company, represented by Horace Monroe, and the O. M. Linn firm, represented by L. C. Stey. Each house has a team which makes trips to the country and the surrounding towns, always coming in with a good load. From six to eight men are employed at each house and all the poultry is dressed before it is shipped.

SHIPMENTS.

Shipments are made twice each week, going in the east in refrigerator cars. The average amount shipped at the present time is about 2,800 pounds of poultry and 1,200 dozen eggs each week. This is a good time for poultry. In the best part of the year the amount of poultry shipped each week will reach 4,000 pounds.

PROMINENT CITIZENS OF SULLIVAN.

JOHN D. PURVIS.

John D. Purvis is county judge of Moultrie county. He is now serving his second term. He is one of Moultrie county's prominent Democrats. Mr. Purvis was raised on a farm. He was born in Moultrie county and has always made that his



J. D. PURVIS.

home. He is an able, dignified, and impartial judge. He is energetic and honest and one of the best campaigners in the county. In his capacity as judge he is fair and painstaking, considering both sides carefully and trying to do justice

to all. He has a good farm in Moultrie county. He has a host of friends.

B. F. PEADRO.

B. F. Peadro is county superintendent of schools of Moultrie county. He is a pioneer in grading country and rural schools and in the successful introduction of school libraries. He was born in Newport, Ky., and first attended school in that city. He graduated in Lee's academy in 1878, then took a course in the Kentucky university at Lexington and University of Illinois. Early in the eighties Mr. Peadro studied what was then known as the Macon county plan and succeeded in getting it in all his schools in one year. Mr. Peadro worked hard in securing school libraries. No one in the state has done more to influence the young in the matter of good reading than has Mr. Peadro. He is an indefatigable worker. Mr. Peadro visited the Falls exposition and at that time traveled

extensively over Europe studying the sanitary condition of school buildings, which enabled him to plan a model school house which is being largely adopted in the state. Mr. Peadro is recognized as one of the leading educators in Illinois. He is a Democrat and has served a num-



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ber of years as county superintendent of Moultrie county. He has a wide personal acquaintance with all the teachers of the state.

E. A. SILVER.

E. A. Silver is circuit clerk of Moultrie county and is now serving his second



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tleman and makes friends everywhere he goes. He came from Marrowbone township and is one of the best circuit clerks Moultrie county ever had. He is a Democrat; a good organizer and is always polite and accommodating. It would be impossible to get any of Mr. Silver's acquaintances to say anything against him.

W. G. COCHRAN.

W. G. Cochran is circuit judge of this judicial district. He was born Nov. 11, 1844. At the age of 18 he entered the Union army. Mr. Cochran was in several battles, but was fortunate enough not to get wounded. He was mustered out and came home after the war to Illinois. He has served several terms in the legislature and was twice speaker of the house. He was also elected commander of the G. A. R. in 1898. Governor Tanneer appointed him



W. G. COCHRAN.

trustee of the Soldiers' Orphans' Home. He was re-appointed by Governor Yates, and is now chairman of that board. Mr. Cochran is one of those genial gentlemen that it is a pleasure to meet. He is always pleasant and has a kind word for all. He is one of the leading lawyers in the state and is considered one of the best circuit judges in this district. He has a beautiful home in Sullivan and is devoted to his family.

MURRAY M'DONALD.

Murray McDonald came to Sullivan in 1860 and has resided there from that time to the present day. There is not a man in the county more widely known than

Mr McDonald. When he first came to Sullivan he was a poor boy, but by strict economy and judicious management he managed to save enough to go into the grocery and lumber business. His trade grew steadily, as each year showed a bigger business than the one just passed. He is a shrewd financier and has accumulated quite a lot of money, in fact, he is one of the wealthy men of Moultrie county. He is a Democrat in politics and represented his district in the Thirty-ninth general assembly. Mr. McDonald is a hale fellow well met. He never forgets a friend, is courteous to everybody. There is probably not a man in Sullivan that has done more towards building up business and making Sullivan a handsome city than has Mr. McDonald.

R. D. MEEKER.

R. D. Meeker is a young lawyer in Sullivan. He graduated at the Butler university at Indianapolis, which is now called the Indianapolis university. He was captain of the Butler university football team. Ray Meeker, as he is commonly called by his friends, is the son of the late Judge Meeker. He is an able lawyer and one of the most popular young men at Sullivan. While yet young he has worked up a splendid practice in Sullivan. In politics he is a Democrat and takes quite an interest in the party's welfare.



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He is polite to every one and makes friends wherever he goes. Sullivan is proud of Mr. Meeker, as well it should be.

L. K. SCOTT.

L. K. Scott is county clerk of Moultrie

county and one of the best known and most popular men in the county. He is a Democrat in politics and has always been a hard worker for the interest of his party. He is considered one of the ablest county clerks in the state and a more obliging and accommodating official is seldom found. He will be a candidate



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for re-election and will ask the Democrats to renominate him at their next county convention. He is thoroughly familiar with the duties of the county clerk and is a man of splendid judgment. His deputy is Cash W. Green, who is a deserving young Democrat.

W. L. HANCOCK.

W. L. Hancock is proprietor of the saloon on the north side of the square. He is a young man and was born and raised in Moultrie county. He studied telegraphy and for awhile was telegraph operator for the P., D. & E. at Sullivan. He resigned his position with the railroad company to go into the saloon business. Mr. Hancock has worked up a splendid trade in his business and is respected by all who know him. He keeps the best goods in the market and is always polite and gentlemanly with every one. He runs a billiard and pool room in connection with his saloon, which is liberally patronized. It is said of Mr. Hancock that he was never known to have give a person a cross word or refuse to help any one in need. He has been in the present place of business for the past four years.

GEORGE REIMUND.

George Reimund is proprietor of the popular grocery store on the north side

of the square. He was formerly a clerk in a dry goods store in Sullivan, but has been conducting a grocery store for the past sixteen years. He is a wide-awake, honest, able, conservative business man. He takes a pride in keeping the best goods that money can buy, in fact, he studies the wants of his customers and



G. A. REIMUND.

is always ready to please. By honest dealing and careful attention to business he has built up a trade second to none in the city. Everybody knows George Reimund, and to know him is a pleasure. He is courteous and affable to all from the smallest child up.

THOMAS FINLEY.

Thomas Finley has been in Sullivan most of his life. He was born in Ireland



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but came to this country when quite

young and has resided in Moultrie county ever since. He has been constable several years and will be candidate for the nomination of sheriff before the next Democratic convection. Tom Finley, as they all call him, is a hustler and when he starts out to campaign, the boys know there is something doing. He is one of the most popular young farmers in the county and a more whole-souled, big-hearted man never lived. He is good natured, polite and courteous with all, and should he receive the nomination, he will no doubt be Moultrie's next sheriff and it is safe to say that no better man can be found.

WILLIAM BATMAN.

William Batman is the proprietor of the Blue Front saloon on the east side of the square. He is very popular with the people in Sullivan and Moultrie county, and commands a good trade. He keeps nothing but the best wines, liquors and cigars and is at all time polite and courteous to his trade. He is an old Newton boy by birth, and has been in business at Sullivan a number of years. He is well known and liked by every one. He runs a billiard and pool room in connection with



WM. BATMAN.

his saloon. He is an honest upright jolly good fellow. He is liberal and when he has a chance to do anything for the good of his city he is always found at the front.

M. ANSBACHER.

M. Ansbacher is Sullivan's leading clothier. He has been in the clothing business for twenty-seven years and has built up an immense trade. Morris Ansbacher

These figures refer to dressed stock and a good deal more would have to be added to these to get the number of pounds purchased from the raiser.

All the stock is dry picked and a swift hand can pick from 100 to 150 pounds per day.

HOTELS.

There are two hotels and a number of private boarding houses here. The Eden House, managed by Charles Wheeler, is the larger and has thirty-eight rooms at the present time, and when the new addition is completed there will be twelve more rooms. Over 100 people could be accommodated at this place should the occasion demand. H. Warmoth is the proprietor of the City hotel. This building has twenty-three rooms for the accommodation of the guests. At least fifty people can be accommodated here. There are several private boarding houses, and they have a number of regular roomers.

PETIT'S CONCERT BAND.

An Organization for Town to Be Proud Of.

One of the best advertisements a town can have is a good band. This is something Sullivan has had for a number of years and it is one which she should be very proud of and our citizens should never miss an opportunity to show their appreciation of this talent as every little

appreciation of this talent as every little encouragement is a help.

REORGANIZATION.

The K. of P. band was the name of the organization here for a number of years, but some of the members moved away and others lost interest in it and it was disbanded. This spring a new organization was perfected and the name was changed to "Petit's Concert Band" and the following officers were chosen: Charles A. Petit, director and manager; A. E. Eden, president, and F. H. Pundt, secretary and treasurer.

During the summer months an open-air concert is given each week in the band stand in the court house yard. The concerts have been on Friday evenings and it is likely there will be no change this year.

INSTRUMENTATION.

Following is the instrumentation: Charles A. Petit, solo Eb; Albert Brown, first Bb; Bert Fultz, second Bb; Willie Petit, Bb; A. E. Eden, Eb clarinet; J. M. Starbuck, first Bb clarinet; Charles Carver, second Bb clarinet; Will W. Eden, Bb clarinet; James T. Tynner, Bb clarinet; Roy Ulrich, Bb clarinet; Frank Moore, Bb clarinet; Fred Ross, piccolo; Charles Cole, solo alto; Herschel Hoggatt, first alto; Walter Jenkins, second alto; Edward Swisher, third alto; Fred H. Pundt, baritone; H. J. Wehner, trombone; C. P. McClure, trombone; D. R. Green, trombone; William Safford, tuba; Guy Linder, snare drum; Arthur Ford, bass drum.

MERCANTILE CLUB.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

A System That Is Advanced and Thorough.

The public schools can not be made too good and the board of education seems to keep this in view. There are two school buildings here—the north side and the south side. The grades are taught in both buildings, and the high school is at the south side building. There are eight grades and a four-year course for the high school. The number of teachers employed at present is sixteen, including two principals and a superintendent.

ACCREDITED LIST.

The following taken from a recent catalog shows the accredited relations with some of the leading colleges:

Lincoln university: Credits are given for work done.

Illinois Wesleyan university: Graduates in the Latin course will be received without examination and free tuition will be given for the first year to the pupil having the highest rank in the class. Graduates in the English course will be conditioned in Latin.

De Pauw university: Graduates of the Latin course will be admitted to the freshman class in all courses. Graduates of the English course will only be admitted to the freshman class in the scientific course.

Wheaton college: One year scholarship to pupil having highest rank in graduating class. Admission of all graduates.

Kureka college: Graduates of Sullivan high school will be admitted without examination. The graduate having the highest average will receive a scholarship for one year.

Illinois Female college: A graduate of the Sullivan high school (Latin course) could enter the junior class and graduate in two years. A free scholarship for as many years as she is in college will be given to the young lady making the highest average in the class for the whole course.

The above arrangements have been made with the presidents of the schools named.

EQUIPMENT.

There are three laboratories in the south building, a physical, a chemical and a biological. The physical laboratory is supplied with sufficient apparatus for thorough experimental work. The individual laboratory plan is followed. The apparatus is of the best and includes an electrical generator and hand dynamo, a Wheatstone's bridge, a volt-meter and others.

The chemical laboratory has a full supply of chemicals, reagents, test-tubes, glass tubing, etc., necessary for all light experiments.

The biological laboratory is provided with all materials necessary for the successful study of zoology and botany. It is the intention to have a typical specimen of each family or order. One term is devoted each to zoology and botany.

In the superintendent's office is a library of over 400 volumes of books of reference, science, history and literature. There is a work shop in the basement

Books may be taken from the library by any resident of the city upon giving security for the proper care of books borrowed.

The library is open from 1 o'clock until 5 o'clock each Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and is well patronized.

The present board is: W. K. Whitfield, president; I. J. Martin, vice president; Miss Julia Brown, secretary; W. F. Logan, R. M. Prado, C. J. Swisher, John P. Lilly, Miss Gertrude Mecker, and Mrs. F. M. Harbaugh.

Three are selected each year by the mayor, subject to the approval of the board of aldermen, and serve for three years.

CHURCHES.

Six With Some Good and Handsome Houses.

There are six churches in town. They are: Christian, Methodist Episcopal, Cumberland Presbyterian, Baptist, United Brethren and Catholic. Regular services are held at the first three named. There are no pastors for the other three and services are held only occasionally. The Christian, Methodist, and Presbyterian are modern structures built of brick and on the most modern plans, all having been built in the last few years.

Rev. T. H. Tull is pastor of the Methodist congregation. He came here last fall. He is a young man and is generally liked. This church has a membership of about 20 and has an attendance of about eighty at Sunday school. There are a Junior and senior Epworth league with good membership. The church has an auditorium and a Sunday school room, also a study for the pastor. The seating capacity is about 50, including the gallery. Chairs may be used and increase this some. The seats are arranged in a semi-circle. There are chairs in the gallery.

The Christian church was just completed last year and is the largest and finest church in the city. It is divided into four rooms, the auditorium, a Sunday school room, a room for the infant class and a ladies' parlor. They can all be opened into one whenever the occasion demands. There is a fine pipe organ and the church is heated by steam. The seating capacity of the main auditorium is about 20 and over 50 may be comfortably seated when the rooms are all thrown together. Elder Edwin K. Curry is the pastor of the Christian church. He came here last winter from Ohio and has made many friends since coming here. The membership of the church is about 25. The attendance at Sunday school is 10. There are a Junior and senior Endeavor society.

The Cumberland Presbyterian church has a membership of about 10. They have a nice brick church. It is heated with open stoves. There are nearly 20 or there and there is room for a good many chairs in case they are needed. Rev.

Business Men Have Pleasant Social Rooms.

The Mercantile club was organized Dec 30, 1899. At the present time there are twenty-two members. They have two rooms in the Titus block on the northeast corner of the square. There is a billiard table and several card tables and the rooms are nicely fitted up. There is a telephone also. The members are mostly business men. The club formerly had rooms on the west side of the square and just moved to their present quarters in the spring.

The officers of the club are: Murray McDonald, president, Frank Reese, vice president, George Bentel, secretary; James A. Steele, treasurer. The executive committee are: F. E. Pifer, J. A. Steele and M. Ansbacher.

OPERA HOUSE.

Scene of Many Pleasant Entertainment.

The Titus opera house under the management of J. H. Titus is the scene of many a pleasant evening. The house is well fitted up with lights and other necessary fixtures for people using it and a number of good shows are booked for each season. The stage is 32½ feet. The house has a seating capacity of about 600, including the gallery. There are four boxes, an upper and a lower one on each side of the stage. The opera house is on the second floor on the northwest corner of the square. It is lighted with electricity.

with a complete set of tools and a bench. There is some talk of adding apparatus for a course in manual training.

SOUTH SIDE BUILDING.

The high school or south side building was built in 1881 and cost about \$9,000. There are three rooms on the first floor and four and the superintendent's office on the second. The chemical laboratory is on the third floor. The halls and cloak rooms are large and all the rooms are well lighted and well ventilated. There are electric lights all over the building and a telephone in the superintendent's office. The basement has two large play rooms.

NORTH SIDE BUILDING.

The north side building was erected in 1872. It has eight rooms, two having been added since the building was finished. It is heated by steam. There is also a telephone in this building.

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Maintained by the Citizens and Growing.

A public library was instituted here two years ago. There are about 900 volumes in the library at the present time and a hundred or more will be added in the near future. A tax levy of \$300 is made each year for the expenses and the purchase of new books. All the standard writers are represented and nearly all the late books may be found listed in the catalog.

The library is located in the rear of the City Book store and E. E. Barber, the proprietor of the store, is the librarian.

many chairs to care the day after tomorrow. S. P. Taylor is pastor of this church and has many admirers among his congregation. He came here from Lincoln and has been here since last August. There is an attendance of about sixty-five at Sunday school. There are two Endeavor societies, a junior and a senior. The membership of these is both very satisfactory.

SECRET SOCIETIES.

Different Organizations Well Represented.

The different secret organizations are well represented in this city. There are the following with possibly a few others: I. O. O. F., D. of R., K. of P., Rathbone Sisters, Masons, Order of Eastern Star, M. W. A., Royal Neighbors, Knights of the Maecabees and Fraternal Army of America. The I. O. O. F. and D. of R. have a nice lodge room on the third floor of the I. O. O. F. block on the southwest corner of the square. The K. of P. and the Rathbone Sisters also have a room in the same building. Both rooms are fitted up nicely. The Masons and Eastern Star meet in the Masonic hall on the north side of the square. A Uniform Rank of the K. of P. was recently organized. They expect to make their first appearance Decoration Day.

NEWSPAPERS.

Four weekly newspapers are published here. They are The Progress by I. J. Martin, the Moultrie County News by W.

G. Covey, the Saturday Herald by John P. Lilly, and The Democrat by Isaac Hudson. The News is Republican and the rest are Democratic. This is a Democratic county and that kind of paper flourishes best.

A SOCIAL CLUB.

Another club has recently been organized. It will be a social club. No name has been selected yet. A meeting was held but a few night ago at the office of G. A. Sentel and the organization was made at this time. George A. Sentel was selected as temporary chairman.

The following were selected as officers: F. E. Pifer, president, Joe Shirley, vice president; O. J. Gauger, treasurer, and Frank Reese, secretary. The executive committee are: F. E. Pifer, John R. Pogue and John H. Goode. The club have rented the rooms over J. H. Powell's restaurant on the northeast corner of the square for one year and they will be especially fitted up for the club.

There will be about thirty members and about one-half of the number will be married gentlemen. One of the rooms the club has rented will be fitted up especially for dining.

Wheel Off.

One of the "Big 4" baggage wagons came to grief on Main street at 8 o'clock last night. A load of seven big trunks was on the wagon and in crossing the street car track in front of Grout's hardware store a rear wheel broke and dumped the load on the pavement. Another wagon was sent for and a transfer was quickly made.

takes a great deal of pleasure in pleasing his customers. He buys his goods of the best houses, and buys them at such figure that he can afford to sell his trade as low as the lowest, the quality of goods being considered. Everybody in Moultrie county knows Mr. Ansbacher and it is safe to say that he has not an enemy in



M. ANSBACHER.

the county. He is a thoroughly honest and reliable business man. There is scarcely a man, woman or child in Sullivan or Moultrie county that is not personally acquainted with Mr. Ansbacher. He is naturally polite and has a good kind word for everyone. His gent's furnishing department is complete and he is right up-to-date in all lines in his business.

CHARLES WHEELER.

Charles Wheeler is the proprietor of the Eden house, the leading hotel of Sullivan. He is a young man and energetic. He has now been proprietor of this handsome hotel three years. While the Eden house has always been a popular resort for the traveling public it has become much more so under the management of Mr. Wheeler. He is now making great improvements in his hostelry and when completed, will have a first class hotel in every respect. He is putting in a new office, new dining room and making numerous other valuable improvements. He has fifty rooms and frequently has to turn trade away. His average for the past

three months has been over 500 persons a month. This surely speaks well for the management Mr. Wheeler studies his guests and does his best to please everyone, and judging from the patronage he receives, is successful. He is ably assisted by his wife, a lady of refinement and culture. A more charming hostess than Mrs. Wheeler is hard to find anywhere. Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler are popular in Sullivan, as well as with the traveling public, and know just how to make everyone feel at home, an essential thing in a first class hotel.

A. E. FOSTER.

A. E. Foster is sheriff of Moultrie county. He ran on the Democratic ticket three years ago and was elected by a big majority. Mr. Foster is one of the most popular young Democrats in the county. He is courteous and pleasant with every one. He has the reputation of making one of the plainest and most fair campaigns of any one. It is safe to say that Moultrie county never had a better



A. E. FOSTER.

sheriff than Mr. Foster has made. While he treats everybody fairly and always respects other people, he knows how to do his duty and when it is needed he is courageous and perfectly fearless. He is married and has a good family. Mr. Foster will not be a candidate for any office next year. He comes from an old Democratic stock. He has always been a hard worker in the interests of his party. He

was born in Lovington township and has resided in Moultrie county all his life.

W. N. WOOD.

W. N. Wood is now supervisor from Sullivan township and is one of Moultrie's most prominent citizens. Mr. Wood has been in the county twenty-five years and has resided on his farm seven miles northwest of Sullivan. He has one of the finest farms in the county and has a wide acquaintance. He is now serving his second term as supervisor and is a candidate for county treasurer on the Democratic ticket before the next Democratic



W. N. WOOD.

county convention. Mr. Wood is an old time Democrat and a gentleman of great ability and if he should get the nomination, he will no doubt be elected by a rousing majority. He is safe, conservative and perfectly honest. Moultrie county will have no cause to regret placing such a man on the ticket, as he will, no doubt, make a first class county treasurer.

S. W. WRIGHT, JR.

S. W. Wright was born in Shelby county in June, 1850. His first start was at teaching school. He was next a grain and stock buyer. He was a member of the county board, was also chairman. While he was chairman the system of running the county farm was changed from selling out the county charges, and a super-

intendent is now hired. The brick house at the county farm was erected at this time. He was elected to the state senate



S. W. WRIGHT, JR.
 in 1899 and was a member of the "Palmer 101." During the second session he was chairman of the railroad, building, and fees and salaries committees. He was also a member of twelve other committees. He is now associated with his sons in the grocery business under the name of S. W. Wright & Sons. He has two farms west of town.

W. K. WHITFIELD.

W. K. Whitfield is state's attorney of



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 Moultrie county. Mr. Whitfield is now

serving his second term. He is considered one of the best attorneys in Moultrie county. He is fair and impartial but knows his business thoroughly and is an able prosecutor. He is a Democrat in politics. He graduated at Ann Arbor and was admitted to the bar in Illinois in June, 1886. He is one of the youngest prosecuting attorneys in the state, as well as one of the ablest. He was born in Whitely township. He has always been an effective worker in the Democratic ranks and has the respect of all who know him. He is a good organizer and a splendid campaigner and is very popular with all who know him.

F. H. FOSTER.

F. H. Foster is the deputy sheriff of Moultrie county. His brother was elected sheriff three years ago, and Frank, as he is commonly called, was chosen deputy.



F. H. FOSTER.

He is an original Moultrie county boy, having been born and raised in Lovington. He is one of the most popular men in the county and makes friends wherever he goes. He came from an old Democratic family and has been a worker for that party ever since he was a small boy. He will be a candidate for sheriff before the next Democratic county convention and has already begun his campaign. Frank is a hustler and who he starts out

the boys know there will be a race. He is well known all over the county, and to know him is to like him. All of his acquaintances are his friends. He is always ready to do a good turn for every one and has a reputation as deputy sheriff of treating every one fairly. He is polite and courteous, but when he has a duty to perform that requires courage, he is not found wanting.

A. J. PATTERSON.

A. J. Patterson is county treasurer of Moultrie county. He was born a mile southeast of Sullivan and during his whole life has resided in Moultrie county. He was brought up on a farm, in fact, he has been a farmer all his life. He is a dyed in the wool, straight out Democrat, and is considered one of the best county treasurers Moultrie county ever had. He is



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a happy go lucky fellow and is a first class campaigner. When he goes out to make a race some of the boys call him Andy Jack, and some of them Happy Jack. It is likely that there is not a man

in the county that ever thought of calling him Mr Patterson. If you should ask him, he would no doubt, say his name was plain old A. J. Patterson, and that tells about the whole tale. Mr Patterson is a widower with two grown children, his wife having died several years ago.

J. W. WINTER.

J. W. Winter is the proprietor of a popular saloon and is a pleasant gentleman to meet. He came to Sullivan in 1891 and tended bar for his uncle, Edward Shappard. In 1895 he succeeded his



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uncle and has been the proprietor ever since.

Mr Winter is a Kentuckian by birth and is proud of his state as well as his former city, Frankfort. He is a quiet and unassuming business man and has a great many friends in Sullivan and Moultrie county. He married Miss Malissa Miller of this city in October, 1893, and has a pleasant home in the west part of the city.

Mr. Winter's place of business is in the southwest part of the city and is in fact the last saloon on the street. He has a novel sign erected across the walk. As one goes toward the square it reads, "first chance" and on the reverse it reads "last chance." This sign has become popular in Sullivan. The boys say Mr. Winter catches them both gwine an' comin'.