

Penfield is at present enjoying a fair business. The extensive lumbering on Mountain Run by J. M. Troxell & Co. the immense business still done in cutting and putting logs on Laurel Run, by Hoover Hughes & Co., under the supervision of E. C. Humes, Jr. and the capable foreman, T. W. Kerr, and last, but by no means least, the large employment furnished by Thos. E. Proctor's tannery, make a good degree of business for the town.

Beginning at the Diamond, the centre of the town and obeying the great sage's injunction to "Go West" we first pass the fine meat market of W. A. Lamb. The only criticism on this is that it is entirely too good for so small a town. Fitted with an elegant refrigerator and all approved appliances, it is indeed pleasant to look upon. Next come the hardware store of Geo. R. Campbell, here we find a complete stock of new fresh goods in this line. The ancient Bowman room, oldest in the town has been fitted over until almost like new. The next business place is the millinery store of Miss Etta Parker. Trade has been agreeably good for this store. The next is the law office of Justice Williams. The next is the Photograph and news and notion rooms of H. W. Brown. Mr. Brown's business has been a prosperous one, and his work has well satisfied his patrons. Passing on, and crossing the street, there is the store room of Gates & Miller, now closed. This store enjoyed a large trade while Hoover & Hughes were operating at this place, but when this firm got through, the trade received did not justify keeping open the store especially as the Miller boys were able to enter some profitable enterprise elsewhere. The last business place is the shop of Frank P. Hendricks where farmers may get their grain ground, and where an excellent clothes horse is manufactured.

Returning to the Diamond, and going Southward, the first store is the grocery of John G. Lixfield. This young man, starting with nothing but groceries, a difficult stock to succeed with in a small town, has built up a good and profitable business. Upstairs is the PRESS office. Next is the famous Red Shop of L. Bird. It is used as warehouse by G. R. Campbell and is filled with hardware and agricultural implements. Next is the boarding-house of Mrs. R. C. Freeland. At the south-east corner of the Diamond is the store of Johnson & Overturf. This firm began ten years ago, and have been prosperous from the start. At present this store seems to enjoy an excellent and

next room is occupied by the Furniture Piano, organ and sewing machine builders, L. L. and G. W. Fisk. These boys are full of the business that is biz. and are doing well in their line. We next pass the Union Hotel, operated without license by Mrs. M. Robacker as a boarding-house. Then comes Mrs. Ellen Hishler's store room not now occupied and her ice cream parlors. Crossing Hill St. we find the bread, and provision establishment of Otto L. Welmar. This is a new establishment but has a good trade, which Mr. W., by earnest effort is bound to keep and Mrs. W. is an excellent bakeress. Crossing the street we have the mammoth blacksmith and wagon shop of P. H. Flynn. This shop is complete in all departments, and gives employment steadily to several mechanics. Away East in the suburbs is the tin and stovepipe shop of Amos Horning, Sr. Mr. H. is a veteran at the business and has quite a patronage in this line. Near town is the office of Dr. J. H. Kline. Coming up street we pass the new harness shop of Sheldrake Bro's. These men are practical workmen with many years experience, and have, in short time since their shop started, received good patronage. Their sign horse is something worth seeing. The next room is empty at present, not a good sign for a town.

Then comes the tasteful millinery and dry goods store of Mrs. M. J. Sweler, and Dr. W. A. Sweler. Dr. and Mrs. S. have expended a great deal recently on improving this property, and will soon have a very desirable place. Mrs. S. during the seasons has a good trade in her line. Next is the restaurant and confectionery store of Otto Robacker. Pursuing a careful and conservative course in business, Mr. R. has enjoyed prosperity. We pass next to the tonsorial parlors of C. B. Shipman. Mr. S. has by the possession of successful qualities, succeeded admirably in this business, and enjoys a very lucrative trade. The next room in this the Coryell block is vacant which is not well. The Post Office building is next. Here the Postmaster, F. R. Scofield, has the machinery which makes the necktieholder, of which he is the patentee, and which is destined to be a profit to him. McLaughlin Bro's Live and Feed Stable is next. These men have given the most industrious attention to their business, and have had a success commensurate. The Fool Room of James Callahan is next, a quite patronized place, and a source of revenue to the owner. The next room is vacant again not a good thing for the town. This is the Callahan block, which is a standing monument of the helpfulness of the Building & Loan

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safe trade, and its future is assured. Next is the livery stable of John H. Bowersox. Mr. B., by careful attention to business, and enjoyment of good patronage has acquired a complete livery plant. Next is the tailoring establishment of S. C. Lerch. Mr. L. has been most successful in his business, in spite of domestic misfortunes, and has deserved it all by his earnest industry. He has an excellent trade, and his work gives satisfaction always. The only other place Southward is the famous tannery store of Thos. E. Proctor. This store has always been conducted on the plan of selling at a small profit, and has had an immense trade outside of supplying the tannery employees. The force in charge, Victor V. Smith, manager, Lewis Gschwindt, Philip Connelly, and Teofeel Demay, are capable and gentlemanly.

Returning to the Diamond, we have, on the northeast corner, the Diamond Restaurant and Grocery of J. C. Harman. Mr. H. is an energetic and careful business worker, and though a stranger in the town, has in a short time secured a thriving trade. Crossing the Wilson River bridge, we first pass the Smith block, owned by the progressive and industrious Dr. Reuben Smith. Dr. S. has added improvements until he now has one of the valuable properties of the town. The first room is occupied by the popular and veteran jeweler Harry McHenry. Mac is kept busy at repair work, and does considerable trade in his line besides. The large room has Dr. Smith's drug store, where a complete stock is found. The next room is headquarters of the Penfield Base Ball Club. The fourth room is the Justice's office and shoe shop of John Hackett, who has been a fixture of Penfield since it laid off its swaddling garments. Then is the Roberts block, owned by Wm. Roberts. The first room is occupied by the W. U. telegraph office and the drug and stationery store of T. S. Lewis. Mr. Lewis has a good business, and just now his holiday stock is a sight to behold. In the rear room is the office of Dr. E. C. Lewis. The second room is the neat and complete clothing store of G. Wood Miller. This store has had and still has a very prosperous business. J. F. Stine is now in charge. The next is the Hotel Penfield, with the famous Alicia Mineral Springs in connection. No more pleasant nor health restoring place to spend the summer months can be found than this hotel. The Penfield Opera House is next. This building never has a chance to get dusty, as the upper room is used by the different lodges nearly every evening in the week, and there is something on the boards in

associations. We are now again at the Diamond. A review of the town's business is not complete without speaking of the coal, coke and brick, and office business of J. Bird, Esq. Mr. B. sells soft and hard coal having control of the latter business here, and his office, presided over by his daughter Nellie is the head centre of real estate and legal clerical work of this section. Jacob Rosenkrans also does a considerable business in furnishing soft coal from the Tyler mines. H. P. Towns now works at his trade as shoemaker, at his dwelling on West Woodward St. The Undertaking establishment of Thos. B. Buoy, on East Woodward St. is one of the business features of the town. Mr. Buoy is esteemed as one of the most skillful Funeral Directors of this section.

This sketch of the business of the town is not written because the people here do not know it, but that PRESS readers outside may know the answer to "What kind of a place is Penfield?"

The intellectual and moral interests of the town are cared for by a good graded school, in four departments, and four churches, Presbyterian, Methodist, Catholic, and Free Methodist. All of these except the Catholic, have church buildings, and the Presbyterians and Methodists have large Sabbath Schools.

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