

CITY OF CHESTER

Chester, the most important place in Delaware County, is located on the west bank of the Delaware River, 12 miles by rail from Philadelphia and 18 by water. This is the oldest town in the state, the first settlement of Europeans having been made here about 1644. For years it was the most important settlement in this part of the territory and was known as Upland until 1668, when William Penn landed here and established his seat of government and gave to it the present name of Chester. It was the county seat from the erection of the county in 1789 until 1851, when the court records, etc., were removed to Media as being more central. In February, 1866, Chester was incorporated as a city, whose growth has been quite rapid within the last two decades, the population of the city, together with South Chester and Upland, which are directly adjoining, being fully 30,000.

The Chester of today, however, owes her importance in the commercial world entirely to her manufactures which are quite extensive and varied in their nature.

Among these the cotton and woolen industry leads in importance, there being about 30 mills engaged in making various fabrics, giving employment to over 4,000 operatives, who receive \$1,569,882 annually in wages, and representing an investment of over \$3,800,000.

The manufacture of burning and lubricating oils is carried on by several large companies, one of them alone exporting over two million dollars' worth of oil annually, while the ship building and engine works founded by the late John Roach have a worldwide celebrity and is possibly the best fitted up concern of the kind in the country, employing at times 1,500 hands in the different departments, and have turned out the largest steamships built in America. There are also a number of extensive rolling mills, steel works, engine and machine works, edge tool factories, etc.

The deepest water in the Upper Delaware will be found opposite the city, making its wharves accessible to the largest ships, and a large foreign trade is transacted, three firms alone having paid duties to the amount of \$438,490 during a single year; and during 10 months of last year there were consigned to Chester firms, mostly from foreign ports, 168 vessels with an aggregate tonnage of over 75,000. This place certainly offers unusual inducements for the location of manufactories; excellent shipping facilities are afforded by three competing railroads and the river lines, while the tax rate is low and legitimate enterprises will always find a warm welcome, and ample capital is constantly ready for investment. As a place of resident, Chester is unsurpassed. No city of its size is better situated as regards the supply of food products, and it may well be termed a city of homes, as is evidenced by the active operation of a dozen or more building associations.

The school and church facilities are unsurpassed. There are 18 school buildings, presided over by 61 teachers and attended by about 2,800 scholars; the school property being valued at \$162,000. There are also several private institutions devoted to educational purposes. More than 29 church edifices open their doors to a religious public, having a combined valuation of nearly half a million dollars and a membership of 8,500. An excellent system of water works, operated by a private company, furnishes an abundant supply of good water to all parts of the city through some 30 miles of pipe. The streets and avenues are kept in good condition, there being over 12 miles of thoroughfare paved with asphalt or Belgian blocks; electricity and gas being used for lighting purposes and most of the streets lighted by the former.

A well-equipped fire department consisting of three steam fire engines, five hose carts and a hook and ladder truck, are kept in readiness for emergencies, while a small but well-disciplined police force easily protects the peace and property of the people, and nearly 10 miles of sewers tend to an excellent general health. The press is ably conducted and well supported, consisting of two daily and four weekly publications. With good banking facilities, cheap rents, street railways, a liberal and public spirited business element, a property valuation of over \$9,000,000, and all those many requirements that contribute to the building up of the modern city, Chester bids fair to take a position second to no other place of its class in the commonwealth. Following will be found brief sketches of the more enterprising and important mercantile concerns here.

HENRY COOPER - Wholesale Commission Merchant and Fruit Raiser, 27 W. 4th Street. This gentleman was born in Luzerne County in 1836, and the most of his life has been devoted to agricultural pursuits and the commission business. At the present time he has a farm of 425 acres in Somerset County, Md., the most of which is devoted to the culture of fruit and vegetables. Having had considerable experience in the raising and marketing of the various farm products he embarked in 1879 in the commission line, in connection with his extensive agricultural pursuits, thus affording him ample facilities for the sale of his products, but his business steadily increasing he was compelled to handle the products of others and dispose of them on commission in order to meet the demands of his trade, and he is now extensively engaged in the handling of all kinds of tropical fruits, vegetables and oysters in their seasons, butter, eggs, and country produce, his stock being always fresh and abundant.

For the past 10 years Mr. Cooper has been regarded in this community as a reliable merchant and esteemed as such by all with whom he had had dealings.

WILLIAM S. MINGIN - Wholesale and Retail Grocer, 406 Market Street. This is one of the finest and best equipped grocery houses in this section. It dates its establishment from 1875, Rorer & Mingin being the founders. The senior

member of the firm withdrew in 1884, leaving the above named gentleman sole proprietor. The room occupied is 20x74 feet in dimensions. The place is fitted up in modern style and is well suited to meet the needs of an extensive trade. Electric fans keep the air of the room cool and pleasant, even in the hottest weather. The electric motor is also made to propel the coffee mill. The stock here carried is immensely large, and in point of absolute purity and general excellence it leads the city. Here at all times will be found teas, coffees, spices, canned and bottled goods, cured meats, dried and evaporated fruits, table luxuries and delicacies and grocers' notions generally. A specialty is made in green groceries of every description in season. Six active and thoroughly competent assistants are employed and two teams kept for purposes of delivery.

This gentleman is a native of Philadelphia, where he was born in 1845. Previous to starting here he was engaged in agricultural pursuits. He is a sound and practical business man.

R. L. STANERT – Commission Merchant, 27 W. 4th Street. Long before Cincinnatus plowed the soil of Rome, the human family subsisted on the products of the soil, and as long as this earth remains in its present state will the pursuit of agriculture remain one of great importance. To facilitate the exchange of these products, modern society has instituted a mart and one of the leading establishments of this kind is conducted by the gentleman whose name heads this article, at 27 West Fourth St., in a room 14x40 feet in size, where he is prepared to handle all kinds of foreign and American fruits and vegetables, peaches, berries, potatoes, early truck, poultry, oysters and fresh fish in the season. A leading specialty is made of fresh butter and eggs. To facilitate the business several assistants are employed and a wagon for delivery purposes.

Mr. Stanert is a native of Delaware where he was born in 1835. Prior to establishing this business he pursued the avocation of pump making, which he abandoned to engage in his present mercantile pursuit, in which he stands high in the estimation of the business world.

J. L. HAWTHORNE – Wholesale Commission Merchant, 31 W. 4th Street, Chester. Since establishing this business in 1883, this gentleman has been recognized as one of the leading commission merchants of this city, and always has on hand an abundant supply of fresh and seasonable produce. He occupies a room 14x40 feet in size at the above location, where he is prepared to handle everything in his line on commission, he receiving the best market prices at all times. His line consists in part of foreign and American fruits, vegetables, peaches, and berries of all kinds, butter, eggs and poultry, clams, oysters and fish in their seasons. Merchants will do well to call upon this gentleman and get comparative prices, while farmers and others will be benefitted by placing their goods in his hands and receiving the best current prices.

Mr. Hawthorne is a native of Delaware where he was born March 4th, 1861, the day on which Abraham Lincoln was inaugurated president of the U. S. He is a graduate of Delaware College and followed clerking previous to establishing his present enterprise.

A. J. MUDFORD – Grocery and Bakery, Cor. 8th and Potter Streets. This gentleman has occupied this store about two years, and for three years previously he conducted a store in another part of the city. He was formerly employed as an engineer and weaver in a mill. The salesroom occupied is 18x24 feet in dimensions, and the stock carried comprises a first-class line of groceries and provisions, canned and bottled goods, country produce, smoked meats, fresh, dried and evaporated fruits, table necessities and luxuries, culinary requisites, etc. Here is also kept a complete line of home baked bread, fancy cakes, pies, etc.; these goods being made from home-made yeast are of a superior quality, and have a large sale. Two assistants are employed, and a delivery wagon makes two trips daily all over the city distributing bread and pies. The proprietor who is an intelligent and competent merchant, is a native of England, where he was born in 1837.

He came to this country when twenty years of age. With a patriotism exceeding that of many native born citizens, he enlisted in 1861 in Company I, 106th Reg. Pa. Vols., and took part in a number of battles. He has since been suffering from disease contracted during the war.

MATHER & JACKSON – Carriage and Wagon Builders, 5th and Crosby Streets. The premises covered by this enterprise are 24x100 feet in dimensions. The various shops are thoroughly equipped with all the latest and best appliances necessary to the successful prosecution of the business of general carriage building, which was established in 1887. Seven assistants, skilled and proficient each in his own department, are employed. All kinds of carriages, coupes, phaetons, buggies, surreys, Germantown's light business wagons, etc., are here built and guaranteed to give satisfactory service. The special features of the work turned out by these shops which give them a reputation for superiority are their combination of style and durability. The individual members of the firm are James Mather and Richard Jackson.

The former is a native of Delaware, where he was born in 1839; he is a practical carriage builder of life-long experience. The latter was born in England in 1853, and has had twenty years' experience in this branch of industry. Both gentlemen are thoroughly acquainted with their business in all its details, and are highly enterprising and energetic business men.

B. W. SIDWELL – Wholesale Commission Merchant, 132 W 2nd Street. Making a specialty of handling on commission all kinds of produce, and possessing peculiar and distinctive facilities for procuring the same pure and fresh,

this gentleman is prepared to offer retail dealers special inducements. He occupies two well-ordered rooms 18x35 feet in dimensions, where at all times he carries a complete and desirable line of butter, eggs, fruits, berries, vegetables and other country produce, making a specialty of potatoes as well as canned fruits and vegetables, family flour, grain and mill feed, baled hay and straw, both wholesale and retail, a specialty being made in the last-named line.

Born in 1860, in Chester County, this gentleman previously worked as a ship joiner, in which capacity he proved himself to be a first-class mechanic. He started this enterprise in 1884.

PETER MUNDY – Furniture and Carpets, 625, 627, 629 and 631 Edgmont Avenue. This place dates its inception about twelve years and in 1886 the present enterprising proprietor assumed control. The premises occupied have a frontage of 70 feet and a depth of 100 feet; the three entire floors are occupied and stocked to their utmost storage capacity with Brussels, tapestry, moquette, Axminster, Wilton and other carpets, and a full and complete line of household and cabinet furniture suitable for dining-room, parlor, library or chamber, either in suites or single pieces. Specialty is made in fine upholstered and marble-top goods; and all branches of new and repair work in upholstering is promptly and adroitly executed. The stock is admirable arranged, one room being entirely devoted to carpets which are made and put down. A large trade is had in husk and hair mattresses of the proprietor's own manufacture. Six assistants and two teams are kept constantly busy in supplying the demands of the many patrons.

This gentleman is a native of Ireland, and was born in 1840. He came to America in 1860 and for seventeen years was successfully engaged in the grocery business. In point of enterprise and business energy he is surpassed by none in the city.

A. J. QUIMBY & SON – Undertakers and Embalmers, 219 W. 3rd Street. In the time of the Caesars it was customary to erect a funeral pyre and consume by flames the body of clay. In the Australian Islands they place the corpse in a hollow tree and there let it molder away; while the aborigines clothe the deceased in the habiliments of war and placing them on a raised platform a dozen feet in height, leave them to proceed to the happy hunting ground beyond. Today, in civilized life, we have instituted a system of burial plots wherein we inter our dead. To facilitate this latter means, the firm of A. J. Quimby & Son have two establishments to undertake anything in this line, one in Media, and the other in Chester. To facilitate their work two black hearses and one white are employed, with two dead wagons, five horses and four assistants. Mr. Quimby is a gentleman of much experience in this line, and makes a specialty of embalming the dead.

A.J. Quimby was born in 1845 in Middleton Township, Delaware Co., and in his early career learned the trade of cabinet making and later undertaking. Chas.

A., his son and partner, is a native of Chester, where he was born in 1866. The elder Quimby was a patriot of the rebellion and his son fosters the memory of soldier life by organizing Chester Camp 239, S. of V., of which he was unanimously elected captain. He is also an active member K. or E., and the Patriotic Order Sons of America. Both are gentlemen of sound business methods and respected and esteemed by the community.

CHARLES C. LARKIN – Real Estate Agent, Conveyancer and Notary, 523 Market Street. This gentleman has been identified with the real estate business in this municipality since 1874, and he enjoys unexcelled facilities for buying, selling or exchanging real estate in city or country. As a notary public he is prepared to execute deeds, mortgages and liens, furnish abstracts of title and acknowledge all legal papers and documents requiring the notarial seal. He also negotiates loans on first mortgages and other approved security. The room occupied by him is 18x22 feet in dimensions, it is nicely fitted up and well adapted to the needs of a lucrative patronage. He employs one competent and efficient clerk.

A native of Chester County, he was born in 1828. He is highly esteemed by a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

P. BOYLEN - Watchmaker and Jeweler, 24 W. 3d Street. This gentleman is a native of Ireland, where he was born in 1835. He came to this country in 1847, learned the trade of watchmaker in Rhode Island, and in 1875 he established himself in this municipality where he occupies a nicely fitted up salesroom 20x30 feet in dimensions. He carried a very superior line of clocks, watches, jewelry, solid silver and plated ware; also a complete line of spectacles, eyeglasses and optical goods. Specialty is made in doing repair work of all descriptions, but more particularly in watches of the finest and most intricate mechanism in which department this gentleman is an expert.

He employs two proficient assistants and is thus prepared to carefully execute all orders with the greatest dispatch. This gentleman by his liberal enterprise and public spiritedness contributes largely to the commercial welfare of the city.

J. G. Milbourn & Co. – Commission Merchants, 33 W. Fourth Street. The business policy of this firm is recognized as firm, liberal and practical. Thoroughly reliable and fair and honorable in all their transactions, they have in the two years that they have been established in their present quarters built up a flourishing and lucrative trade. The business is transacted exclusively on commission and consists in buying and selling grain, eggs, poultry, butter and produce of all kinds. They also deal extensively in fine fruit butters, preserves, jellies, etc. The head of this enterprising firm is a native of the state of Delaware,

and previous to establishing this business he was a shipper of fruits and dealt extensively in grain.

He is a practical and energetic business man. As a citizen he takes an active interest in all that concerns the commercial or municipal welfare of the city.

D. H. CONTRELL - Contractor and Builder, 720 Deshong Street. This gentleman occupies a thoroughly equipped shop two stories high and 18x30 feet in dimensions. He employs five skilled assistants and is prepared to take contracts for the erection of private dwellings, public buildings and all other kinds of frame structures. He also gives prompt attention to all kinds of job and repair work, executing the same in a satisfactory manner. He is patentee of a most excellent circulating refrigerator and makes a specialty of building the same to order. This box is built with air cells in such a manner as to assist in preserving the ice and possessing other qualities which give it superiority over other styles and makes. Besides being a practical carpenter this gentleman is a professional architect and does all his own designing. He apprenticed himself to the trade at 16 years of age in the city of Philadelphia, spending four years with an architect and three years with a carpenter, and a more thorough man in his line is not to be found in this section of Pennsylvania.

This gentleman was born in 1837 on the line of the Keystone and Buckeye states. In 1862 he enlisted in Co. E., 145th Pa. Vols., was present at the battles of Fredericksburg, Antietam and Gettysburg and received an honorable discharge in 1865.

M. PRESTON - Furniture, Bedding, Etc., 529 Market Street. The salesroom occupied by this business is 20x40 feet in size and stocked to its utmost capacity with all kinds of household furniture, bedding, carpets, window shades, oil-cloth, looking-glasses, clocks, etc. Also, a line of house furnishing goods, tin ware, wood and willowware, glass, china and queens ware. Goods are selected with great care and offered at prices which will compare with those asked in metropolitan stores. A courteous assistant is employed and a team used for delivery purposes. A wareroom in the rear, same size as stores, is used for storage of duplicate stock. Mr. Preston also conducts a bakery on Edgmont Ave., which consumes about 13 barrels of flour weekly, employing six assistants and using a wagon for delivery. This is an important branch of trade and the products embrace everything in the line of bread, cakes, pies, etc.

The proprietor was born in Ireland in 1824 and has been in this country some 25 years. He is an intelligent and enterprising merchant and public-spirited citizen and enjoys a lucrative trade.

R. H. HENDERSON - Drugs, 18 W. Third Street. This pharmacy dates its inception back many years, the present proprietor succeeding B. Foster in 1886. The room is 18x30 feet in dimensions and fitted up in metropolitan style. The

stock carried embraces a complete line of fresh and pure drugs and chemicals, patent and proprietary remedies, toilet articles, perfumery, tooth brushes, powders and washes, medicated soaps, etc. The store contains one of the finest soda fountains in the city and during the heated months a large trade is had in this delicious beverage. The proprietor is a native of this county where he was born in 1856.

He has had an experience of 18 years in the drug business and is a proficient pharmacist and chemist, devoting especial attention to the careful compounding of prescriptions at all hours.

MARK BREWSTER – Bakery, 925 Potter Street. The products of this deservedly popular bakery include Vienna, French, cream, graham and home-made breads, fancy cakes, biscuits, buns, rolls, and various kinds of pies and pastry generally. An elegantly fitted up salesroom 16x22 feet in dimensions, is kept well stocked with a complete line of said products. An ice cream parlor nicely fitted up with ten marble-top tables, each having a seating capacity of four persons is occupied, and ice cream of Burke's celebrated make is served. Two assistants are employed and a team passes over a certain route daily supplying families and dealers.

Although this gentleman entered upon this enterprise as recently as the spring of this year, he has already proven himself to be fully equal to the emergency. Previous to this he worked as engineer at Rose's brick works. He is among Chester's most enterprising and energetic business men.

S. M. NORTON – Wholesale Commission Merchant, Second and Edgmont Avenue. For the past eight years the gentleman whose name heads this article has been successfully engaged in the commission business, and he is well and favorably known by the consigners and dealers of this section as being a reliable merchant. With the assistance of two competent men and the use of a delivery wagon he is prepared to handle all goods consigned to him. His quarters are commodious and his facilities are not surpassed by anyone in this line. Parties dealing with this house will find it advantageous in many respects. The goods handled by him are always prime, consisting of foreign and American fruits, vegetables, country produce, melons, cantaloupes and truck of all kinds; also oysters and clams in season. Mr. Norton makes no specialty in his business but always endeavors to keep the best of everything pertaining to this line.

He is a native of Gloucester County, N. J., where he was born in 1847. He is a man of sound business principles and a public spirited citizen.

FOREAKER & GLOTHEN – Grocery, Provision and Meat Market, 1301 and 1303 W. 3d Street. This firm have successfully conducted this business since 1886, at which time the co-partnership was formed. They occupy two well-appointed salesrooms each 20 x 30 feet in dimensions, one devoted to the grocery

trade where they carry a large line of staple and fancy groceries, canned and bottled goods, fruits and vegetables, and culinary supplies and family requisites; the adjoining room is utilized as the meat market in which is kept a full line of fresh beef, mutton, veal, smoked and cured meats, fresh lard, etc., one competent assistant and a wagon being employed.

The individual members of this firm are J. P. Foreaker and George E. Glothen, both of whom are men sound business principles and public spirited citizens.

THOMAS H. BERRY - Tobacco and cigars, 419 Market Street. This business dates its inception from 1887. In a salesroom 16x20 in dimensions the proprietor carries a full line of fine cigars and tobacco, snuff, pipes and smokers' articles of every description. Mr. Berry is a genial business man and enjoys the trade of a large circle of friends, being a native of this county where he was born in 1842. In 1862, when this country was endangered by a riot and a call for freedom was made, Mr. Berry enlisted in Co. A, 197th Pa. Vols., and did valuable service in the ranks, receiving an honorable discharge at the close of the war. In early life he pursued the trade of boiler making and later, under President Grant, received an appointment in the railway mail service, running between New York City and Washington.

In this avocation he acquitted himself so successfully that he sustained himself in that position under each succeeding administration for 12 consecutive years and this is written to the credit of his valuable services in this connection.

EDWARD E. HUGGINS & COMPANY - Dry Goods and Notions, 325 W. 3d Street. This is one of the most important of the numerous establishments of this kind here. Established in a salesroom 19x30 feet in dimensions, is seen a large and well assorted line of dry goods, laces, gingham, cloths and cassimere's, checked and striped goods for all wearing purposes, notions, trimmings, ribbons, gent's furnishing goods, etc. In the successful conducting of this business there are two competent assistants employed and no means are spared to secure the demand of the patron.

Mr. Huggins is a native of Delaware, where he was born in 1861, and prior to the establishment of this business, has pursued the avocation of a grocer, and through an honorable and consistent business management has succeeded in winning the esteem and approbation of the trade.

D. S. BUNTING - Lumber Merchant, Broad St. and Edgmont Avenue. The name of D.S. Bunting has been prominently identified with this line of trade in the city of Chester since 1862, when he established this business. His yard covers five acres of ground, and here at all times will be found a complete line of rough and dressed lumber, embracing hard woods, white pine, yellow pine, spruce pine, cypress, cedar, long and heavy lumber, shingles and building and fencing material

general. Here may also be had coal for manufacturing and domestic purposes, lime, sand, plastering hair, cement, fire clay, fire brick and drain pipe. He is also extensively engaged in handling "Portland" and "Rosendale" cement and building lime which he receives almost every day fresh from the kiln. This is the largest and most extensive enterprise of its kind here, and gives employment to from fifteen to twenty men, and ten teams are kept constantly delivering stuff in all parts of the city and surrounding country. This gentleman gets his supplies by boat and rail, and has a spacious wharf on Chester Creek where the same are received.

A native of Philadelphia, he was born in 1820 and continued to live there until nine years of age; previous to establishing this business he was engaged in agricultural pursuits. He is a sound, practical, thorough-going business man.

G. K. MILLER – Wholesale and Retail Grocery, No. 525 Market Street. This house was established in 1874 as a strictly wholesale grocery and ten years later the retail feature was added. The premises occupied are 20x40 feet in size, and thoroughly equipped to meet the needs of an extensive business. The goods are of first class quality, while in point of price the house defies competition. The stock embraces among other things teas, coffees, spices, canned and bottled goods, table delicacies, culinary requisites, household necessities and grocer's sundries generally. A specialty is made in poultry through the whole year. Three efficient assistants are employed while two teams are kept for purposes of delivery.

The proprietor is a native of the State of New York, and was born in 1853. Previous to establishing this business he was successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits, and is highly esteemed here.

I. M. WOLFE – Commission Merchant, Cor. Second and Edgmont Avenue. Without some means of exchange we could not receive the imports of foreign quarters; but to facilitate this we have instituted a series of exchanges and by general consent called them produce markets. Of all the numerous establishments of this kind that of the gentleman whose name heads this article deserves recognition. Situated in a room 20x50 Mr. Wolfe carries a full line of produce, making a specialty of fish, oysters and fruit. The proprietor was established nine years ago and conducted business on Third Street until his removal to these new quarters in 1889.

Mr. Wolfe is a native of Chester where he was born in 1852 and is a gentleman well known to the business community here.

JOHN WHITEHEAD – Carpets, Oilcloths, shades, Etc., 1209 and 1211 W. 3d Street. Centuries ago there was no other covering on the floor of the habitation of man except nature's green sod. But now nearly every house in the land has some kind of a floor covering. Among those prominently engaged in this line is Mr. Whitehead, who established in 1870 in a small way, merely doing weaving. Two years later, through effort and industry he established the store for the sale of

his products. The building is 32x25 feet in dimensions, and three stories in height. He operates four handlooms and makes an average of four hundred yards rag carpet every week; this small industry gives employment to five men. In the saleroom he carries a line of all kinds of rag, ingrain and body Brussels carpets, etc., oilcloths, window-shades and flocks.

Mr. Whitehead is a native of England, where he was born in 1840. In 1864, he came to this country and prior to establishing in this business was engaged in the woolen mills. Mr. Whitehead is a gentleman of business qualifications and is held in high esteem and recognized as a reliable merchant and a man of conscientious business principles.

J. D. WALTON – Commission Merchant, Corner of 2nd and Edgmont Avenue. Of the larger establishments of this character, that of the gentleman whose name leads this article is the most important. Eligibly situated in a new building 51x80 feet and three stories in height, can be seen the warehouse of this establishment. Mr. Walton is a commission merchant of high standing and noted for his consistent business methods. In order to successfully prosecute this business, three assistants are employed and a wagon for the purpose of delivery. Everything in this line is handled, produce, truck, fish, oysters and clams in season.

Mr. Walton was born in 1850, and is a native of Chester, where through his reputable standing in business and social circles he has won the esteem of all who know him. He is a member of high standing in Delaware Tribe, No. 75, I.O.R.M., and an old treasurer of this order, an old member of Odd Fellows, Greenwood Lodge, No. 25, as well, a member of various fraternal orders, and in this capacity noted for his desire to extend the hand of brotherhood to his fellow man.

JOSEPH M. BOTTOMLEY – Mill Supplies, Iron, Hardware, Etc., 605 Edgmont Avenue and 6th and Wall Streets. This concern dates its origin from 1866, when it was established by Geo. Bottomley, father of the present proprietor. In 1876 this gentleman became a member of the firm and the title then was Geo. Bottomley & Son. In 1881 the father died and the son then assumed control. This is the only house in the city carrying a full line of coach hardware and cotton and woolen mill supplies, and no house here carries a larger or better stock of tools and builders' hardware. A very extensive trade is had in Portland and Rosendale cements. The premises occupied comprise a three story brick structure 20x100 feet in dimensions with basement, heated throughout with steam and lighted by electric light, each floor being connected by an elevator. The salesroom is the finest in eastern Pennsylvania, the shelving being so arranged as to show a sample of everything carried in the line of building and coach hardware, tools, etc., the entire building being utilized for the business. Seven assistants and three teams are employed. The proprietor is a native of this place and was born in 1853.

GEORGE L. HORNING – Meat and Provisions, Cor. 2nd and Parker Street. Of the numerous establishments of this kind, that of the gentleman whose name heads this article, deserves more than passing notice. Situated in a prominent position in a salesroom 24x24 feet in dimensions, well lighted by the incandescent system of lighting and ventilated with latest improved fans propelled by a steam engine, Mr. Horning glories in the fact that he slaughters his own cattle, and this is a pride of which every meat market cannot boast. He is engaged in a wholesale and retail trade in beef, veal, mutton, lamb, and poultry in season and a supply of provisions. The average capacity of the slaughter house extends to ten head of cattle weekly. In the successful prosecution of this extensive establishment, seven assistants are employed and four wagons for purposes of delivery.

The subject of this article is a native of Dauphin County, where he was born in 1841. In 1861, he enlisted in Company F. Pennsylvania volunteers, under Capt. McCormick, and passed through nine battles, spending almost three years of his life in this valiant career defending his honor, flag and country from insurrection and riot.

KENNARD BROTHERS – Fine Groceries, etc., 251 Market Street. This grocery store has been established for a number of years the present firm succeeding in the spring of 1889 B. W. Sidwell in the proprietorship. Since taking possession they have introduced improvements well suited to the building up of an immense trade. The room occupied is 24x40 feet in dimensions and stocked to its utmost capacity with a superior line of staple and fancy family groceries, canned and bottled goods, fresh and dried fruits, table requisites and delicacies, culinary necessities, country product, and grocers' sundries generally. Specialty is however made in fresh and cured meats of all kinds, in which line this firm are recognized leaders in this part of the city. They also lead in green truck and fine family flour.

The individual members of this enterprising firm are A.E. and J. H. Kennard, both born in Cecil County, Md., the former in 1867, the latter in 1864, and are much esteemed in the community.

WASHINGTON HOUSE – **HENRY ABBOTT**, Prop, Fifth and Market Streets. This ancient hostelry stood on this site in 1747 and during the colonial days of our history it was one of the greatest resorts of this historic region. Management succeeded management until in 1870 Henry Abbott took possession and conducts it as a first-class modern hotel. There are 18 well lighted and ventilated sleeping rooms, 3 dining rooms with a seating capacity of 35 each and in the rear a fine large stable for the accommodation of guests with teams. This stable will contain 75 head of horses under the care of a competent stableman.

The subject of this article was born in England, but a life-long resident of this country. In 1861, when the rebellion broke forth in this country and a call to arms was made, Mr. Abbott adopted the knapsack and enlisted in Co. K, 26th Pa.

Vols., and did some valuable service in the interest of this county. Enlisting in 1861 he fought in the battle of Second Bull Run and there received a wound. Mr. Abbott is credited with fighting in some 13 battles, receiving an honorable discharge at the close of the war.

GIBSON & SON – Fruit and Produce Commission Merchants, 37 W. 4th Street. The individual members of this firm are S.B. Gibson and Jos. R. Gibson, both men of rare business capabilities. Parties desiring to know of their reliability or financial responsibility are referred to the First National Bank of this city. They transact an extensive commission business in all kinds of foreign and domestic fruits and produce, together with fresh fish, oysters and clams in season, and one assistant is employed. The house dates its inception from 1874, when it was established by the senior partner and in 1887 he admitted his son to an interest in the business.

The former Gentleman is a native of Talbot County, Md., where he was born in 1843. Until twenty-two years of age, he followed the sea, from that time to the establishment of the present enterprise he was employed in a saw mill. The young man is a native of Kent County, Del., and was born in 1867.

R. J. KNOTT – Furniture, Carpets, Curtains, Etc., 611 Edgmont Avenue. Since its inception in 1880 this representative house has been kept busy in supplying the demands of the refined and cultivated citizens of this municipality. The premises occupied comprise a three-story structure 20x100 feet in dimensions. Here is carried one of the most complete and thoroughly excellent stocks anywhere to be found, consisting of ingrain and other carpets, oil cloths, window shades, curtains, draperies, etc., also a full line of household and cabinet furniture suitable for dining room, parlor, chamber or library purposes. The leading specialty of this business is in fine upholstered goods of the proprietor's own manufacture. In the upholstery department prominent attention is also given to repairing in all its branches. Five skilled assistants are employed and two teams are kept constantly busy.

The proprietor of this enterprising house is a native of Norristown, Pa., and was born in 1855. He learned his trade here and has followed it actively since. He is a progressive citizen and much esteemed.

JAMES GARDNER, JR. – Fine Wines and Liquors, 311 Market Street. An important feature of the liquor business is a reliable wholesale house, where pure wines and liquors may be procured for family and medical uses. Such a one is that conducted by the above named gentleman. Although established as recently as January, 1889, this house is rapidly gaining prominence. A room 16x40 feet in dimensions is occupied, in which is carried a large and complete stock of foreign and American wines and liquors, all of which are pure and sold only wholesale. Mr. Gardner is assisted in business by his family.

He is a native of this county and was born in 1859. After completing his education he was for six years employed by the firm of Dyer and Gardner, wholesale liquor dealers of this city. He then embarked in the hotel business running the old Indian Queen for two years. Having had considerable experience in the liquor business he then established in his present quarters. He is a competent judge of liquors and his stock can always be relied upon.

JOHN A. FRYER - Organs, Sewing Machines, Etc., 124 W. 3d Street. This gentleman was formerly in the employ of the Standard Sewing Machine Co., but has been the representative of the "household" Co. for about a year and a half. They have had an office here for about ten years, and during this time a large number of machines have been sold, purchaser's pronouncing the "Household", the simplest, most reliable, handsomest and best sewing machine made. It is also adapted to manufacturing purposes and wide-awake manufacturers are availing themselves of its advantages; especially is this the case since the above name gentleman has been in control, he being thoroughly versed in qualities which make up a good machines as well as the requirements of a machine in family or factory.

He is also agent for the celebrated Estey organs and pianos, the superiority of which is too well known to need any explanation here. The room occupied is 16x32 feet in dimensions, and here will also be found an attractive and desirable line of clocks, lorgnette's, silverware, pictures, albums, bibles, sheet music, etc., all of which are sold at reasonable prices and on easy payments.

F. C. TORPEY – Merchant Tailor, 314 Market Street. This gentleman began business at the above location in 1877. He occupies a room 18x40 feet in size, where he carries a full line of piece goods from which stylish suits may be selected and made up in the most satisfactory manner. The proprietor is a practical and artistic cutter, and attends personally to that department of the business, and he is therefore enabled to guarantee perfect fits in all cases. His tailor shop is 20x50 feet in dimensions, and is thoroughly equipped with everything necessary to a successful prosecution of the business. Here are employed 18 proficient tailors. The leading specialty of the business is in the finest grades of clothing, and the suits and garments coming from his establishment are easily recognized upon the street by their perfect and easy fitting, and their superior style. This gentleman is a native of Ireland, where he was born in 1846. He learned his trade in England, and came to this country in 1864, and has been engaged at it since, most of the time within this State.

PETER CAREY – Wholesale Commission, S. W. Cor. Second and Edgmont Ave. The commission business is an important one of much importance. Mr. Carey's is not an old established house, but is as reliable as any of his contemporaries and always endeavors to secure the best market prices for prime stock. He always carries a line of fresh fruits, vegetable, country produce, fish,

oysters, clams, etc., in their proper seasons, he being conveniently located on the wharf on Chester Creek and avoids unnecessary handling of goods and give his purchasers the benefit. He is prepared at all times to fill mail orders promptly and to the satisfaction of the customer.

A native of Camden County, N. J., where he was born in 1841, he has had considerable experience in the business and with two assistants and a wagon is capable of transacting a large trade.

E. Y. SEIDERS – Wholesale Liquors, 106 W. Second Street. The gentleman whose name heads this article established in this place in 1889 in a salesroom 16x52 feet in dimensions. In connection with carrying a full line of the choicest wines, liquors and brandies there is a bottling establishment of all kinds of bottles liquors, and a specialty is made of the product of the Lauer Brewing Co., of Reading, Pa. Mr. Seiders being the agent of this company he is prepared to furnish this famous beverage for all occasions. The subject of this article is a native of Northumberland County and is a member of one of the most illustrious and patriotic families in the county. His great-grandfather, Col. Lutz, being prominent in the revolutionary war of 1776, furnishing Washington and his army with provisions at Royersford. His father and three brothers took an active interest in the late rebellion.

In the early years of his life's career he was apprenticed to the painting trade, working at that business for 23 years. He then embarked in the hotel and liquor business, having under his control the Concord Avenue hotel for nine years. In this capacity as in other ventures Mr. Seiders has proven himself a congenial manager and through his good fellow-feeling has made and retained many friends. He was a member of council in the borough of South Chester and had enjoyed along with Daniel Robinson, the honor of presenting to South Chester its charter to the first council of that borough. This gentleman holds a prominent position in the business and social circles of Chester and is esteemed by the community.

GEORGE L. SHANNON – Merchant, Tailor, 808 Edgmont Avenue. A practical and expert cutter and fitter, this gentleman has been established in business for himself only a few months, but is rapidly proving to the public that he is worthy of their patronage and his enterprise and energy is sure to secure a due share of it. He occupies a room 26 x 36 feet in dimensions, where he carries a full and complete line of piece goods from which stylish and perfect-fitting garments may be made up to order at comparative short notice. He employs two skilled and adroit tailors, and attends personally to the cutting and fitting departments. A native of Scotland; he was born in 1861 and came to America in 1884; he learned his trade in the home country and has followed it with activity and assiduity since coming to this country.

JAMES SULLIVAN – Manufacturer and Dealer in Cigars and Tobacco, 803 Edgmont Avenue. Since the introduction of tobacco into civilized Europe in the seventeenth century by Sir Walter Raleigh, it has become one of the greatest luxuries of this age and many prominent men have engaged in the manufacture and sale of this commodity. One that receives more than passing notice is the gentleman whose name heads this article who established himself at Chester, Pa., in 1844, and in 1888 removed to the present location in a room 20x42 feet the front part of which is fitted up as a salesroom, where he carries a large and complete line of cigars, tobacco, cigarettes, snuffs and smokers articles generally making a specialty of box trade in his celebrated brands, “Upper Berth,” “XLNT,” “Rustic.” “Holds its Own,” “Square Deal,” “Up to Standard,” and many others which are recognized by the trade as fine stock. Mr. Sullivan manufactures the above-named brands and guarantees them to be of superior quality. He employs seven competent hands in the manufacture of cigars and enjoys a lucrative trade, both wholesale and retail.

He is a native of Wilmington, Del., where he was born in 1852 after learning his trade and working journey work, sufficient to become full conversant with its every detail, he then established as above stated.

WILLIAM PENN RHOADS – Confectionery and Ice Cream Manufacturer, 143 W. 3rd Street. This is the largest establishment of its kind in Chester, having in constant use two wagons for the delivery of goods. All kinds of plain and fancy confections are manufactured and a large trade is had in the sale of ice cream. In the rear of the salesroom is a large parlor 14x60 feet in size, fitted up with fifteen marble-top tables capable of accommodating sixty persons. Mr. Rhoads has associated with him his two sons, Chas. Barr and Holland F. Rhoads; the latter do a thriving business in the fancy cake line. The former of these young gentlemen is 27 years of age; the latter 22 and both are capable and enterprising business men.

Mr. Rhoads is a native of Springfield where he was born in 1832, and prior to the establishment of this business pursued the avocation of a miller.

ROBERTS & HANNUM – Livery and Sale Stables, 410 Edgmont Ave., above 4th Street. These well-known stables were established in 1885 by J. T. Hannum, and in 1888 R.L. Roberts was admitted and the firm organized under its present title. Here are kept twenty-five head of horses for livery purposes and a proportionate number of carriages, cabs, and other vehicles. Teams are furnished for business or pleasure, funerals, and weddings, at reasonable rates. The firm also deals extensively in horses, buying them in the west and holding public sales of the same at the yard and stables. The premises occupied comprise a well-appointed yard 376 feet deep and having a front of 42 feet, while the rear is 76 feet wide and contains accommodations for fifty-seven head of stock. There is also a large

amount of shedding; they also make a prominent feature of boarding horses, giving them the best of care and attention. The individual members of the firm are R. L. Roberts and J. T. Hannum. The former gentleman attends to buying in the west while the latter superintends the stables.

Both gentlemen are native and highly esteemed citizens of Chester. Mr. Roberts also deals extensively in livestock, buying fresh cows, fat cattle, hogs and sheep, and holding public sales at different points throughout the county, general at Village Green.

WILLIAM BAGSHAW & SON – Manufacturers Fine confectionery and Ice Creams, 818 Edgmont Avenue. This house occupies a position in the front rank and dates its inception from 1852 when it was established by the senior member of the present firm who is a native of England, and was born in 1822, coming to this country in 1848 and learning the trade of confectioner here. His son and business associate, J. R. Bagshaw, was born in this city in 1860, learned this business with his father and has been a member of the firm since 1883. The salesroom occupied is 18x36 feet in dimensions, and contains a superior stock of fine confections, stick candies, etc., of the firm's own manufacture. These commodities are absolutely pure and perfectly free from deleterious substances. Specialty is made in fine cream chocolates and caramels.

A very large trade is had in ice cream, which like the confectionery the firm manufacture for both the wholesale and retail trade. The rear of the salesroom is handsomely fitted up for the ice cream parlor, containing marble-top tables with an aggregate seating capacity of twenty-four persons, while another elegantly furnished room 14x34 feet in dimensions and containing five marble-top tables, each having a seating capacity of four persons, is also occupied. This place is very popular and a team is kept for delivery.

NYEMETZ – Photographer 35 W. 3rd Street. With the advancing age of civilization came improvements in art, science and literature. From the crude profiles of the past we have risen to photograph of artistic merit, and the artist of today is he who produces the best results. The gentleman whose name leads this article is an adept in this branch of work. Through his natural abilities as an artist, and his long experience with such noted houses as Broadbent Bros, Schall & Gutekunst, he is enabled to produce superior work in this branch of trade. This gentleman is prepared to make all kinds of photos, crayon, pastel and water color pictures, recopying, etc., in all its forms. Established here in 1886, at this stand. In the conducting of this successful business, there are three competent assistants employed to facilitate the work of this establishment.

The subject of this article was born in 1861, in Austria. In 1881 he came to America and sustained himself in the finest galleries in this country.

JOSEPH TONGUE – The Hatter, 500 W. 3D Street. This gentleman occupies a finely fitted up business room 20x40 feet in dimensions. Here at all times will be found a full and complete line of hats and caps, including the latest styles of fine hats and straw and fur goods in their respective seasons, and a complete and varied assortment of men's furnishing goods, neckwear, handkerchiefs, gloves, suspenders, hosiery, underwear, etc. This stock in all its departments embraces the best goods for the money in the market, and a flourishing trade is transacted.

The proprietor is a native of England and was born in 1842. In 1863 he enlisted in Co. A of the 31st Pa. Vols., and went out in an emergency to assist in quelling the rebellion. He carried himself with credit and dignity. He is much thought of here. He established this business in 1880, and is capable assisted by three members of his family.

MRS. W. H. GLENNAN – Millinery, Beale's Block, 601 Edgmont Avenue. This business dates its inception back about seven years, and in 1887 the lady whose name appears at the head of this article took possession. She has become very popular as a stylish milliner and with the assistance of six ladies in the trimming department is prepared at all times to do all kinds of trimming and fancy work. Hats and bonnets are dyed and pressed into any of the latest styles and shapes. The room occupied by this lady is centrally located at 6th and Edgmont Ave., having an entrance at No. 601 on the avenue and No. 16 E. 6th St.; it is 20x40 feet in dimensions, and always well stocked with a large and comprehensive line of millinery goods, in which may be found a full assortment of ribbons, flowers, feathers, trimmings and everything appertaining to the line.

This is the leading millinery establishment in the city for stylish head wear. All the latest styles are artistically arranged in the six large show windows, four of which front on the avenue and two on 6th St.

A. H. TYSON – Dealer in Live Stock, 20-22 E. 5th Street. The enterprising subject of this sketch has been established here in this business about fifteen years and has the only regular sales-stable here, the dimensions of which are 30x100 feet. He has frequent sales of cattle, hogs and sheep, and averages about forty head of sheep per week. He represents stock in accordance with facts; and being a thorough judge of livestock, his judgment in this direction is assured. The stockyard of this establishment is located at Felton, Pa., on a farm of some sixty acres.

Born in Delaware County in 1845, he has been a life-long resident thereof and was formerly engaged in mercantile pursuits at Village Green. He is much esteemed in this community as a live business man and an enterprising citizen.

JAMES CLARK – Commission Merchant, 2D St. Bridge. To facilitate the exchange of the products of the farmer this modern age has imposed upon man the

necessity of an exchange, and one of the oldest exchanges of this character is that conducted by James Clark. Situated on the river front on a plot 24x150, lighted by the incandescent system of electric lighting, Mr. Clark transacts his business, dealing in all kinds of produce and truck in season, making a specialty of fish and oysters, selling as high as ten boats of oysters a week. In the successful prosecution of this business the proprietor runs an oyster sloop on the river and a wagon for delivery purposes.

Mr. Clark is a genial and liberal spirited citizen and a native of this place, where he was born in 1849, and in his early years pursued the agricultural vocation and dealer in butter and eggs, and established here 15 years ago.

WILLIAM P. EYRE – Flour, Feed, Grain, Etc., 814 Edgmont Avenue. The premises here occupied comprises a three-story structure 20x75 feet in dimensions with basement. The building is stocked to its utmost storage capacity with a complete line of flour, feed, grain, rock, dairy and table salt, grain, grass and garden seeds and all kinds of phosphate, ground bone, etc., bailed hay, agricultural implements, horse and cattle powders, wood and willow ware, etc. Three active and efficient assistants are employed, and a team is kept for the purposes of hauling and delivery.

The proprietor is a wide-awake, thorough-going business man, and a fair share of the progress of this city in all the elements of municipal greatness may be traced to his sagacity, enterprise, courage and public spirit. This business was established in 1878 and has since been successfully managed by D.A. Letherbury, who has had many years' experience in this line.

HUBERT MULLER – Watchmaker and Jeweler, 824 Edgmont Avenue. This article purposes to sketch and enterprise which because of its capable and judicious management has proved itself to be a public benefit and necessity. The business dates its inception from 1882, and occupies a fine and desirably fitted up salesroom where is carried a line of clocks, watches, jewelry, spectacles, optical goods, and in fact everything belonging to a well-regulated establishment of its kind. Specialty is made in watch, clock and jewelry repairing in all their branches. This stock in point of completeness and excellence is unsurpassed by any house in this municipality.

The proprietor is a native of Germany and was born in 1840. He has been a resident of this country since 1854. He learned his trade in Philadelphia and worked as a journeyman until establishing here. During the war of the rebellion he served about eighteen months in Co. F, of 15th Maine Vols. He is a patriotic, public spirited citizen, and an expert jeweler and watchmaker.

MRS. JOHN PRENDERGAST – Groceries and Provisions, Cor. 2D and Parker. This business dates its inception back many years ago, and at the demise of her husband, Mrs. Prendergast in 1874, took sole possession and has

successfully prosecuted this business ever since. Established in a salesroom 16x30 feet in size, she carries a very nice line of groceries and provisions, teas, coffees, spices, flour, china, glass and queens ware, canned and bottled goods, and to accommodate the trade some notions, etc.

Mrs. Prendergast is a native of Ireland, but a resident of this country some twenty-five years, and has long been identified with this business and proven herself a competent business woman as a successful career in this mercantile pursuit positively indicate.

FRANK K. MCCOLLUM - Lumber and Coal, Edgmont Ave., Near P. W. & B. R. R. In active operation many years this business came into the hands of the present proprietor in 1877. The yard occupied is 300x300 feet in dimensions, and is well and conveniently fitted up. A large and spacious wharf is located on Chester Creek, and this gentleman enjoys unrivalled facilities for receiving his supplies, giving his customers unusually good terms. His stock comprises a complete line of rough and dressed lumber of the best qualities, for building and fencing purposes. He also carried at all times a full line of wood, lime, sand and cement; also Lehigh and Schuylkill coal for home and manufacturing purposes. He employs seven competent hands and keeps four teams in constant use.

A native of this place he was born in 1850, and previous to assuming proprietorship of this business, he was employed as a clerk in the office. Having thus had a previous connection with the business, he is now fully conversant with all the details. A sound, practical business man, fair and honorable in all his dealings, he enjoys an extensive trade.

CHRIS D. WILLIS – Wheelwright and Blacksmith, 7th above Upland Street. This business was started some thirty-five years ago. The premises occupied are 38x120 feet in dimensions, fully equipped with all the necessary appliances, and three workmen employed. The proprietor is prepared to do all kinds of blacksmith and wheelwright work, both new and repair, but the leading specialty is in the building of three and six-spring wagons, guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction in every respect. Careful attention is given to mill work and the building of carts and trucks. The proprietor was born in Delaware County, in 1856.

At seventeen years of age he apprenticed himself to this trade, and learned it under the supervision of Jos. S. Hunter, whom he succeeded in 1881. He is an enterprising business man and a member of the City Council of this municipality, and chairman of the Fire Committee, having for one year been Chairman of the Committee on Accounts. His endeavors in this direction have proven his demeanor as a public spirited citizen, championing the cause of right and fulfilling proper measures to secure the municipality's welfare.

WILLIAM BAND – Groceries, Provisions, 3d and Kerlin Streets. Those desiring choice goods in this line should examine the stock of fine groceries carried by the subject of this sketch at the above location. The room here occupied is 20x50 feet in dimensions, and is conveniently adapted to the needs of the large and growing trade here centered. The stock which is always full and complete, comprises both staple and fancy family groceries, provisions and teas of the choicest quality. Here will also be found a desirable line of fine family flour, embracing the following popular brands: “New Process,” “Milbourne,” and “Pride of Philadelphia.” A fine assortment of smoked meats and everything in the line of glass and queens ware or tin, wood and willow-ware, is carried in stock.

Three assistants are employed and two wagons kept constantly going. This gentleman is a native of Philadelphia and was born in 1831; he has resided in Delaware County since thirteen years of age, and established this business ten years ago. In 1861, he enlisted in Co. I of the 3d Pa. Cavalry, and served with distinction for three years and received an honorable discharge. He is much thought of in business and social circles.

CHESTER STEAM LAUNDRY – **MRS. T. CAMPBELL**, Prop., 12 W. Fourth Street. The old adage that “Cleanliness is next to Godliness” is a poetical expression, yet nevertheless capable of realization. After the invention of soap and the utilization of water, machinery was then invented for the cleansing of clothes and the laundry had its birth. This establishment is fitted out with all the newest reversible machinery, propelled by an 8-horse power steam engine, and has all the facilities of a first class laundry capable of supplying the demands of its many patrons. A wagon for the purposes of collection and delivering goods is run all over this section and a branch office is established at Upland and at Rockdale, where all goods left will receive prompt attention.

All work done at this laundry will be first-class and if not satisfactory renewed free of charge. Special rates for large family washings and all goods turned out at the shortest possible notice. Mrs. T. Campbell is a native of Philadelphia and an adept in this branch of work. The business is under the superintendence of Mr. Campbell with an experience of 25 years, thus qualifying him to pursue this work with signal success and ability.

ROBERT BUCK - Grocery, 401 W. 3d Street. This store was opened for public patronage in 1871, and since that time it has occupied an important position among the business houses of this city. A room 14x52 feet in dimensions is occupied, which is stocked with a full and complete line of choice family groceries, both staple and fancy, canned and bottled goods, fresh, dried and evaporated fruits, fresh and cured meats, country produce, culinary requisites, and table supplies, both delicate and substantial. Also, the leading popular brands of Western and home ground flour.

The proprietor is a native of England where he was born in 1826. He has been a resident of the United States for fifty-nine years. In early life he was engaged in agricultural and mechanical pursuits but later in life was employed as a spinner of woolen yarns. He is an enterprising and competent merchant, as is plainly evidenced in the selection and arrangement of his excellent stock. He employs one active and efficient assistant, and guarantees fair and honorable treatment to all who visit his establishment.

EISENBERG & BROTHER – Tin Roofers, Hollow Ware, Stoves, Etc., 816 Edgmont Avenue. This business dates its inception from 1874 when it was established under the present firm name by J.A. & M. S. Eisenberg. In 1887 the latter gentleman died, the former becoming sole proprietor and doing business under the original firm name. The premises occupied embrace a 3-story structure 20x115 feet in dimensions, thoroughly equipped with the latest devices for the manufacture of tin, copper and sheet iron ware, eighteen skilled mechanics being employed and all kinds of house furnishing goods, tin, sheet iron and hollow ware being manufactured and kept in the store. The stock also include stoves, heaters, ranges, galvanized awnings, sporting goods, etc. A leading specialty is made in the celebrated and unrivaled gauze door stoves and ranges, as well as in tin roofing, spouting and guttering, and also hot-air system. Estimates are furnished when desired, and one team is employed. This gentleman is a native of Mifflin County, and was born in 1833.

In the spring of 1861 he enlisted with the Logan Guards of Lewistown, but subsequently as captain, raised and took command of Co. A, 46th Pa. Militia. Later he enlisted in Co. G, 55th Pa. Vols., served to the close of the war and received an honorable discharge. He then served three years in the regular army. His war record is one of continued bravery and valor, and with a thorough knowledge of military tactics he was also an excellent disciplinarian.

P. E. GRIFFIN & COMPANY – Photographers, 615 Edgmont Avenue. The two ladies composing the above firm take a leading rank as being practical, experienced and artistic photographers. This gallery dates its inception back about eleven years, and came into the possession of this enterprising firm in the spring of the present year, when they succeeded F. A. Kronsberger. The business occupies the second and third floors at 615 Edgmont Ave. The reception room is on the second floor and is elegantly and tastefully furnished and contains some fine specimens of the work here executed. The third floor is occupied by the operating rooms, which are thoroughly equipped with all the latest and best appliances, including superior sky-lights.

All branches of the photographic art are executed including both indoor and outdoor scenes, machinery, animals, etc. Specialty is made in enlarging from smaller pictures. One skilled operator is employed. All work is executed with the

greatest promptness consistent with fine art. The individual members of the firm are Miss P. E. Griffin and Mrs. A. H. Whitney. Both ladies are natives of New York City, and are highly esteemed in social circles here.

SCHMIDT BROTHERS - Butchers and Grocers, 801 Edgmont Avenue. These gentlemen occupy the two entire floors and cellar of the building located on the above site, the dimensions of which are 20x72 feet. Here at all times is carried an immense stock of the choicest groceries, meats and provisions, comprising all sorts of delicate and substantial table supplies and grocers' miscellany generally. Three-and-a-half head of large cattle and a quantity of smaller stock are weekly disposed of. The firm deal extensively in Chicago meats and do jobbing in groceries and provisions. They employ 12 competent assistants and keep three wagons constantly going. A large refrigerator consuming 4500 weight of ice per week is used to preserve meats during the warm weather.

The individual members of the firm are Henry F. and Frank Schmidt, both natives of Philadelphia and practical and experienced butchers. The former was born in 1860, the latter in 1861. They established this business in 1882 and enjoy a large trade. Their five salesmen will call at any part of the country for orders on their regular trips.

HATTON HOUSE – WILLIAM HIGHAM, Proprietor, Cor. 9th and Edgmont Avenue. For the past fifteen years this house has been open for the accommodation of the public. It came into the hands of the present proprietor in 1884 by him succeeding Hughey Hatton. It is a three-story stone structure, pleasantly located at the corner of 9th and Edgmont Ave.; the house is well fitted up, having fifteen comfortably furnished sleeping apartments, and all necessary culinary departments; the bar is a fine one, and is always well stocked with a choice selection of beer, ale, wines, liquors and cigars.

The popular proprietor has spared no time or expense in making his house a pleasant hostelry. He has lately added to the many pleasant features revolving fans which are propelled by an electric motor, which makes the place comfortable even when the thermometer is in the 90's. Having had many years' experience in this business he is a competent landlord.

LEWIS M. LARKIN – General Merchandise, Broad and Upland Streets. The premises occupied by this large establishment embrace a handsomely equipped salesroom 22x120 feet in size, and a large three-story warehouse in the rear. The stock is always kept at a standard fullness, and here at all times may be found a varied line of imported and American dry goods, fine dress fabrics and notions, also, a general line of glass, china and queens ware, hardware, wood and willow-ware, oil cloths, window screens, furnishing goods and a general line of household necessities. An attractive line of plain and fancy stationery is also kept. Another department is devoted to a line of choice family groceries and provisions,

the stock of this department including all kinds of food and table supplies, both delicate and substantial and culinary requisites as well. In the spring a fine trade is had in flower and garden seeds. This flourishing business was established in 1857 by G. & L.M. Larkin; the former gentleman soon after withdrew.

The proprietor is a native of this city and was born in 1835. His entire business career has been devoted to this line and he is regarded as one of the most enterprising and successful business men here.

EDWARD CREIGHTON – Decorator, Wall Paper, Paints, Etc., 615 Edgmont Avenue. This prominent establishment occupies two entire floors of a structure 20x100 feet in dimensions, handsomely fitted up. Here he carries a full and varied assortment of wall paper, embracing not only the plain and common grades but also all the most delicate and elaborate patterns, and in ceiling decorations almost any design can be furnished. He also keeps in stock a complete line of paints, oils, varnishes, glass, putty, etc. Also all kinds of artists' supplies such as water colors, oil colors, pigments, plaques, canvas, camel's hair brushes, etc. This gentleman is a practical decorative painter and paper hanger of twenty-two years' experience, and is prepared to take contracts for all kinds of interior decorating, paper hanging, painting, graining and frescoing. He employs from five to twenty men according to the season.

A native of this place; he was born in 1852, and is a highly esteemed resident of the municipality. He established this enterprise in 1882, and by careful attention to business he has built up a very flattering trade.

LEE BROTHERS – Grocers, 837 Potter Street. This business was established about ten years ago by John Lee, the father of the present proprietors. In 1888 he admitted to partnership with him his son John D. Lee, the firm being changed to John Lee & Son. A year later the firm reorganized under the present name, the father withdrawing and Albert A., another son taking an interest in the business. From its earliest establishment the house has maintained a high reputation for the excellence of the goods and the fair and honorable manner in which patrons are always treated. The room occupied is 20x60 feet in dimensions, and is admirable adapted to the requirements of the trade. The stock is always large and fresh, embracing a complete line of teas, coffees, spices, sugars, canned and bottled goods, cured meats, fresh, dried and evaporated fruits; in fact, all kinds of table requisite and luxuries and culinary necessities, while the large trade is increasing in volume, two assistants and a team are kept busy.

John D. Lee was born in this city. Albert A. Lee is also a native of this municipality. He learned the trade of sash-making and was previously engaged in that vocation. Both gentlemen are men of good business capabilities.

ELWOOD HANNUM – Livery, Boarding and Feed Stables, 314 Edgmont Avenue. This is a recent accession to the business enterprises here and a

successful one. It was established in the spring of the present year and the entire premises occupied are 300 x 40 feet in dimensions, the stable is 76x24 feet in dimension and contains 32 stalls. Ten head of the fine horses are kept for livery purposes and a corresponding number of vehicles. Teams are furnished to individuals and to funerals, weddings and other special occasions at reasonable prices. Specialty is made in the boarding department and horses taken to board receive the best of attention in every way. At present the stable has seven boarders. Two careful and experienced horsemen are employed.

The proprietor is a native of Delaware County and was born in 1850. He followed agricultural pursuits previous to this. He is an energetic and intelligent business man, fair and honorable in all his dealings.

F. GRAHAM – Meat Market and Produce, Cor. Second and Kerlin Streets. Established here in 1879 in a salesroom 20x30 feet in dimensions, this gentleman carries a nice line of canned goods, fruit and produce, fresh and cured meats, beef, veal, mutton, pork and lamb constantly on hand and sold, wholesale and retail. Mr. Graham does his own slaughtering and thus knows the virtue of his stock. The average capacity of his slaughter house extends to 5 head of cattle a week. To facilitate the progress of the establishment an efficient assistant is employed and an express utilized for the purpose of free delivery of orders.

The subject of this article was born in England in 1853 and in 1873 came to this country. After having done service in the capacity of a journeyman he established in business here and has since been regarded as a consistent business man of repute and a reliable merchant in all his business ventures.

S. L. JONES – Groceries and Provisions, Third and Fulton Streets. By sagacity, enterprise and judicious management this lady has secured an established trade. The store was opened a number of years ago and a little more than a year ago she assumed proprietorship. Her salesroom is 20x30 feet in dimensions and is fitted up in modern style, presenting a truly metropolitan appearance. The stock comprises a complete line of delicate and substantial food supplies, teas, coffees, spices, sugars, syrups, canned good, jellies, preserves, pickles, etc., a thoroughly good line of hams and dried beef, also butter, eggs and other fresh country produce, and specialty is made in fine family flour. A competent assistant is employed.

P. P. DERRICKSON – Boots and Shoes, 623 Edgmont Avenue. Employing from three to twelve assistants according to the season and the amount of business, this popular boot and shoe house was established in 1868 and then occupied a small store in another part of the city. It was removed here in 1872. The general salesroom here is 20x100 feet in dimensions, well lighted and equipped, while the large stock carried embraces a complete the of men's, women's and children's boots, shoes, gaiters, slippers and rubber goods of all

styles and grades. This gentleman's thorough understanding of the business enables him to guarantee perfect fits in each and every case. Specialty is made in repair work, orders in which are executed neatly and promptly.

The proprietor is a native of Chester County, but has resided in this city many years and is much esteemed by all.

THOMAS WATSON – Practical Horseshoes, 119 E. 5th Street. This gentleman was born in Ireland in 1834, and has resided in this Republic for some 40 years, having followed this branch of industry during nearly his entire business career. He is therefore thoroughly familiar with it in all details. He has been located in his present quarters since 1859 and occupies a shop 22x40 feet in dimensions, which is thoroughly equipped with all the necessary appliances and accoutrements, capable of holding 14 horses at one time and three assistants being employed.

The proprietor having made a study of this business from the two most valuable and authoritative books of experience and observation is capable of shoeing horses in the best possible manner.

FREDERIEKER – Baker, 235 Market Street. This bakery was established about six years ago by the present proprietor who occupies a salesroom 14x20 feet in dimensions and a bake shop of ample size. He manufactures the choicest varieties of family bread, cakes, pies, pastry, etc., which he keeps in full stock and offers for sale at his store and from his wagon which makes daily trips to all parts of the city and neighboring towns. In the manufacture of these goods he weekly consumes on an average eight barrels of the very best flour and never uses any objectionable or deleterious ingredients of any kind.

A native of Germany, this gentleman was born in 1859. He came to this country some 14 years ago and has been continuously and uninterruptedly engaged to this line of trade in which he is thoroughly proficient.

JONATHAN PENNELL – Lumber, Coal, Lime, Cement, Etc., 316 Edgmont Avenue. Established in 1856 this business enjoys an extensive trade. The yard occupied covers two acres of ground, it is enclosed for sheds and in every way well adapted to meet the requirements of the business. There is a spacious wharf on Chester Creek, and the stock handled comprises coal for family and manufacturing purposes, wood, rough and dressed lumber for building and fencing purposes, lime, sand, cement and fire-brick, all guaranteed to be exactly as represented.

STANDARD BEEF COMPANY – Jacob Fulmer, Prop., 527 Market Street. The gentleman whose business this article purposes to sketch is a native of Bucks County, where he was born in 1861. He has resided within the municipal limits of Chester for about four years and is a young man of intelligence enterprise and business energy, and is much esteemed in the social circles of this city. He

occupies a salesroom 20x40 feet in dimensions where he carries at all times a fall and fresh line of Chicago and other meats, beef, pork mutton, lamb, veal, poultry and game in season. The room is thoroughly equipped with all the accoutrements necessary to a successful prosecution of the business, among which may be mentioned a large refrigerator consuming two tons of ice per week. Two active and thoroughly competent assistants are employed and every effort is made to give patrons full and equitable return for value received.

The business was established a year ago by Fulmer & Mitchell, the latter withdrawing at the beginning of the present year. The place is steadily growing in public favor.

COLONNADE HOTEL – T. S. Williamson, Prop., W. 3d St., near Market Square. This popular house was built in 1974 and at once opened to the public. It is a fine three-story brick structure with all the modern improvements, including electric call bells in every room, and is lighted throughout with incandescent lights. There are also three bathrooms with hot and cold water. Centrally located in the business portion of the city the street cars pass the door for all parts of Chester, Thurlow and Upland; in fact, the “Colonnade” is not surpassed in eastern Pennsylvania for comfort and convenience. There are 40 finely furnished and comfortable sleeping apartments, and a fine parlor and dining-room are located on the second floor as well as the necessary culinary departments, the table always being supplied with the best that the market affords. On the first floor is a finely furnished bar stocked with a choice selection of foreign and American wines liquors and cigars, the office and reading room being in the rear. In the rear of the office is a large pool room containing four fine tables, and kept cool by revolving fans, as is also the office, reading room, bar and a dining room. Under the able management of the present proprietor this house has become quite popular. This gentleman is a native of Somerville, Somerset County, N. J. where he was born in 1855.

After receiving a business education he engaged in mercantile pursuits there until 1879, when he came to Chester and established himself in the grocery and coal business, successfully conducting that enterprise until 1884, when he received the appointment of Chief of Police in this city and during a period of three years in that capacity did a great deal to advance the interests and welfare of the community, after which time he took charge of the “Colonnade” and is well and favorably known throughout this section as “Chief” Williamson. He is a genial and accommodating proprietor, and spares no time or expense in making this house one of the finest in this section.

F. P. PHILLIPS – Groceries, Etc., 607 Edgmont Avenue. Prominent among the representative grocery houses here that conducted by the above named gentleman takes a leading part. It dates its inception from the fall of 1888 and

occupies a room 20 x 100 feet in dimensions, which is conveniently fitted up. The business is conducted on a strictly cash basis and this being the only purely cash grocery in this section from \$4200 to \$4,500 worth of stock is regularly carried, comprising everything properly belonging to a first class stock in this line, groceries, provisions and produce, teas, coffees, spices canned and bottled goods, jellies smoked meats, dried fruits, etc. Nine assistants are employed and three delivery wagons kept constantly running. Goods being of the very best quality and sold at rock bottom prices, the trade is in consequence very extensive and the years business will reach, at the very lowest figure, \$100,000, which, considering that this is the first year of its existence, is unprecedented and is attributable to the enterprising, judicious and prudent management on the part of the proprietor.

He is a native of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and was born in 1856. He was formerly employed as a traveling salesman for Rodgers Bros. silverware but relinquished that calling in 1886 and established a grocery store at Pottstown, which he closed out at the time of establishing here.

PHILIP F. CULLIN – Bottling Works, 204 Broad Street. One of the most industrious establishments of this kind is that of the gentleman whose name leads this article. Situated on a plot 14x40 feet in dimensions, in a three-story structure this place has the most approved machinery and appliances for the successful prosecution of a first-class bottling establishment. A specialty is made of bottling Betz's Philadelphia lager beer, porter, sarsaparilla, mineral waters, ginger ale and all kinds of soft drinks. Three assistants are employed inside and two wagons are run to supply the trade which extends over Chester, Rockdale, Media, etc.

Mr. Cullin is a gentleman well versed in his line of business and studies to meet the demands of his trade. Born in Chester in 1859 he spent eleven years of his early life at this pursuit and for the last seven years has been in business for himself winning the name of a reputable citizen and a man of conscientious principles.

CUMMINGS & GLENNEY – Clothiers, 8 W. Third Street. These gentlemen originally established their enterprise at 26 West Third Street, and a few months ago removed it to this site where they had just built a three-story structure 25x60 feet in dimensions. The first floor is devoted to the display of the stock in men's ready-made clothing, the second floor constitutes the department devoted to boys' and children's clothing, while the third floor is utilized by the manufacturing department. The building is the finest on the business thoroughfares of the city and for convenience is surpassed by none in Eastern Pennsylvania. The interior is finished in light, hard wood and being lighted throughout with arc lights, purchasers may select from their extensive stock as well by night as by day. Their goods are carefully selected from the best manufacturers of the country and the assortment and prices are such as to make a trip to the larger cities unnecessary.

The style, workmanship and perfect fit of their suits, combined with their honorable business methods, enable them to retain as customers those who deal with them once. Four assistants are regularly employed and eight extra on busy days.

The individual members of this enterprising firm are Mark H. Cummings and Eugene Glenney. The former gentleman is a native of Sussex County, N. J., and was born in 1857. He was for 11 years employed at the Eddystone print works. The latter gentleman was born in 1858 in Philadelphia and he too was formerly employed at the print works. Both gentlemen are competent and enterprising merchants.

GREAT WESTERN BEEF CO. – W. S. BURK, Treas. Cor. 4th and Market Streets. Beef as an article of food has long been recognized as one of the sustaining powers of life. To facilitate the exchange of this product to the inhabitants of Chester, the Great Western Beef Co. established fine quarters at the corner of 4th and Market Streets, on May 24th 1885. In a room 24 x 60 feet in size are marble top counters, electric fans run by motor, and another great convenience for the pleasure of the public is a refrigerator measuring 14 x 18 feet in dimensions and consumes weekly five tons of ice. The average output of this house is 12 head of cattle a week. They have all sorts of smoked and cured meats and handle also the Chicago dressed beef in quantity. To facilitate the work of this establishment seven assistants are employed and a continuous trade is transacted in beef, mutton, veal, lamb and poultry in season.

Mr. Burk is a native of this county, where he was born in 1848 and his early career has been that of an agriculturalist. This gave way to butchering and finally to the calling of a drover, until he established himself in this company as its treasurer.

HARRISON BROTHERS – Coal, Sand and Wood, Office NDA Yard: 132 W. 3d Street. Covering one acre of ground this popular yard was established about 15 years ago and in 1887 this firm succeeded F.S. Williamson in the proprietorship. Their yard is well equipped with sheds and other necessary appliances having a capacity of 2,000 tons of coal. In addition to Schuylkill and Lehigh coal for family and manufacturing purposes, the firm carries a large and superior stock of sand and all kinds of kindling wood. Six teams and eight men are constantly and regularly employed. The trade of the yard is not confined to the city, but extends for miles around.

F.W. and J.W. Harrison the individual members of this energetic firm are both natives and highly respected citizens of Chester. Their business policy reflects their food judgment. It is on a strictly cash basis and thus being saved expense and risk they are enabled to give their patrons rock bottom prices.

S. CLOUD, JR. – Boots, Shoes, Rubbers, 28 W. Third Street. This is the oldest shoe man and one of the oldest business men in Delaware County. He established himself in 1853 in the business of boots, shoes, leather and findings, he being the second man to start that business in this city. In 1867 he built the store he now occupies and the following year removed thereto and since that time he has devoted himself exclusively to the boot and shoe trade. His general salesroom is 16 x 50 feet in dimensions and contains a large and well-arranged stock embracing all kinds of leather and rubber footwear for men, women and children and these goods cannot be surpassed in excellence of quality or cheapness of price. A specialty is made in custom and repair work, three skilled hands being employed in this department.

The proprietor was born in this county in 1823. He learned his trade here and has been connected with the shoe business in some capacity ever since and is thoroughly conversant with its every detail.

NEW YORK BARGAIN HOUSE – FRANCIS B. PARKER, 26 W. Third Street. Though established but a few weeks this house is already making a lively stir in business circles and giving an impetus to trade. The stock here carried embraces a full and complete line of staple and fancy dry goods both foreign and American, notions, trimmings, men's furnishing goods, stationery, etc. The business occupies a handsomely fitted up salesroom 18x30 feet in size and is one of the finest in the city.

The proprietor is an energetic business man and an intelligent merchant. He has exclusive sale in this place of the goods of the well-known house of Chas. B. Rouss in New York City. A resident buyer for this establishment has his headquarters in that house, and is given the first choice of every bargain secured by them. It will thus be seen that this gentleman's facilities for purchasing goods at the lowest figures, coupled with the fact that the contract binds him to sell all goods strictly for cash and at a uniform low price which shall not yield more than 12 ½ per cent, profit, gives him the power and the ability to sell goods below the retail prices of other houses, which explains the large and growing trade he is accumulating. A native of Portland, Me., he was born in 1862, and previous to this had an extensive furniture establishment in Philadelphia.

JOSEPH LADOMUS – Jewelry, 320 Market Street. This is one of the oldest jewelry stores in this section of Pennsylvania, it having been established some 35 years ago by the father of the present proprietor who assumed possession some 25 years ago. The stock carried comprises a full line of watches, clocks, plated ware etc. Careful attention is given to repair work of every description including watches of finest mechanism. The leading specialty is, however, in spectacles and optical goods, this gentleman being a proficient optician. One competent assistant is employed and satisfaction is guaranteed in every case.

The proprietor is a native of this county and was born in 1828. In 1863 he enlisted in Co. A, 37th Regt. Pa. Vols., serving with honor and distinction to the close of the war. He was present at the battle of Gettysburg and contributed his full quota to the victory there gained. He learned this business with his father and is thoroughly conversant with it.

ROTHER & LUTZ – Bakery 313 Market Street. Someone has said that bread is the staff of life. This saying may have a poetical aspect yet it nevertheless is true that bread is the universal article of diet, and one of the greatest necessities of human welfare. The manufacture of bread is successfully prosecuted by this firm whose name heads this article. The salesroom of the bakery is located at 313 Market Street in a room 16 x 24 feet in dimensions and contains a fine line of fancy confectionery and cakes, buns, pies etc., and the establishment averages ten barrels of flour weekly having in their employ four assistants and to facilitate the work of the establishment a wagon is run for the delivery of its products.

H. C. Rother is a native of Baltimore, where he was born in 1850 and in that city learned the trade of baking and has since followed it here with signal success. Chas. L. Lutz was born in Germany and in his early days was apprenticed to his craft in the old country. Coming here in 1881 he finally established in this business which has since proven a convenience in this community.

CHESTER FRUIT & PRODUCE COMPANY – 2nd St. Bridge. This company is the only concern here importing fruit direct from the warmer climes. They make a specialty of bananas and all fine foreign fruits, oranges, lemons, dates, figs and nuts. Although recently established this concern bids fair to eclipse the market in fruits from the West Indies and Cuba. In connection with this a market is opened for the sale of oysters and domestic product. In the successful prosecution of this business they are eligibly located and the salesroom is 20x40 feet in dimensions, several assistants are employed and a team for the purpose of delivery.

The concern comprises J. Carlon & Co., the Company being silent. Mr. Carlon is a native of this state and was previously connected with the grocery trade for several years.

M. S. KEEL - Groceries and Provisions, 3d and Pennell Streets. In 1881 this gentleman commenced business on these premises. In a salesroom 20 x 40 feet in dimensions, is carried a superior line of groceries and provisions, teas, coffees, spices, fine family flour, canned and bottled goods, cured and potted meats, and a line of goods in this branch of trade too numerous to mention.

Born in 1841, in Montgomery County, Mr. Keel pursued the avocation of an agriculturalist, and when eighteen years of age taught a district school and eventually settled in this business which he has continued for twenty-six years.

Several assistants are employed and two wagons for the purposes of delivery. Mr. Keel is held high in the estimation of the business world.

WILLIAM DAVIS – Davis' Orchestra, Cigars, Tobacco Etc., Tenth and Edgmont Avenue. This gentleman is a native of New York City where he was born in 1846 and for many years has devoted his attention to music, performing on various instruments. This talent is well known throughout this part of the state, he being the leader and manager of a fine orchestra which have rendered their fine selections in various parts of this section. It can be engaged for parties, balls, concerts, etc., on short notice with any number of pieces.

All communications by mail to Mr. Davis will receive prompt attention. He is also prepared to give lessons on the violin, of which instrument Mr. Davis is a master. In connection with the music business he in 1876 established a cigar and tobacco store where he does a large retail trade. His stock is always complete, consisting of fine cigars, tobacco, snuff, cigarettes and smokers' articles generally. He also manufactures many of his leading brands in which he has won a wide reputation, he being a practical cigar maker of many years' experience.

PHILADELPHIA CARPET CLEANING CO. – C.H. Boozer, Mngr., 123 W. Second Street. The old-time method of hand beating has succumbed to the newer and improved methods of carpet cleaning. There are numerous devices for the renovating of textile fabrics. The machinery of this establishment is the newest approved and all the facilities for the successful prosecution of this business are seen in working order at the company's establishment. All kinds of carpets submitted will be thoroughly cleansed of dust, moths and larvae, and the necessity of such an establishment as this, from a hygienic standpoint, cannot be too highly extolled. This establishment has machinery enough to clean thousands of yards of carpet daily and the works are propelled by an eight-horse power engine.

Mr. Boozer, the manager of this company is a native of Chester, where he was born in 1840 and prior to the establishment of this business was agent for the sale of coal oils. At the call of the country to arms he enlisted in 1861 in Co H., 1st Pa. Rifles, Col. Kane's Bucktail regiment, and fought in many battles. At the battle of Fredericksburg he was unfortunately wounded. At Spottsylvania Court House he was again wounded, this time losing his arm. He spent six months at the Christian Street Hospital and after an exciting time received an honorable discharge in 1864.

J. F. STEWART – Meat Market 10th and Edgmont Avenue. Established in 1868, this enterprise originally occupied a stall in the city market, and in 1878 it was removed to 923 Edgmont Ave., and thence to the present site in 1884. The room here occupied is 20 x 30 feet in dimensions, containing marble-top counters, refrigerator and other requisites, and is always a model of cleanliness. The stock carried embraces a full line of fresh meats, home and Chicago dressed beef, veal,

pork, mutton and lamb; sausage, scrapple, poultry and game in their respective seasons. The average capacity at present is three head of large cattle per week, and a large amount of small stock.

A native of this county, he was born in 1853. He is an enterprising business man and a competent butcher, and has the assistance of his father who is a practical meat man of many years' experience.

ROSS BROTHERS - Groceries and Provisions, 537 W. 3d Street.

These gentlemen are some of Chester's enterprising business men. George Ross organized this business about three years ago. It occupies a room 30x40 feet in dimensions. Here at all times may be found a first-class stock of everything in the grocery line, canned and bottled goods, cured meats, county produce, family flour, teas, coffees, spices, table luxuries and necessities, culinary requisites etc. The stock is of a standard quality and is kept always sufficiently full to meet the most urgent demands of the many patrons at the shortest possible notice. The prices are such as place it on a level with the large metropolitan stores and everything about the establishment savors of sound business judgement. Two competent assistants are employed and two wagons kept buy delivering goods to all parts of the city.

These gentlemen are natives of Ireland, but residents of this country some years. Since July, 1889, the style of this firm was changed to Ross Bros.

THOMAS OGDEN – Manufacturer of Carpet, 822 Edgmont Avenue.

Employing two skilled assistants and keeping three looms in operation, this gentleman prosecutes an extensive business in the manufacture and sale of the best qualities of rag carpet. He makes a specialty of weaving carpets from rags furnished by customers and in such patterns as they may select either cotton or wool. In addition to his custom work he buys carpet balls, paying the highest cash price, and from the same weaves carpets for his wholesale and retail trade. His carpets can be relied upon for lengthy service. The business dates its inception from 1865, when it was established by James Ogden, father of the present proprietor. In 1871 the present proprietor took possession. The average capacity is about 300 yards per week.

A native of England; he was born in 1849, and was brought by his parents to this country in 1850. He is highly regarded as an enterprising business man, and is familiar with all the details of his business.

S. FRANK MCCALL – Grain, Flour and Feed 6th and Madison Streets.

This business was organized in 1876 and removed to its present quarters in 1878. The room occupied is 50x112 feet in dimensions, and two stories in height. A stable is located at the rear, and three horses and two wagons are kept in the business. The stock carried embraces corn, oats, rye, wheat, barley and other grains, as well as the most popular brands of family flour and mill feed; the latter comprises cracked corn, corn meal, wheat, middling's, bran, etc. The business is

both wholesale and retail, and three assistants are employed, while a flourishing trade is the result of wise and prudential management. T

This gentleman was born in this city in 1857, and previous to embarking in this line of trade he successfully followed agricultural pursuits.

SAMUEL BORDEN – Foreign and American Fruits, 122 W. Third Street. This leading fruit stand was established in 1887, and occupies a room 24 x 24 feet in dimensions. Here is carried at all times a complete line of foreign and American fruits and nuts, comprising oranges lemons, bananas, figs, dates, grapes, apricots, peaches, pears, apples, etc., and in the nut line, English and domestic walnuts, chestnuts, almonds, peanuts, hazelnuts and others. Here are also handled manila bags, and manila and straw paper. The proprietor of this popular enterprise is a native of New Jersey, and was born in 1827. At former periods of his life he followed farming and school teaching, and was successful in both callings. Home Dressed Meat Market – Benjamin Cass, Prop. 11th and Edgmont Ave. Opened in the autumn of 1885, this market has acquired a large and desirable trade. The room occupied is 18x24 feet in dimensions, and is a pattern of cleanliness. It is fitted up with all the usual accoutrements of a first-class meat market, including a large refrigerator. At present he slaughters and sells an average of six head of large cattle per week, in addition to considerable smaller stock.

The proprietor is a native of Cecil County, Md., and was born in 1859. He learned his trade there and has assiduously followed it since. He has one assistant.

CHARLES V. DEHART – Moldings and Picture Frames, 531 Market Street. This gentleman is a native of New Brunswick, N.J., and was born in 1858, and established this enterprise in the early part of the current year. He carries here in a room 15x45 feet in dimensions, a full and varied assortment of moldings and picture frames, bronze, gilt, antique oak, walnut, etc. He also keeps a line of pictures, chromos, paintings, engravings and etchings.

He is a practical and proficient crayon artist, and devotes himself very largely to the execution of crayon portraits, both for his regular trade and also to order from old and faded photographs or daguerreotypes. He employs one assistant in the store and has a man on the road selling his portraits and securing orders for this class of customer; enjoying an extensive reputation and a lucrative trade.

MRS. J. DOUGHERTY – Stationery, Toys, Etc., 22 W. 3d Street. This business was originally established some years ago by the son of the present proprietor in connection with his music business, but he removing that to another building left this department to the care and management of his mother. The room occupied is 12 x 24 feet in size, conveniently and tastefully arranged to meet the necessities of a flourishing trade. The stock carried comprises a full line of plain

and fancy stationery, blank books, school books, slates, pencils, crayons, and in fact everything in the line of stationery and school supplies. She also carries a line of children's toys and games, as well as small musical instruments and sheet music.

A native of Philadelphia, this lady has resided here for some years.

FRANK E. E. HUDSON – Prescription Druggist, 3d and Howell Streets. This business was established by J. W. Marley some thirteen years ago, and in 1886 the present proprietor succeeded in its management. Situated in a room 24x18 feet in dimensions, the first object that meets the gaze of the visitor is a fine soda fountain whose delicious beverage finds its way to the parched palate of thirsty pedestrians. Here is seen also a splendid stock of goods appertaining to this branch of trade. Pure drugs and chemicals, toilet articles, soap, sponges, brushes, patent medicines and druggists' sundries generally. Special attention is given to the filling of physicians' prescriptions, this department being under the personal supervision of the proprietor himself; a registered pharmacist, an efficient assistant, Mr. Wm. O. Alexander, being engaged in this department.

Mr. Hudson was born in 1861, and is a native of Cecil County, Md. He established himself here after spending some ten years at various times at this profession, and is a painstaking chemist.

F. C. GODWIN – Groceries, Etc., 1007 Edgmont Avenue. Established fourteen years ago by Richard Turner; this business came under the management of its present competent proprietor on July 18th, of the present year. The room occupied is 14x20 feet in dimensions, and contains a full and complete stock of choice family groceries and provisions, teas, coffees, spices, sugars, syrups, cured meats, canned and bottled goods, dried fruits and green truck in season. All the most popular brands of family flour are kept constantly hand.

This gentleman is a native of Accomack County, Va., where he was born in 1863. His business motto is "the best goods for the lowest living prices." Hence the popularity of his store.

D. G. HENDRICKS – Carpets and Oil Cloths, 31 W. 3d Street. This gentleman was born in Montgomery County in 1844, coming to this city in 1867 he entered the employ of the carpet firm of Hickson & Smedley with which firm he remained thirteen years, and commenced business at this stand in 1880. The salesroom is 20 x 80 feet in dimensions and here at all times may be seen a large and superior stock of carpets, rugs, and oil cloths of all styles, grades and patterns. An extensive business is transacted in moquettes, wiltons and Axminsters.

This gentleman saw some service in the late war, he having enlisted in 1863 in the 34th regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers, receiving an honorable discharge at the expiration of three months. He is a thorough-going business man, employing four assistants.

ROBERT LINDSAY – Boots, Shoes and Trunks, 403 and 405 W. Third Street. One of the most important shoe stores in this section is that of Robert Lindsay, who was established here in 1874, in a salesroom and shop 24 x 80 feet in dimensions, the shop being in the rear, and employing three competent assistants making custom work. All kinds of boots, shoes rubbers trunks, valises, etc., are sold wholesale and retail, and a very large stock of these goods is carried; a supply of leather and shoe findings as well, a wagon being utilized for the purpose of delivery.

The subject of this article was born in 1849, and is a native or Ireland, but a resident of this country for eighteen years. In early life he learned the trade and is a practical shoemaker and qualified to pursue this line of trade.

ALBERT GERSTLEY – Dry Goods, Notions and Trimmings, 402 Market Street. This business was established in 1877, and occupies two communicating rooms, the front one having dimensions of 20 x 50 feet while the rear room is 18 x 32 feet, with an entrance on 4th Street, the stock carried embracing a superior line of fine dry goods, notions, etc. Also, a varied and fashionable assortment of men's furnishing goods, shirts, collars, cuffs, underwear, hosiery and neckwear. A complete line of ladies' furnishing goods, such as white goods, underwear, hosiery, gloves handkerchiefs, fans, parasols, trimmings, etc. Six assistants are kept busy and a large trade is transacted.

The proprietor was born in Philadelphia in 1849, and was formerly successfully engaged in the same line of trade in that city.

D. H. MCDEVITT – Cigars and Tobacco, 1309 Edgmont Avenue. One of the leading houses in its line is that conducted by the gentleman whose name heads this article, at 1309 Edgmont Avenue in a room 18x24 feet where he carries a complete line of cigars, tobacco, snuff, cigarettes and smokers' supplies in general. Since 1879 this store has been a popular one, at which time it was opened by Mr. Frigar who was succeeded by the present proprietor in January of the present year.

Mr. McDevitt is a native and life-long resident of this place, was born in 1866 and is well and favorably know throughout the city.

S. & E. BRANDEIS – Clothing, Hats, Gent's Furnishings, etc., 300 and 400 Market Street. Situated in a prominent portion of the town and through liberal business management, this young firm has risen to be one of importance. The salesroom of the 3d Street house is 40 x 40 feet in dimensions, that of the 4th Street 40x20 and each contains a very large stock of ready-made clothing for men's youth's boys' and children's wear. Hats, caps, and a fine line of gent's furnishing goods of every description may be found in stock. In the successful prosecution of this business four assistants are employed. The individual members of this firm are S. and E. Brandeis, both young and enterprising men of business and experience in this line.

The senior member is a native of Chester where he was born in 1863 and prior to the founding of this store has had a thorough training in this business. His brother and fellow copartner is also a native of this place and was born in 1865, having passed through much the same experience in this line and is thoroughly conversant with its every detail.

J. E. CARDWELL – Furniture, Bedding, Carpets, Etc., 710 Edgmont Avenue. This representative house, which dates its inception from 1880, occupies the three entire floors and basement of a thoroughly appointed building 25x150 feet in size. The stock is one of the most complete to be found and includes common and medium grades of household and cabinet furniture of every description. Specialty is however made in the fine grades of upholstered goods, parlor, bedroom and dining room suites, spring beds, mattresses, bedding, carpets, window shades and other household comforts and luxuries are also carried. The different floors are connected by means of an elevator. Five assistants are employed and two teams are kept in constant use. The trade enjoyed is large and constantly on the increase.

The proprietor is a native and lifelong resident of this place and one of its prominent citizens.

T. H. THOMPSON – Flour and Feed, N. W. Cor. Third and Pennell Road. Originally located at 1226 W. 3d Street, three years later, in 1886 this business was removed to its present location in a building 20x60 feet in dimensions and two stories in height, having all the facilities, feed bins, elevator, etc. There is carried a superior class of mill feed, cracked corn, oats, bran, cut hay, etc., baled and bundled hay and straw and all the leading brands of bakers' and family flour by the barrel, hundred weight, bag or pound, two assistants being employed and two wagons for hauling purposes.

Mr. Thompson is a native of New Jersey and for 13 years prior to the establishment of this business pursued the avocation of a grocer in this place. Since his establishment in business here he had won the esteem and respect of the community.

WALTER CALHOUN – Merchant Tailor, 309 W. 3d Street. This gentleman has been engaged in this line of industry here for about 12 years. He occupies a splendid business room 16x30 feet in dimensions, supplied with a full and desirable line of piece goods. Good material, fits and workmanship are characteristic features of his productions while prices are always fair and reasonable and eight assistants are employed. Careful attention is also given to repairing. The proprietor is a native of Scotland and was born in 1860.

He learned his trade in the old country and is a practical cutter and personally attends to that department. He is esteemed in social and business circles.

N. W. GARVINE – Cigars, Tobacco, Shoemaker and Alderman, 227 Kerlin Street. Since 1876 this gentleman has conducted the cigar and tobacco business in this vicinity where he has enjoyed a lucrative trade. He also has won a wide reputation as a fine shoemaker while his custom work is popular for both workmanship and material as well as repair work of all kinds which is neatly and promptly done. Mr. Garvine is a native of Chester County, Pa., where he was born in 1849. In early life he followed agricultural pursuits, and after receiving his education he followed clerking in a boot and shoe house where he learned his trade.

He is a man of sound business principles and is highly respected as a citizen, as is evidenced by the fact that in 1886 he was elected Alderman, which office he has filled with marked success and ability.

WILLIAM ROSENSTOCK – Tonsorial Artist 227 ½ W. Third Street. Although established but a few months ago this well managed tonsorial room is gaining the favor of the public as the proprietor is a first-class tonsorial artist. The dimensions of the room are 16x18 feet; and contains two upholstered chairs, etc. For the accommodation of the patrons a line of cigars and tobacco are kept on hand; also cosmetics, etc.

This gentleman is a native of Philadelphia and was born in 1853. In earlier life he assisted his father in the photographic art, but has been engaged in this present avocation for some eighteen years.

R. PACKER - Storage Batteries, Electric Light Burglar Alarms, Etc., 241 Market Street. This gentleman is a native of Stark County, O., and was born in 1842. During the war of the rebellion he served three years and three months in Co. H. of the 8th Ohio Vols. and was wounded at the battles of Winchester, Wilderness and Harrison's landing, and received an honorable discharge in 1864. A practical electrician of 13 years' experience, he is patentee and manufacturer of storage batteries and electric light burglar alarms. He also deals extensively in electric light appliances, Sand's automatic fans, electric motors, bells and burglar alarms, being prepared to properly execute on reasonable terms, contracts for fitting up residences, offices and manufacturing establishments with all sorts of electrical appliances, including gas lighting by electricity.

His establishment is fitted up in first-class style, containing a 2,000 candle power dynamo propelled by a 10 horse power engine and furnishing eight arc lights, the only place in the city so equipped. He also represents the LaRoche Electric Works, manufacturer of dynamos and motors, 119 N. 6th Street, Philadelphia, and supplies their goods at the regular prices.

GEORGE R. BENTLEY – Hats, Caps and Furnishings, 810 Edgmont Ave. This fine store dates its inception back only a few months. The stock is entirely new and comprises all the latest and best approved styles of hats and caps for the

wear of men, youths and boys. A prominent feature is made in fine silk hats, and in their respective season's specialty is made in fur and straw goods. Here is also carried a full line of the most popular styles of men's furnishing goods of every description, and a reliable line of working clothes and overalls.

The proprietor of this thriving store is a native of Maryland, but has resided in this county since four years of age. He was born in 1857. The salesroom is 18x36 feet in size, and the business is under the capable management of his wife, he being otherwise employed during the day.

CHESTER AUCTION HOUSE – S. M. Challenger, Proprietor, 4th and Market Streets. Although established as recently as 1888, this business has grown to gigantic proportions. The auction room is an ample one, measuring 24 x 60 feet in dimension; the building is a three story one and the upper floors are heavily laden with a superfluous stock of every conceivable matter, furniture, china, stoves, queens ware, carpets, bric-a-brac, watches, jewelry, toys, cutlery, all sorts of articles of wear and everything that a first-class establishment of this kind may carry. Sales are held regularly every week and an efficient auctioneer, Mr. J. D. Howard, is qualified to accommodate the patrons of the establishment with anything on sale, and to facilitate the work wagons are employed to distribute to purchasers.

Mr. Challenger is a native of England, and has long been identified with the auctioneering business and is prepared to receive and fulfill any engagement required in his line.

T. D. KINDER – Produce Commission Merchant, 39 W. 4th St., Corner of Edgmont Avenue. This business dates its inception from 1875, and occupies a room 18 x 25 feet in dimensions. A very heavy and extensive produce commission business; green and dried fruits, vegetables, berries, eggs, poultry, butter and produce of all kinds being dealt in. One assistant is employed and a team kept for purposes of hauling and delivery.

The proprietor is native of the State of Delaware where he was born in 1831. Previous to establishing this enterprise he was assiduously engaged in agricultural pursuits, and is a business man of push, enterprise and determination, honorable in all his transactions.

A. WUNDERLICH – Cigars and Tobacco, 305 Market Street. Among the many enterprises devoted to the sale of tobacco is the popular establishment of Mr. Albert Wunderlich, No. 305 Market St., Chester, Pa. It could well be called the "Market Square Cigar Store," as it is but a few steps from the old-fashioned square. This store opened under his management in the summer of 1886, from which time it has won for itself a wide reputation for the quality of stock carried, and his manner of doing business. It is a typical modern store for the sale of all requisites in the tobacco trade. You will not find there features that are

characteristic of the old time cigar shop. Progressiveness is the motto written there. Mr. Albert Wunderlich is a native of this city and was born in 1863, and after completing his education was employed by the Penna. R. R. Co., and is not one of the stenographic clerks at 233 S. 4th St., Phila.

Mr. George Wunderlich, his father, a retired butcher, and by the way one of Chester's oldest residents, gives the business his attention during his son's absence. Mr. Wunderlich is but twenty-six years of age, and shows points that characterize a thorough business man. He has already been in the field for councilman honors, which denotes that he is a public spirited citizen.

HOWARTH & BROTHER – Druggists, 516 Market Street. This store has been in successful operation for twenty years. It was originally established by Robert Howarth, the head of the present firm, who is a native of England and was born in 1845. He has been in this country since boyhood. He dates his experience in the drug business from sixteen years of age. His brother and business associate, W. G. Howarth, is a practical pharmacist of twenty-five years' experience.

He too was born in England in 1843; like his brother he came to America during childhood. The store is 20x50 feet in dimensions. The stock of the store includes everything belonging to a first-class apothecary store, fresh and pure drugs and chemicals, patent and proprietary remedies, toilet articles, perfumery, etc.

Physician's prescriptions and family recipes receive prompt and careful attention at all hours of the day or night. A full stock of paints, oils, varnishes, brushes, etc., is also kept on hands. These gentlemen are not only proficient apothecaries, but they are also enterprising and public spirited citizens.

ALFRED WHITEHEAD – Boots, Shoes, Trunks and Valises, 530 Market Street. This business was originally established some eight years ago and in November, 1888, the present proprietor succeeded C. L. Peirs. The room occupied is 18x36 feet in dimensions, centrally located and contains a large and complete stock of boots, shoes, slippers and rubber goods for men's women's and children's wear; also, a large line of trunks, valises and shawl straps of every description. Mr. Whitehead employs a competent shoemaker and is prepared to do all kinds of custom and repair work on short notice, guaranteeing both workmanship and material. This gentleman keeps a fine line of the best boots and shoes procurable, which he offers at most reasonable prices.

He is a native of England, and was born in 1841, coming to America in 1870. He is a machinist by trade, and previous to assuming control of this business he followed that avocation.

JOHN BROOKS – Harness maker, 315 Market Street. The oldest business man here in business at the present time is Mr. Brooks. This gentleman established here in 1842 and occupies a salesroom 18x24 feet in size, containing a nice line of

heavy and light harness, whips, robes, harness oils, fixings and horse clothing of every description. In the workshop in the rear there is one assistant employed and Mr. Brooks, through a long and familiar acquaintance with the trade and with the proper facilities is enabled to do all kinds of new and repair work with neatness and dispatch.

The subject of this article was born in 1823 in Darby, and for many years has followed this useful avocation. Although being the oldest living merchant in business at the present time he is still actively engaged in his pursuit and is known throughout the community as an earnest, spirited citizen and a gentleman whose business methods are honorable.

FULTON HALL MEAT MARKET – T. F. BATTIN, Prop., 901 Upland Street. This young man is making himself a reputation in commercial circles. He is a native of this city and was born in 1864. The whole of his business career has been devoted to the butchering business. This house is conducted on consistent business principles and was originally established in 1872 by H. L. Battin who withdrew at the beginning of this year when the present proprietor succeeded in its management. A room 22 x 28 feet in size and occupied in the transaction of this business. The stock of meats embraces a general line of home-dressed beef, veal, mutton, lamb, pork, etc., game and poultry in season. Three assistants aid in the prosecution of the work and a large refrigerator, consuming three tons of ice per week is used for the preservation of meats during warm weather, while the market is thoroughly equipped.

JOHN WALKER – Groceries, Etc., 15th and Walnut Streets. The salesroom occupied at this place is 18x26 feet in dimensions and contains a large and excellent stock of family groceries, teas, coffees, spices, sugars, syrups, canned and bottled goods, cured meats, dried fruits and grocers' miscellany generally.

A prominent feature is made of green truck, fresh fruits, and berries in season and a desirable line of pure confectionery and also cigars and tobacco are kept in stock at all times.

The proprietor is a native of Pennsylvania.

JACOB B. STEWART – Fish, Oysters and Restaurant, Edgmont Avenue. Eligible located and occupying a neat and well-kept room 20x40 feet in dimensions this establishment receives a large patronage. The place dates its inception from 1881 and over a fine bar the proprietor and his two assistants serve fresh fish, oysters, clams and crabs at all hours in every style. Families and parties will be supplied at short notice on reasonable terms.

This gentleman is a native of this country and was born in 1832.

A. J. MILLER – Wholesale Commission Merchant, West End of Farmers' Market, 126 W. 2nd Street. This gentleman has been conducting a wholesale commission business at the above location for six years past. He occupies a room

18 x 30 feet in dimensions where he carries a general line of products of every description, butter, eggs, fruits, berries, vegetables, etc. Possessing peculiar facilities for procuring his supplies he is able to offer special inducements to the trade, one delivery wagon being constantly employed.

Two competent assistants aid in the prosecution of the business, and the trade here centered is large and on the increase.

JOHN HARKIN – Boots and Shoes, 703 Welsh Street. This business dates its inception from the fall of 1873 and occupies a room 18x24 feet in dimensions. Here at all times may be seen a most excellent stock of boots, shoes, gaiters, slippers and foot wear of all kinds and in all grades and styles for men, women and children. Specialty is made in fine custom work and an immense trade is had in the same among some of Chester's best known citizens. Repair work of all kinds receives prompt and careful attention at all times, one assistant being employed.

The proprietor is a native of Ireland and was born in 1842, coming to this country in 1869. He learned the trade with his father in the old country and has actively followed it here.

JOHN P. DOUGHERTY – Music Dealer, 30 W. 3d Street. This business was started in 1878. It occupies a room 20x50 feet in dimensions, where at all times may be seen a full and complete line of all the latest and most popular sheet music, aggregating 18,000 different pieces. Here is also carried a full line of band and orchestra instruments of every description; also, music for the same. Small musical instruments of all kinds are included in the stock.

This gentleman was born in this city and has resided here all his life. He was formerly engaged in the printing business and is very popular here.

MRS. EDWARD CROWTHAR – General Merchandise, 232 14th Street. This is one of the oldest general mercantile stands in this section. The salesroom is 18x30 feet in dimensions, and contains a large and valuable stock of dry goods from foreign and American looms, dress fabrics, linings, domestics, etc. In the grocery department will be found a desirable line of delicate and substantial food supplies, canned and bottled goods, spices, sugars, syrups and grocer's sundries generally. Notions and pure confectionery are also kept in stock.

The proprietor is a native of Delaware County, and had occupied this store for twenty-one years. She started here with \$15, and by careful attention to business and economic management, has built up a good trade and now owns her house and store, both of which have an attractive appearance.

A. M. WILLIAMS – Notions and Trimmings, 424 W. 3d Street. This progressive house has been in active and successful operation since 1864, and occupies a salesroom of ample dimensions, which is conveniently adapted to the requirements of the trade. The stock here carried comprises a well selected and thoroughly reliable line of notions, trimmings, spool cotton and sewing silk, linen

thread, buttons, hooks and eyes, pins, needles, ribbons, laces, etc. Especial attention is also given to plain dressmaking in all its branches and also to the making of ladies' clothing of all kinds.

The proprietress is a native of Burlington, N.J., where she was born in 1879. She is enterprising and energetic notwithstanding her advance age, is highly esteemed by all and enjoys a desirable trade. Several assistants are employed.

ROBERT CHADWICK – Wagon-Smith and Horse-Shoer, Corner of Third and Fulton Streets. This gentleman who is a practical wagon-maker of life-long experience, began business on the corner of 3d and Fulton Streets. Twenty-three years ago. He now enjoys facilities for manufacturing to order any description or style of wagons and carts, and makes a specialty of cotton trucks, platform grocery wagons, etc. The building occupied is 24x115 feet in dimensions, and two stories high. Seven assistants are employed, and the work turned out never fails to give satisfaction.

The proprietor is a native of England, and was born in 1833, but has been in this country for about forty-five years. He enlisted 1862 in Co. I, 114th Collis's Zouaves, and served three years to the close of the war in the Army of the Potomac, receiving an honorable discharge in 1865. He has served four terms in the Legislature of this State, and two terms in the municipal council of this city, and now represents the Legislature on the Board of Trustees of the Soldier's Home. In all these capacities he has shown himself to be a capable and judicious official, and is a candidate for the Chester P.O., and as he is eminently fitted to hold that position will most likely receive the appointment.

W. W. MCNUTT – Livery, Sale and Boarding Stables, 116 E. Fifth Street. These stables date their inception many years back, the present proprietor succeeding Harry Donaldson in March, 1889. The premises occupied comprise a two-story brick structure 35x80 feet in dimensions and handsomely fitted up. Nineteen head of fine spirited horses and 20 vehicles, including stylish carriages and barouches and heavy wagons for hauling are kept in condition to hire on reasonable terms at short notice.

The gentleman is an extensive dealer in and a thorough judge of horseflesh and conducts a sale at his stable at frequent intervals. He also has accommodation and facilities for boarding horses, and stock thus entrusted to his care receives the most careful attention. A specialty is made in supplying funerals, weddings, and other special occasions with teams accompanied by cautious drivers. A native of Chester County, he was born in 1839.

JOHN A. DIXSON – Restaurant, 303 Market Square. A native of Camden County, N.J., where he was born in 1830 this gentleman formerly followed the lumber business and was in the employ of Morton & Black, here, nearly 18 years. He established this popular restaurant in 1879. Here at all times may be had in any

and every style oysters, clams and crabs the year around, specialty however, being made in soft shell and deviled crabs. He also keeps a fine line of fresh home-made pies and serves at all hours of the day cold lunches at reasonable prices.

One competent assistant is employed and the proprietor is a man of recognized ability in this line. Since removing here in 1860 he has won a large number of friends.

JAMES TRAINER – Boots and Shoes, 34 W. Third Street. This important house was established in 1874. The room occupied is 18 x 40 feet in dimensions and well fitted up. The stock here carried comprises a full and complete line of boots, shoes, gaiters, slippers, and rubber goods. A large portion of the stock is of the proprietor's own manufacture. A leading specialty is made in custom and repair work in all their branches, orders in which are executed with the greatest dexterity and skill. From three to five shoemakers are employed and he is prepared to guarantee all goods and work of his own manufacture in both workmanship, fit, and material.

MRS. G. SMITH – Dry Goods and Notions, 621 W. 3d Street. The establishment of this business dates its inception from 1869, and was originally started as a confectionery and toy house. This business was continued until 1877, when the stock was closed out and the business changed to dry goods, etc. Situated in a salesroom 24 x 14 feet in dimensions, is carried a fine stock of dry goods, cloths, cassimere's, calicoes, gingham, muslins, linens, laces, plain, striped and figured goods of every description, notions and trimmings.

To successfully prosecute this business, an efficient assistant is employed and every means is acquired to secure the demands of the trade. Since her establishment in this business this lady has grown to be a business woman of repute, and her standing in business circles is without a flaw.

H. DEAL – Meat and Provisions, 15th and Walnut Streets. This gentleman occupies a well-equipped salesroom. He established the business in 1884 and four years later removed it to the present location. His stock comprises all kinds of fresh fish, oysters and clams in their respective seasons. He also carried during the winter season a complete line of fresh meats of his own slaughtering and at all times a full supply of canned and bottled goods, preserves, etc. Specialty is made in the summer season of green truck and fresh fruits and berries.

This gentleman is a native of Philadelphia and was born in 1849. He was successfully engaged in business in West Philadelphia previous to starting here.

B. F. STOUT – Tonsorial Artist, 506 W. 3d Street. The luxury of a clean, easy shave with all its accompaniments, a neat haircut or a refreshing shampoo may be enjoyed at this model tonsorial establishment. A neatly fitted up room 15x30 feet in dimensions is occupied with two chairs and special attention is given to all branches of the art. This gentleman is a careful and experienced artist and

employs a competent assistant. He was born in Philadelphia in 1850, learned his trade there and has followed it actively since. His place is very popular.

M. MYERS – Clothing and Gent's Furnishing Goods, 509 Market Street. This popular clothing store was established here some six years ago and recently has removed its quarters to an elegant newly fitted up salesroom 20x40 feet in dimensions. The stock carried is a fine line of ready-made clothing for men's youths', boys' and children's wear, gent's furnishing goods, shirts, ties, underwear, etc. In the prosecution of this business there are four assistants employed with a ready compatibility in furnishing anything in their line to the requirements of the trade. The contemplation of this house is to secure a larger establishment for the fulfillment of an extensive and steadily increasing trade. The subject of this sketch is a native of New Jersey and is wide and favorably known throughout this section.

AUBREY HOTEL – John P. Rolph, Prop., Cor. 3d and Howell Streets. This popular house was established by J. W. Rawcliffe in 1876 and came into possession of the present proprietor in 1888. It is a three story brick structure pleasantly located one square from the Lamokin depot of the P., W. & B. R. R., and there are 14 comfortably furnished sleeping apartments. The dining room and culinary departments are located on the first floor, as well as the bar which is finely fitted up, and always contains a complete line of foreign and American wines, spirituous and malt liquors and fine cigars.

Mr. Rolph is a native of Maryland, where he was born in 1852, having had years of experience in the hotel business.

SARAH SMYTH – Millinery and Dressmaker, 307 W. Third Street. This enterprising lady is a native of Ireland but came to Philadelphia some 15 years ago and after practicing this business there in 1881 removed to this city. Her salesroom is neat and commodious and she carries a superior line of French and American millinery both trimmed and untrimmed. She also carries a full line of millinery trimmings, flowers, feathers and ribbons, and is prepared to bleach, press and re-trim old hats and bonnets in such a manner as to make them appear new and fully in keeping with the newer fashions. She is prepared to execute both plain and fancy dressmaking and gives careful attention to making ladies' dresses and numbers among her patrons some of the most fashionable ladies of this place. She employs three assistants and executes all orders with the greatest dispatch as well as skill.

V. ANDERSON – Notions, Trimmings, Etc., 107 W. 3d Street. This lady is a native of Norfolk, Virginia, but has resided here for many years. Previous to establishing this business in 1887, she was actively engaged in following the vocation of a teacher, and is a highly intelligent lady of rare literary attainments. The room occupied by her present flourishing enterprise is 22 x 30 feet in dimensions, neatly and tastefully arranged and contains a large and varied

assortment of notions, trimmings, linings, spool cotton and silks, in all colors and numbers, Saxony wools; floss silk ribbons, stamped goods, bric-a-brac, perfumery, toilet soaps, children's toys and games, etc. These goods are all of first-class quality and are offered at prices which commend themselves.

ISAAC SHOWELL – Restaurant, 504 W 3d Street. At this establishment may be found a great variety of sandwiches, pies, cakes, fruits, fine confectionery, etc. A line of cigars and tobacco is always kept on hand. Here may also be had hot meals at all hours of the day. This popular resort was opened in 1886. The dimensions of the room are 16x36 feet, and it is always kept clean and neat. The proprietor is a native of Maryland, where he was born in 1860. Previous to establishing this business he was employed as a clerk in a restaurant, where he became thoroughly acquainted with the business and is enabled to manage his establishment with detailed intelligence.

In 1882, Mr. Showell was the victim of an unfortunate accident in Jackson's pyrotechnic works. He was the only survivor of four victims. Being thus disabled, he found in this a congenial business.

THOMAS L. BRIGGS – Gunsmith, Fishing and Sporting Goods, 151 W. 3D Street. To successfully prosecute of a business of this kind a proprietor requires to be a practical gun maker; such is the gentleman whose name heads this article. In a salesroom 14x30 feet in dimensions, is contained a very large stock of everything in the sporting line, fishing tackle, hardware of all kinds, firearms, dumbbells, quoits, bats, balls, nets, and all articles of this character too numerous to mention. There is also kept in stock all kinds of dog medicines, soap, etc. The shop is in the rear and fitted up with all the facilities to prosecute this work.

Mr. Briggs is a native of Norristown where he was born in 1857. He is a gun-maker of thirteen years' experience and hence qualified in the pursuit of his avocation, and able to furnish his patrons with the best quality of goods.

JAMES STRAHAN JR. – Boots and Shoes, Broad and Upland Streets. This gentleman was born in Scotland in 1850, and came to America in 1871 locating at this place. He is a practical shoe-maker of about 22 years' experience, and has been established in his present quarters for about ten years. He occupies a nicely fitted up store, and the stock includes a full and attractive line of boots, shoes, gaiters, slippers, rubber goods, and in fact foot wear of every description and grade, specialty however being made in the late popular styles of fine goods. Due attention is given to custom and repair work, and two assistants are employed. This gentleman's business policy is sound, liberal and practical.

T. A. LAYMAN – Horseshoer and wheelwright, 2D St. Bridge. This gentleman by the application of scientific principles is able to shoe a horse in such a manner as to prevent interfering, and cure quarter cracks and contracted feet as well as other irregularities. In connection with his horseshoeing he carries on a

general wheelwright business, doing all kinds of job and repair work, satisfaction in all cases being guaranteed. The shop is 24x40 feet in dimensions, and equipped with all the necessary appliances. The business was established here in 1887, and one assistant is employed.

This gentleman is a native of Delaware, where he was born in 1848. He learned his trade in his native state; has followed it ever since and is much esteemed here.

MRS. L. STROUSE – Millinery, 539 West Third Street. Situated in a salesroom 18 x 28 feet in dimensions is contained a full line of hats and bonnets for ladies' wear, ribbons, flowers, feathers and everything appertaining to this branch of trade. Hats are dyed and pressed into any of the leading fashions and a specialty is made of trimmings. This department is under the personal supervision of the proprietress, assisted by her daughter, and adept in this artistic profession and a young lady of genial disposition.

Mrs. Strouse was born 1829 and is a native of Germany but a resident of this country almost 40 years. Prior to the establishment of this house Mrs. Strouse assisted her husband, now deceased, in the clothing business in Shamokin and other places up the state, staying at Philadelphia some time and then settling in Chester. She is a person of fine taste and ideality.

JOHN HARKINS – Cigars and Tobacco, 628 W. 3D Street. In reviewing the business of this county we find Mr. Harkins one of the leaders in the retail trade. He is comfortably quartered in a room 12 x 36 feet in dimensions at No. 628 W. 3d St., where he carries a complete line of imported and domestic cigars, all the leading brands of smoking and chewing tobaccos, cigarettes, snuffs, and smoker's articles generally.

He is a native of this county and was born in 1856. After receiving his education and learning the trade of cigar making he established his business, and since 1879 has been successfully conducting it. Mr. Harkins manufactures many of his own goods and is therefore safe in guaranteeing the material used.

MRS. E. J. HISS – Groceries, 3D St., Near Parker. Among those enjoying a thriving trade will be found the above named lady. She occupies a nicely fitted up salesroom 14 x 18 feet in dimensions where at all times she carries a choice line of family groceries, embracing all sorts of delicate and substantial table supplies and culinary requisites. The business dates its inception from 1887,

The proprietress is a native of New Castle County, Del., where she was born in 1822. She has had an extensive experience in the grocery business and knows it thoroughly.

ROBERT JOHNSON – Cigars and Tobacco, 539 Market Street. This business was established by Mr. Huen and in 1877 Mr. Johnson took possession and carries on the business, trading in cigars, tobacco, snuff and smoker's articles

generally. The salesroom of this establishment is 12 x 14 feet in dimensions, and the stock is tastefully arranged and attractive.

Mr. Johnson was born in New Hampshire in 1838, and in his early life was apprenticed to the trade of edge tool making, which craft he pursued until his establishment in this business.

DYER & CLYDE – Dealers in Wines and Liquors, 423 Market Street. One of the most noted establishments in this line is that of Dyer & Clyde. This business was established years ago, but in 1888 the present firm succeeded to its management. In a salesroom 24x40 feet in dimensions is contained a superior line of old and new wines and liquors for family and medicinal purposes. A specialty is made of the products of Gibson's, Mount Vernon, Dougherty's and Hannisville distilleries. A fine trade only is done by this firm who are reliable in all their business transactions and thoroughly appreciated.

L. SAPOVITS – Clothing, Jewelry, Etc., 123 W. 3D Street. The salesroom of this gentleman is 14x20 feet in dimensions, tastefully arranged and lighted by incandescent electric lights. The stock comprises a line of ready-made clothing of all grades for men, youths and boys; also jewelry, watches, plated ware and small musical instruments such as accordions, music boxes, mouth organs, fifes, flutes, etc. Two assistants are employed; goods represented in accordance with facts, and satisfaction in all cases guaranteed.

The proprietor is a native of Moscow, Russia; he came here in 1880, and until establishing this business some two years ago, he followed the vocation of a watchmaker, in which he is proficient and still repairs watches and jewelry of all kinds.

EDDYSTONE BOARDING HOUSE – Eddystone, **CHARLES STEWART**, Supt. Established a little more than a year ago, this establishment has, under the efficient management of the above named gentleman and his capable wife, proven a success. Meals are served at all hours of the day and there are well kept, comfortable sleeping apartments, sufficient to accommodate 45 permanent boarders, who are taken at the rate of 15 cents per meal, single meals being served at the rate of 25 cents each. The table is set with the best of food, well cooked and served. The proprietor is a native of Ireland and has resided in America for about 20 years.

E. T. CHAPMAN – Tonsorial Artist, 147 W. 3D Street. To facilitate the convenience of this neighborhood, the shop of Mr. Chapman is eligibly located on West 3d St., in a room 12x18 feet in dimensions, and contains two chairs and all the appliances of a first class tonsorial establishment. The subject of this article was born in 1847, and is a native of Maine. In 1863 he enlisted in Co. 1, 1st Main Cavalry, and fought in many battles, receiving a wound in the battle of Sheridan's

raid at Richmond. He was removed to the hospital at Hampton Roads, lying there four months.

Mr. Chapman is a gentleman of much intelligence and logically discourses on questions of political economy, state and individual rights, theology, etc., and those fortunate enough to know this gentleman are delighted by him.

BEALE HOUSE – WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS, Propr., 6th and Edgmont Avenue. This house was built about the time the P. W. & B. R. R. was constructed through this city, and was used as a private residence until 13 years ago, when it was remodeled, some additions made, and it was opened as a hotel, and since 1885, it has been successfully conducted by Mr. Williams, who has made it quite popular, he having made extensive improvements. Revolving fans, propelled by an electric motor, have been introduced, and he conducts a fine restaurant during the fall and winter months, in which lunches will be served as well as oysters in season, at all hours, making it convenient for parties not arriving in the city at meal times. The bar is also a notable feature, it being fitted up in the best style, with large mirrors, and many other attractive decorations. This is a three story brick structure almost opposite the P. W. & B. R. R. station, pleasantly located on a small elevation of ground. There are large stables attached for the accommodation of guest's teams.

Mr. Williams is a genial proprietor, and spares no time or expense in making his house home like, and was born in this county in 1848; having had 10 years' experience in the hostel business, he is fully conversant with it in every detail.

JOHN TEMPLE – Confectionery and Ice Cream, 813 Potter Street. This business dates its inception back about three years and occupies a well-equipped room 16x20 feet in dimensions. Here at all times may be found a varied assortment of fine confectionery, fruit, etc. Among the many toothsome morsels here kept which are attractive and pleasant to the taste may be mentioned chocolates, caramels, taffy, cigars, tobacco, etc. About 259 quarts of delicious ice cream are manufactured and retailed weekly, a nicely furnished parlor being utilized.

The proprietor is a native of Upland, where he was born in 1857, and was formerly employed as a card grinder at that place. He is a man of much enterprise and is also agent for the Home Fire Insurance Co., of New York.

F. BOWER – Barber, Cigars and Tobacco, 1028 W. 3d Street. For the past 18 years this gentleman has been recognized as a careful tonsorial artist and for the past seven years he has been at his present location where he occupies a finely furnished room 18x39 feet in dimensions. The rear is fitted up as a tonsorial parlor where with two competent assistants he is prepared to furnish customers with a first-class shave, haircut or shampoo. He enjoys a large trade in this as well as in

the retail sale of imported and domestic cigars, all the leading brands of chewing and smoking tobaccos, snuffs, cigarettes, etc., which he carries in stock.

MISS M. S. CROSS – Hair and ladies' Furnishing Goods, 32 W. 4d Street. This lady established the hair feature of this business in 1872, and in 1886 she added a stock of furnishing goods for ladies. The salesroom is 18x30 feet in dimensions, and is admirably arranged. She manufactures all kinds of wigs, bangs, switches, hair jewelry, etc., and keeps a line of the same constantly in stock. She also keeps a full and complete assortment of women's and children's white underclothing and furnishing goods, all of which are of the first quality, and offered at the most reasonable rates. In the successful prosecution of this business she employs an efficient assistant and fulfills her obligation in meeting the demands of her numerous patrons, and since establishing here has won the respect and esteem of the community.

S. V. HOFFMAN – Flour, Feed, Coal, 309 W. Front Street. Situated on a plot of ground 150 feet front, facing on Front Street, by 800 feet deep extending to the river front where there is a wharf utilized for river shipments, this business was established in 1877 as a flour and feed business. In a two-story brick, structure 70x40 feet in dimensions is carried a full stock of all kinds of

