

W. H. May

At Ft. Recovery Has a Most Complete Home Outfitting Establishment, Rendering a Service That is Complete and Satisfactory—Also Funeral Director Who Conducts Either Auto or Horse-Drawn Funerals, Rendering Diplomatic and Court-uous Service.

There is no vocation requiring for its successful prosecution a greater natural attitude than that of a funeral director. In Mercer county this important profession is represented by W. H. May, of Fort Recovery. His establishment is well equipped and thoroughly modern. He has been identified with the profession for some years and through his untiring efforts and commendable methods has progressed from a modest beginning until today he possesses a clientele extending over many miles of territory. His ambition is to reach the highest point in his profession and he has spared neither time nor pains to render the magnanimous service.

It is needless to say that W. H. May at Ft. Recovery, is prepared to serve the people of Mercer county with excellent and satisfactory equipment. His parlors and outside equipment are distinctively metropolitan. He is very conscientious and most moderate in his charges.

Mr. May is very courteous and can be reached either day or night. He has built up his business from the fact that he conducts his very satisfactory and elegant funerals at most moderate prices.

But Mr. May's activities are by no means confined to his professional work; he conducts a modern and up-to-date furniture store at Ft. Recovery. This is one of the leading stores of Mercer county and in it you will find an immense stock of furniture of every description. Whatever is known as the best in this line, that is the kind that he has and is prepared to serve you with individual pieces or complete sets. Here you will find floor coverings of high quality and everything else that you would expect in an up-to-date store of this kind.

In this Prosperity Edition we are glad to give favorable mention to this leading establishment and to Mr. May's professional activities.

PROMINENT

Men Will Represent Every Township in County

Will Serve Without Compensation As Crop and Food Commissioners—Some Pointers.

The following gentlemen have been appointed as Crop and Food Commissioners to look after their respective townships under the direction of the Ohio Branch, Council of National Defense, an organization national in scope and reaching every nook and corner of the United States. The list follows:

- Blackcreek—George Hill. Dublin—Henry Behrens. Union—John Maurer. Liberty—Peter Linn. Hopewell—William Siebert. Center—Harry Lewis. Washington—Geo. Schroyer. Jefferson—Alfred Lincoln. Butler—Frank Birkmeyer. Franklin—Frank Schwieterman.

- Recovery—John Rheinhart. Granville—Frank Roemer. Marion—Vincent Lochtefeld. Gibson—Dell Mott.

The pink sheets are now being mailed to all farmers in this county by the Ohio Branch, Council of National Defense, and farmers are urged to fill them out, making known their needs in the line of labor and return time at once to the county food and crop commissioner, Roy Jenkins, in this city or send them direct to the Columbus office.

Other needs and difficulties should be reported to Mr. Jenkins, to the end that a full account may be assured.

Those who are late with their cards should use commercial fertilizer to stimulate its growth, using phosphate acid and potash.

The township men who have been appointed will co-operate with Mr. Jenkins in keeping in the situation in their respective townships and will deliver all information as it may arise.

Tell It To Joseph Tuerfs

That Is All You Need Do If You Live In or Around Coldwater and Need Anything in the Lumber or Building Material Line—Prominent Firm Transacts Large Business and Is Well and Favorably Known Over the County.

Tell it to Tuerfs. That's all that is necessary if you live in or around Coldwater and need anything in the lumber or cement line for The Coldwater Lumber Co., of which he is manager, is just about headquarters in these lines. Everybody knows this company and everybody knows that when your order goes to this firm you get what you want when you want it.

There is a great satisfaction in doing business with Joseph Tuerfs and his company because it is thoroughly conservative with the line of stock and the needs of their customers. Little suggestions that assist you in your plans and enable you to buy to the greatest advantage have won for them a reputation of being able and efficient lumbermen.

The great volume of business handled by this firm calls for the active attention of one who knows his business and the satisfaction expressed by the numerous patrons of this popular house is a tribute to the methods and business judgment of its well known manager.

Lumber and building material of every description is handled by this company and their stock is large and most complete. Such efficient service and such high class goods add to the company's reputation for being live and wide-awake.

They have purchased in the best markets and have shingles that will stand the weather and the test of time. Their line of siding insures you buildings long life.

In the line of Roofing and Building papers they have chosen lines to sell that will uphold their reputation; their plastering material and patent plaster is the kind that gives you a good dry house and when properly dried will not give off moisture and discolor your interior decorations.

When it comes to builders' hardware and sash and doors their stock to select from comprises the latest and most artistic designs of the country's best architects.

If there is anything new in the building line that is worth while you will find that they are handling it in a short time after the tests as to its value have been made.

Mr. Tuerfs is one of the leading business men of the county and it is a pleasure for the Democrat to direct your special attention to his up-to-date establishment at Coldwater and to compliment him and the Coldwater Lumber Company upon the valuable service and high grade material they furnish.

Genuine Protection

As Regards Quality and Price Is Assured Those Who Purchase From and Employ the Wm. Ketcham & Sons Modern Furniture and Undertaking Establishment at Rockford.

The average person is not familiar with the values and prices of furniture. A little veneer, a high polish and a neat finish will often deceive the uninitiated. Hence, those who purchase their furniture from Wm. Ketcham and Sons at Rockford, experience a deep satisfaction, knowing that whatever they buy will be of the very highest quality at the most reasonable prices.

We do not know of a more up-to-date or more complete furniture store in this section. They are prepared to furnish your house complete, from kitchen to the parlor, and their stock includes the best as well as the less expensive designs. They can give you a setting of the Adam periods, the designs of Louis XV, Missions, Early English or Colonial. In fact, their ability to do you out is only limited by the styles of the manufacturers of today. When you call you will find

men in charge that are anxiously courteous and accommodating. In the undertaking department the equipment includes the latest and the best there is both in the funeral parlors and outside equipment. It would compare favorably with establishments of this kind in the metropolitan cities of the country. They render the most complete service and conduct their funerals in the most approved manner. They relieve you of the responsibility, attending to all the little details, and their patronage is commensurate with the care and precision they have used in the conduct of their business.

Mr. Ketcham and Sons can truly be said to represent the best there is in the professional life of Mercer county, and in this Prosperity Edition of the Democrat we are glad to give commendable mention to the leading position they occupy in the business and professional world.

The Coldwater Grain & Coal Company

Of Which Carl Hehmyer Is the Manager, Operates a Large and Complete Elevator and Is Furnishing the Farmers an Excellent Market—Are Also Dealers in Coal and Allied Lines.

Without an elevator any community would find progress exceedingly slow and prosperity a condition almost unknown. With an institution of this kind in its midst, such as the elevator operated by The Coldwater Grain and Coal Company of which Carl Hehmyer is manager, prosperity, success and progress are assured, for this well known institution has been adding to the growth of the community with marked success for some time.

Very liberal with his dealings with the public, Mr. Hehmyer attracts trade from the country for many miles around. The farmers of this section are long ago learned that he pays the highest market prices and hence they seek no further market. The elevator is in every way thoroughly reliable and the proprietor is a straightforward business man who transacts a large business by doing as he would be done by.

The elevator has a capacity of 100,000 bushels and the fact that this capacity is tested often during the year is evidence of the success of his enterprise. Into his dealing in coal, feed and seeds, Mr. Hehmyer brings the

same honest methods that characterize his operations in grain and has won the same success and large volume of trade. He is thoroughly conversant with these lines, knows the best feeds of the highest nutritive values, seeds that have proved to be the best producers, the flour that has given the highest satisfaction and coal that is economical.

It might be well to add that the very great success that Mr. Hehmyer has made in this very important commercial enterprise is due to a large degree to the fact that he is experienced and knows his business. His word carries the weight of authority upon these matters and his enviable reputation as a fair business man evidences the fact that he has merited the success that has been his. Mercer county needs men like Mr. Hehmyer and the vicinity is fortunate that he is this elevator is located there.

The Democrat is pleased to direct your attention to the efficiency of The Coldwater Grain and Coal Co. under his management and assure you that whatever business transacted at the place will be handled in a most satisfactory manner.

For years. Hats and caps of the latest spring and summer shapes, shirts of the most approved fancy stripes, ties that are approved by the arbiters of fashion for the present and approaching season, hostery of late styles and patterns and in fact every need of the well dressed man will be found here.

Pixler and Son are business men of ability, successful in their chosen field of mercantile endeavor by reason of their experience and comprehensive knowledge of men's clothing and men's wear. They are authorities on this subject and are always courteous, accommodating and willing to serve you. They are leading business men of Rockford and the Democrat is pleased to compliment them upon their very excellent establishment which they conduct and which is adding to the prosperity and progress of this community.

PEACE AND PLENTY

There may seem a little confusion in the efforts to get the land to yield more this year, but just watch for results. There will be more plenty than we suspect. The way the old soil is going to have to hustle this year will be a surprise to it. There will be corn, wheat, potatoes, cabbage, beets, etc., enough to make the world smile. All can participate except Germany, and if she only discards her old Hohenzollernish, she will divide. But that old autocracy that brought on the fearful war cannot have a smidgen of our plenty. It is all for the boys who are fighting the war-making hosts. Every sack of wheat, bushel of corn or crate of cabbage we raise in this country is turned over to peace, the world's peace, now and forever. And we want to change all our waste and laziness into this beautiful beneficence.

Why Buy New Tires

Does Every Little Break in the Casing Mean Another Outlay of Money for You? This Is Not Necessary If You Will Visit the Modern and Efficient Establishment of L. H. Hegemeyer at Ft. Recovery.

There are several ways of keeping down the expense of operating an automobile or motorcycle, and one of them is in watching your tires closely. Some owners think that as soon as the casing shows the least sign of wear it is dangerous to use it longer, and hence they are continually complaining of expense.

In Ft. Recovery and surrounding country, the ever-growing trade in new tires at the modern and up-to-date vulcanizing establishment operated by L. H. Hegemeyer. Mr. Hegemeyer can show you that vulcanized tires from his establishment will save owners many a dollar, and his business is growing accordingly.

He uses only the most modern and scientifically correct machinery in turning out the work which is guaranteed to be satisfactory. It requires experience and proper equipment to properly operate a vulcanizing establishment, and that accounts for the popularity of the place which is now operated by Mr. Hegemeyer.

Owners of automobiles and motorcycles will find that by patronizing this establishment they can not only save money but at the same time protect themselves against much tire trouble on the road. The ever-growing trade of concern proves the efficiency of the establishment under Mr. Hegemeyer's direction. He is one of the well known young business men of Ft. Recovery, and since he has been in charge of this concern he has maintained a reputation for honesty, reliability and high grade work.

In making this review of the onward progress of Mercer County The Democrat wishes to compliment Mr. Hegemeyer and to refer all of our readers to him when confronted with tire problems, with the assurance that they can depend on Mr. Hegemeyer to work out the solution that will operate to their best advantage.

LAND AND LABOR

In the January issue of The Journal of Negro History, Professor Jerome Dorro, of the University of Oklahoma, in the course of a scholarly article, explains the conditions essential to development of chattel slavery. Among others he notes:

"A country where there is an abundance of free land. In such a country it is impossible for one man to secure another to work for him except by coercion; for when a man has chance to use free land and its products he will work only for himself, and take all the product for himself rather than work for another and accept a bare subsistence for himself. On the contrary, where all the land is appropriated, a man who does not own land has no chance to live except at the mercy of the landlord. He is obliged to offer himself as a wage-earner or a tenant. The landlord can obtain, therefore, all the help he may need without coercion. Free labor is then economically advantageous to both the landlord and the wage-earner, since the freedom of the latter inspires greatly increased production. From these facts and considerations, verified by history, it may be laid down as a sociological law that where land is monopolized, slavery necessarily yields to a regime of freedom."

This brief statement is in itself a complete essay on the labor question. Given free land, labor will be free. Without free land the abolition of chattel slavery could not make labor economically free. The labor question is but a question of how to free the land, since chattel slavery no longer exists. And that question was answered by Henry George, when he wrote "Progress and Poverty."

As soon as the measure there suggested shall be applied, the labor problem will be solved.

FARM FOR SALE

Farm of forty acres in West Jefferson township. Possession at once. Inquire of John Kramer, Attorney, Celina, Ohio.

WANTED—Five men for Ohio territory.

Up to \$100 per month Weekly. Stable line, easily sold. Investigate. CENTRAL PETROLEUM CO., Cleveland, Ohio.

Beaver Creek Stone Crushing Plant

JOHN W. KARCH, Proprietor. Five miles west of Celina and five miles northwest of Coldwater.

Crushed Stone, Screenings, and Cement. Delivered to all parts of Mercer County on short notice. Also handle Caps, Fuse and Dynamite. For blasting purposes, which can be obtained at the Crusher Plant.

The Smith Bros. Hardware Store

Which Is Under the Direction of W. M. and A. Smith, Jr., Has Come to Be Known as "The Farmers' Friend" in These Parts Because of the Vast Stock of Implements and Farm Supplies Offered at Reasonable Rates.

There is no one store in this section of the Buckeye State that is superior to the modern establishment of The Chattanooga Hardware Co., under the competent direction of W. M. and A. Smith, Jr., when it comes to supplying the farmers with their every need.

Here the farmer can find what he wants in the way of farm implements and supplies of every description. Their stock for this season includes everything up-to-date and all are in at the present time. It will pay anyone to come in and study up the proposition, as they have always had a reputation of handling the very highest grade of implements and supplies for the farm on the market.

The people generally have come to know that when they need anything in this line the best they can do is to go to the Chattanooga Hardware Store. This progressive establishment has built up a wonderfully large trade from this and adjoining counties and it is safe to say that they are widely known throughout this section. If you happen to be one who has not made a purchase at this store, recently, it will pay you the next time you are in that section to drop in at this favorite place of business.

The Smiths know the business from A to Z. The same efficiency is maintained throughout the entire establishment and all of the implements are of high grade. Back of each one is his personal guarantee which in this part means that you get your money's worth.

They are very courteous gentlemen who will be pleased to explain the latest patterns to you. They have by the maintenance of fair honest prices, brought the business to its present high standing.

They also handle bugles and wagons, pants, oils and stains, in fact everything that you would expect of such a complete and thoroughly modern establishment. In making this review of Mercer county's onward progress The Democrat wishes to compliment the Smith Brothers upon their admirable manner in which their business is operated, upon the valuable service they are rendering the general public and on the modern store which they operate. It is such business men and such stores that add to the progress and prosperity of the county and assist in making this a more live and growing community.

The Ft. Recovery Fertilizer Company

A Thriving Local Industry Which Has Gained a Well-Merited Reputation As Regards Production of Superior Tankage for Hog Feed and the Advancement of Sanitation in Mercer County—Adds to County's Progress.

Among the successful industries of Mercer county which have been inaugurated in recent years is the Fort Recovery Fertilizer Company, which is operated by Mr. E. Wagner. The projectors of this enterprise who are well and favorably known in this section believed that this section offered an ideal location for the fertilizer industry, and that their judgment has been vindicated.

During the past quarter of a century more advances have been made in the science of sanitation than in any period of the world's history, and the results have been of vast benefit especially as regards the health of the people in the various centers of population throughout the country.

While it is of the greatest importance that modern and sanitary regulations shall be strictly observed in the cities it should be none less so in the country districts and of late years laws have been enacted in many states of the union providing for absolute prohibition of the old method of burying dead stock of any kind.

There are at the present time only two safe methods of disposing of the dead animals, namely, cremating and rendering. Of the two, rendering is to be commended for it is not only the most sanitary way of disposing of the carcass but it is best from a commercial standpoint for modern fertilizers are made in this manner. The Fort Recovery Fertilizer Co. not only transports all dead animals free of charge to its plant, but also in many cases pays the owner a reasonable amount for each carcass removed. The people of Mercer county are fortunate in having a plant of the sanitary value of this kind located here for its operation is a distinct gain in this section both from a sanitary and commercial standpoint. The company is always in close touch with the state board of health and are always ready to act upon any suggestion which will do away with an objectionable odor which may arise when the plant is in full operation.

Mr. E. Wagner, who personally directs the affairs of the company, is a gentleman who is well and favorably known in the business circles of this section and who are confident that this enterprise will continue to thrive and prosper under his capable and efficient management and we are pleased to give favorable mention to this institution as one of the most important factors in our progress and one of our most valued industrial assets.

The White Mountain Creamery Company's plant at Lima is one of the foremost creameries of the mid-west and represents the acme of perfection in twentieth century production.

It behooves every beekeeper as a patriotic duty, to do his part by putting his apiary in condition for the biggest production possible. Where colonies have perished during the winter, entrance to such hives should be closed at once to prevent robbing and possible dissemination of disease. Weak colonies should be combined, materials and supplies should be ready and prepared and every necessary thing be done to be ready for honey flows.

The Department of Agriculture of Ohio through its force of apiary inspectors is ready to lend beekeepers every assistance possible, and will certify regular inspection duties in order to give demonstrations, render advice and lend such other assistance within its power. The Federal Bureau of Crop Estimates will continue to issue reliable honey crop reports and the Bureau of Markets will do everything in its power to assist in the proper distribution of the honey crop.

The White Mountain Creamery Co.

Under General Management of Mr. C. V. Huenke, Operates Model Sanitary Plants at New Bremen and Lima as Well as St. Henry, Furnishing Valuable Market for Farmers and Producing Superior Brand of Butter and Ice-Cream.

The plants of the White Mountain Creamery Company which is ably managed by Mr. C. V. Huenke of New Bremen, are model sanitary institutions of this part of the country that have met with the universal approval of the people. This company has probably made greater strides than any other similar institution in this part of the midwest. The demand for its brand of butter is daily increasing and so is becoming better known the name and fame of this section.

The creamery's brand of butter is a neat package and there is no better brand known to the market today. But why should not the White Mountain Creamery be able to produce as good, if not better, butter than any other creamery on earth? Its plants are in the midst of one of the most prosperous farming sections in the United States; its supply of cream comes from the healthiest and best bred cows in this particularly advantageous section, for they pay the highest market price and pay in cash thus inducing the farmers to properly feed and care for their animals. The creamery is positively as sanitary as long experience and the expenditure of much money can make it, and it is in the hands of men who are thoroughly conversant with every feature of the creamery business.

There is no reason why we should not occupy a prominent place in the better class of butter markets and the above are some of the reasons why the brand of butter is becoming more and more popular with particular buyers, and why the White Mountain Creamery is prospering far beyond even the promoter's expectations.

The White Mountain Creamery is also a large producer of delicious ice cream. This is manufactured from the most pure and wholesome ingredients and is not only health protecting but health giving as well. Throughout the year cream is prepared in the same high standard is maintained and the popularity of their brand of frozen dainties is daily increasing.

This popular concern is under the management and operation of C. V. Huenke and to his sagacity and business foresight is due the great success of the institution which is one of Mercer county's most advantageous industries, for he obtains the raw material here and the money spent is left at home while a large portion of the product is sold outside of the county. The people of Mercer county owe a debt of gratitude to the White Mountain Creamery and to Mr. Huenke and this debt can be most

favorable place of business.

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They also handle bugles and wagons, pants, oils and stains, in fact everything that you would expect of such a complete and thoroughly modern establishment. In making this review of Mercer county's onward progress The Democrat wishes to compliment the Smith Brothers upon their admirable manner in which their business is operated, upon the valuable service they are rendering the general public and on the modern store which they operate. It is such business men and such stores that add to the progress and prosperity of the county and assist in making this a more live and growing community.

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The Montezuma Fertilizer Company

A Progressive Mercer County Industry, Under Competent Direction, Which Is of Incalculable Benefit to the Community Because of the Sanitary Value of the Service Which They Render With Promptness and Dispatch.

While it is of the greatest importance that the most strict regulations as regards sanitation be observed, many communities are placed at a disadvantage in the enforcement of these requirements because they have no industry which is devoted exclusively to the conservation of the public health. In this respect Mercer county is quite fortunate and in taking up this phase of our onward progress we wish to call the attention to The Montezuma Fertilizer Company which is under competent direction.

Because of the prompt and satisfactory service which this well known company offers in the removal of dead stock, the liberal prices which they pay for the carcasses thus disposed of and the able and efficient manner in which this enterprise is operated, The Montezuma Fertilizer Company, since its operation was taken over by the present management, has won the confidence and liberal support of the people. While the death of live stock is an incident always to be regretted, the immediate removal of the carcass is always desirable and should be accomplished at the earliest possible moment. No matter how far from Montezuma you live, if you are within the borders of Mercer county, you need only inform this popular firm and dismiss the matter from your mind, for they have won the enthusiastic commendation of many farmers and stock men throughout this section by the promptness exercised in responding to calls. Their service covers many miles of territory and is by no means confined to Mercer county alone for they serve the people of this entire section of Ohio and Indiana.

Many states in the union have passed legislation providing for the absolute prohibition of the old methods of burying dead stock. While

Ohio has not yet adopted this safe and sane law it is only a question of time until it will be passed by our law making body, this marking and the period in the progress of the science of sanitation within the borders of the Buckeye state. In this respect modern fertilizer companies, such as The Montezuma Fertilizer Company, are to be highly commended because of the very prompt manner in which they remove dead stock from the premises but especially because every part of the carcass is utilized. Thus they not only conserve the public health but turn to good and profitable use the carcasses which were formerly considered waste material. This is a matter which should be given attention by every farmer and stock raiser and we urge all of our readers to place such matters of this kind that may come under their direction into competent and responsible hands, thus eliminating the possibility of the burial of carcasses by irresponsible parties who wish merely to secure a profit from the disposal of the hide.

The very prompt service which this company renders will be augmented in the near future by the addition of several modern motor trucks, thus attesting to the company's policy of keeping pace with the times.

The head of this important and thriving industry, is one of the prominent men of Mercer county who is aiding in no little degree the progress and expansion of the community in which he lives. He is thoroughly conversant with every feature of this business of which he is the directing head and he is a steady booster for his home community. The Democrat wishes to compliment him upon the enviable success of the Montezuma Fertilizer Company and the admirable manner in which it is operated for the benefit of the public.

The Birkmeyer-Mescher Tile Company

A Flourishing Industry at Coldwater Under the Direction of Henry Birkmeyer, Which Operates a Modern Plant, Selling All Over This Section, Aiding the Upbuilding of the Country and Conservation of Our Natural Resources.

As the general purpose of this review is to give both the local and the outside world an adequate idea of our industrial progress and the general excellence of the various products of the local plants we deem it quite appropriate to devote space to The Birkmeyer-Mescher Tile Co., of Coldwater, of which Mr. Henry Birkmeyer, is manager.

Here the analysis of the clay shows it is peculiarly adapted to the production of tile for service. There can be no excess for any places about this county to go untiled when the best can be secured so near. It pays even to tile the hillside as the tiling lets the warm air in at the growing time and