Rockdale

Rockdale is located in Aston Township about six miles west of Media, on the line of the old Phil. and Balt. Central Rairoad near its junction with the Phila. and West Chester Railroad. The present population will exceed 600 and considerable trade is carried on. The more important concerns here are as follows.

C. L. LASHELLE, M.D.Ph. G – Druggist, Rockdale Station, P., W. & B. R. R.

This gentleman is a native of Catawissa, Columbia Co., and was born in 1854. He was graduated from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy in the class of ’76 and from the Jefferson Medical College in the class of ’85, taking high rank in both classes. Before he opened here he had several years’ experience in one of the most successful pharmacies in Delaware County. He has the capable assistance of a young man who is studying under him and also of a clerk. The stock carried comprises a full and fresh line of drugs and chemicals, patent and proprietary medicines, trusses, toilet articles, perfumery, etc. and the store is fitted up in first class style. He is also successfully engaged in the practice of medicine, and the Chester Steam Laundry agency is at his store.

MRS. JOHN GILLEN – Confectionery and Ice Cream

This lady is a native of Ireland but has been a resident of this country for 10 or 11 years past. The business dates its inception back some 12 years when it was established by her husband who died some eight months ago. She occupied for business purposes a nicely fitted up room where at all times she carries an attractive line of fresh and pure confectionery and candies. She also keeps a line of bread and cakes of her own baking. A room adjoining is neatly arranged to meet the requirements of an ice cream parlor, Pennell’s cream being received daily.

W. S. GALLOWAY – Tonsorial Artist

This gentleman was born in Chester County in 1852 but has been a resident of this place for 24 years. His well-equipped establishment is located in a three story building and occupies a room 25 x 13 ½ feet in dimensions, well lighted and containing two finely upholstered chairs. He is a first class workman and executes all work in his line. In addition to this business he carries a line of the best cigars, tobaccos and smokers’ articles generally in which a good trade is had. This is a popular resort here and bids fair to take the lead in its line.

C. W. HART – Millinery and Fancy Goods

This is one of the most attractive stores in this locality, and in a room 15 x 15 feet in dimensions is carried an elegant stock of millinery both trimmed and untrimmed, and including all the latest and most popular Paris styles.. The proprietress who is an expert and proficient milliner does all her own trimming and is prepared to receive and properly execute orders for trimming of e very description, also to retrim in the latest fashions old hats and bonnets carrying in stock ribbons, flowers and feathers. She also does embroidering most beautifully and carries a desirable stock of fancy goods. A native and life lonf resident of this community she is much esteemed here.

JOHN T. HAYES – Tonsorial Artist

This gentleman occupies a well fitted up room and devotes his personal attention to the business and employs on busy days a proficient assistant. Clean, easy shaves, fashionable hair-cutting, dressing and shampooing are the specialties for which the shop is noted. This is the oldest tonsorial establishment in this section having been originally established by the father of the present proprietor in 1866, the latter gentleman assumed control in 1887. He is an expert tonsorial artist and learned the business with his father and is a native and lifelong resident of this community. A line of tonsorial supplies is also kept and a considerable trade had in honing of razors.

LEWS PIERCE - Confectionery and Ice Cream

The stock here carried comprises a desirable line of French and American confectionery, nuts, cigars, tobacco and smokers’ supplies generally; also a fine line of fancy cakes, mineral water and other soft drinks. The room occupied is 16 x 22 feet in dimensions and neatly fitted up, while another room of like dimensions is used as an ice cream parlor and an extensive trade is had in Pennell’s make of cream. The business dates its establishment back about two years, an assistant and a horse and wagon are used in the business.