EVANSVILLE

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MANUFACTURES

EVANSVILLE is the greatest hardwood lumber manufacturing point in the world. The following table gives the grand total and a list of the most important mechanical and manufacturing Industries in Evansville.

One cotton mill with 40,000 spindles, the largest cotton mill west of New England.

THIS IS FROM THE UNITED STATES CENSUS OF 1890.

INDUSTRIES REPRESENTED.		Capital.	Employes.	Wages.	Cost Material.	Value of Products.
TOTALS	487	$9,166,859	7,435	$3,197,928	$6,875,575	$12,809,324
Saw Mills	11	$1,539,250	630	$303,234	$ 965,952	$1,599,885
Flouring and Grist Mills	11	474,200	166	85,265	1,603,656	1,841,629
Foundry and Machine Shops	13	950,291	662	359,432	286,892	939,989
Furniture Factories	9	594,945	656	273,263	350,374	790,386
Planing Mills	9	303,252	243	130,038	293,279,	535,650
Malt Liquors	3	429,600	158	117,578	191,777	520,000
Men's Clothing Factories	3	374,262	369	112,532	368,238	658,350
Saddlery and Harness	17	242,420	239	114,034	288,740	471,650
Iron and Architectural Works	3	105,830	62	25,544	41,663	111,095
Masonry and Marble	16	86,575	243	135,435	168,140	325,100
Printing and Publishing, etc	10	72,175	173	113,064	40,326	191,002

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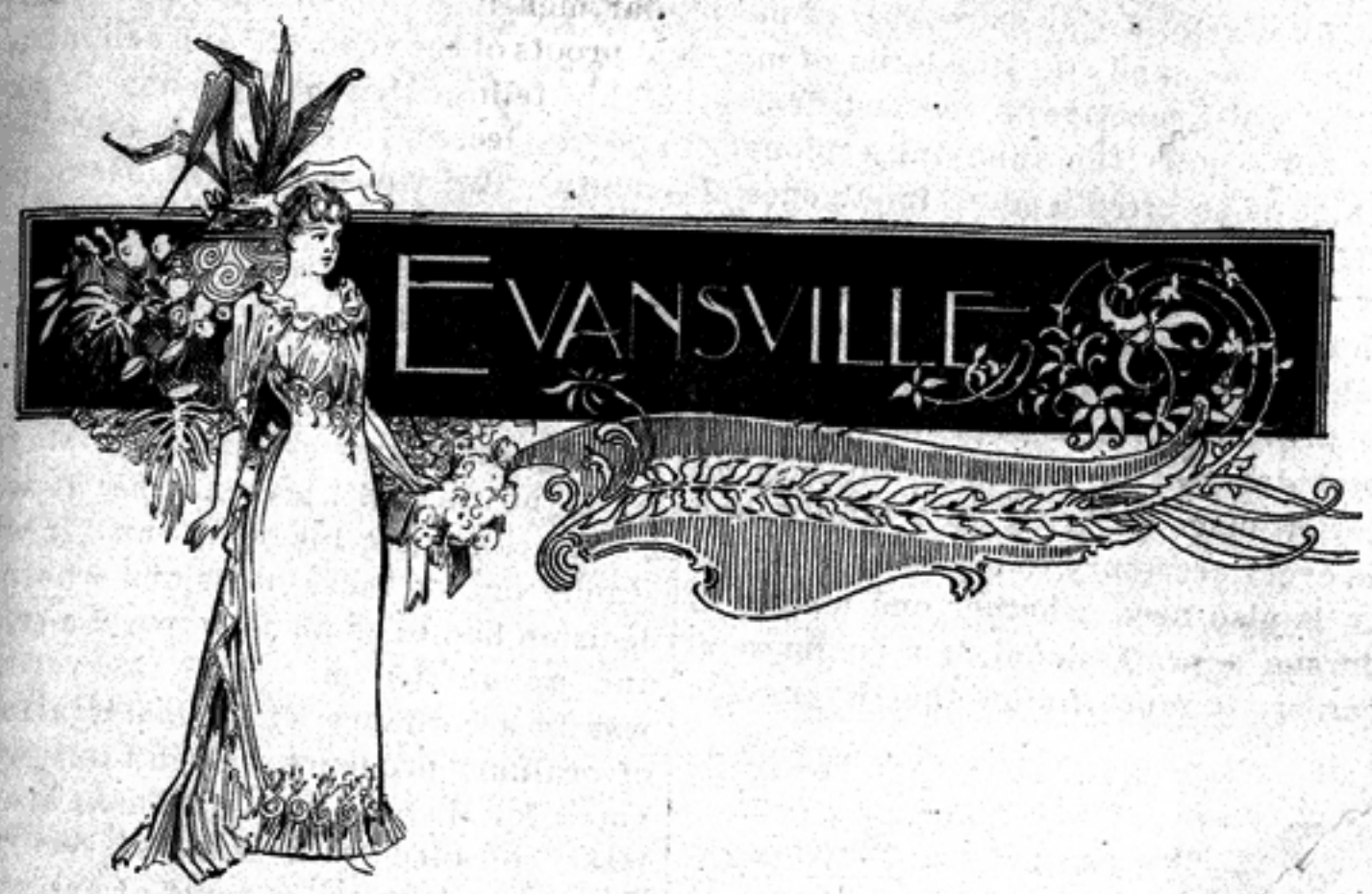

It seems almost superfluous to review Evansville's advantages. They are so numerous and varied that it is difficult to decide which among them are entitled to the greatest prominence when her eligibility in any connection is under consideration. Yet, for some reason, Evansville's importance has never been fully appreciated by the country at large. The statement in New York, Boston or even Chicago, that it is a city of 70,000 population is almost always received with a look of incredulity and the one to whom it is made immediately appepals to the census report where he finds that in 1890 it contained a little over 50,000 inhabitants. Even this is a surprise, but being official cannot be disputed. It is easy to assume that under prosperous conditions a city with a population of 50,000 to start on might increase to 70,000 in a decade, and so the knowledge is finally accepted with the remark, "I shouldn't have believed it," But those who live here know that taking the annual city directory and the enumeration of school children as indications, 70,000 is a moderate figure compared with the population claimed by other cities estimated from similar sources of information. The twelfth census, now in course of preparation, will undoubtedly show Evansville's population to be more than 70,000 and those who have witnessed its progress since 1890 will not be surprised if it reaches 80,000.

As health is the condition precedent to all successful human undertakings it is important to know that the official reports of the bureau of statistics at Washington, have included Evansville among the cities having the smallest mortuary rate for many years. It has never been visited by vigilant epidemics and being remote from swamps and lowlands is comparatively free from those maladies of malarial. origin, which are found in so many localities. It has never been visited by destructive cyclones and there no healthier place in which to live and do business in America.

A glance at any map is all that is necessary to convince any one of the variety of natural resources surrounding Evansville. Everything which generous nature yields in exchange for labor is at her doors. It is in the center of the greatest corn and tobacco producing areas in the world. Wheat and other cereals which form the basis of all commerce are grown in abundance and in the highest perfection in all of

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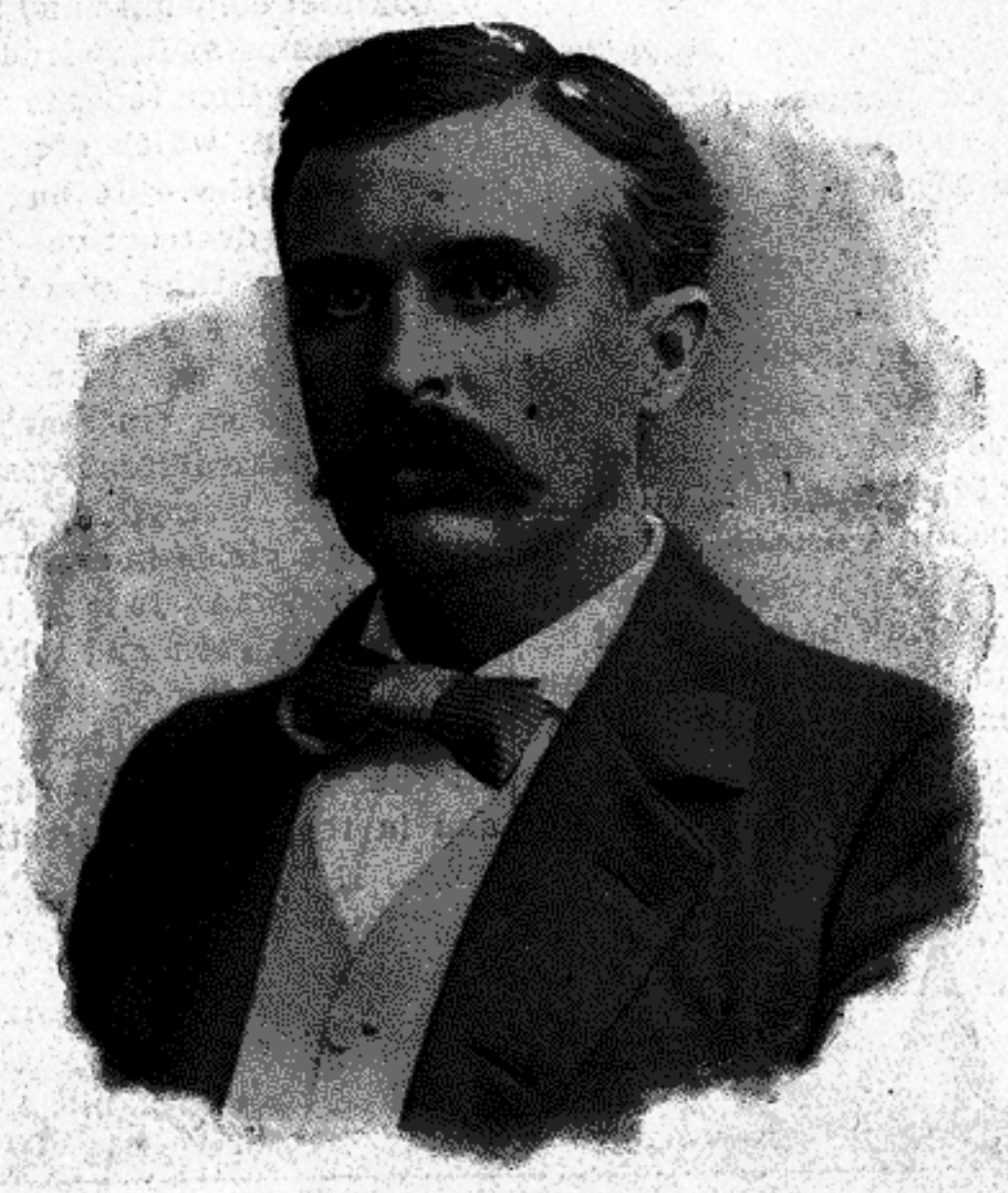
the surrounding country. Forests which offer the finest grades of timber and mineral deposits of coal, iron, copper, lead and building stone of various grades add to the profusion with which nature has endowed this favored region. No wonder that Evansville is noted among lumber dealers the world over as a great hardwood center. No wonder that coal is sold here cheaper than anywhere else; and, in view of all these facts, together with her splendid transportation facilities, no wonder that Evansville has become one of the most important manufacturing and commercial cities of the country.

The individual features of the commercial and professional life of Evansville are set forth minutely in the following pages, and no recapitulation of them is necessary in this article. There is one subject, however, that cannot be advertised as an article of commerce, and which is yet of the greatest moment to those seeking permanent places of abode. It is the social conditions, and in this respect Evansville courts comparison of any of her sister cities. No commanding fortunes are here to establish arbitrary social discriminations. We have no palaces around which hovers an atmosphere of exclusiveness, but there are numberless homes where comforts are accompanied with all the luxury necessary to happiness and refinement. The average of intelligence is far above that of most other cities, and the standards of morality, while positive to the last degree, do not require the annoying espionage which is so often a mere indulgence of ill natured curiosity rather than a proof of superior virtue. The schools and churches are safeguards against ignorance and vice and Evansville is amply provided with these promoters of the best interest of society. There is no better place to bring up a family, and as every accessory to material prosperity is also here, whether one wishes to pursue a professional or a commercial career, it must follow that Evansville is the best, or at least one of the best places in which to cast one's lot in life.



MAYOR AKIN.

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Endorsement which the voters of Evansville recently gave to Mayor Akin's administration by re-electing him was an event which caused no surprise to those familiar with the record. The substantial reduction of taxes, the improved physical conditions of the city, the prospect of municipal ownership of the electric lighting plant and of the completion of the new water works were arguments in favor of his retention at the head of city affairs which could not be controverted. His opponent was acknowledged to be one of the most popular men in Evansville and had received proofs of the good will and confidence of his fellow citizens by being elected and re-elected sheriff of Vanderburg county. But voters of all shades of political opinion felt that the safe and sure course was to continue in office one whose correct administration of public affairs had been demonstrated. While the result of the recent election was in the highest degree creditable to Mayor Akin, no one will pretend that it was a reflection upon his opponent. It was simply one of those occasions where a decision had to be made between a tried and an untried man, and the verdict was in accordance with considerations of ordinary prudence. Even those who voted for Mayor Akin's opponent are at least consoled by a sense of security against an increase of taxes or extravagance of any kind in city affairs during the next two years.

William M. Akin, jr., was born in Carlisle, Sullivan county on the last day of the year 1855. The date of his birth seems typical of his career. Starting life upon New Year's day he has kept even pace with events, and time has never turned him down. Whether in private or public affairs, his life has been one continued round of success, beginning away back in his school and college days and continuing through all the years up to the third of April last, when he was re-elected mayor of Evansville. After going through the public schools he entered De Pauw University from which he was honorably graduated after completing the four years' course of study. Returning to Evansville he entered the large business which had been in successful operation for many years under the ownership of his father, where he soon proved his aptitude in commercial affairs. His first public duty was performed as a member of the school board upon which he served seven years, resigning the place in 1897 to accept the unanimous nomination of his party for mayor. His career since that time is so familiar to the public that it need not here be recounted.

The burdens along with the honors of the mayor's office again devolve upon William M. Akin, jr., and that he will acquit himself in such a way as to win new laurels and to vindicate the confidence of his fellow citizens so recently expressed no one who knows him doubts for a moment.

EVANSVILLE'S SUPERIOR LOCATION

GEOGRAPHICALLY SOUTHERN—YET BY STATE LINE NORTHERN—IT HAPPILY BLENDS THE TWO SECTIONS.

Evansville, Ind., is on a straight line between Chicago and Mobile, 450 miles north of Mobile and 250 miles south of Chicago. It is fifty miles further south than St. Louis and twenty-five miles further south than Louisville, Ky. On direct geographical lines Evansville is a southern city, on state lines a northern one. This overlapping is a bond of union between north and south and secures a central position which enhances the ability of reaching out on both sides to secure their respective advantages while remaining exempt from unfavorable extremes of either section.

Evansville is one of the thriftiest and especially from the river front view, one of the prettiest cities in the country. It is on a horse shoe bend of the Ohio river that makes it double and return directly in front of the city. The river is deflected from its direct course by a western range of protecting hills and the general high land of the Indiana side. Across the river immediately in front part of the city is a narrow neck of land graduated by the course of the river to less than half a mile in width. This narrow neck forms the pivot around which the majestic river makes its remarkable swing. The city thus forms on the northern bank of the Ohio, a beautiful crescent and the city stands elevated far above the reach of the highest water mark. The Ohio river furnishes competitive transportation and connection with western rivers and the oceans, while supplying for the city an unending flow of soft water.

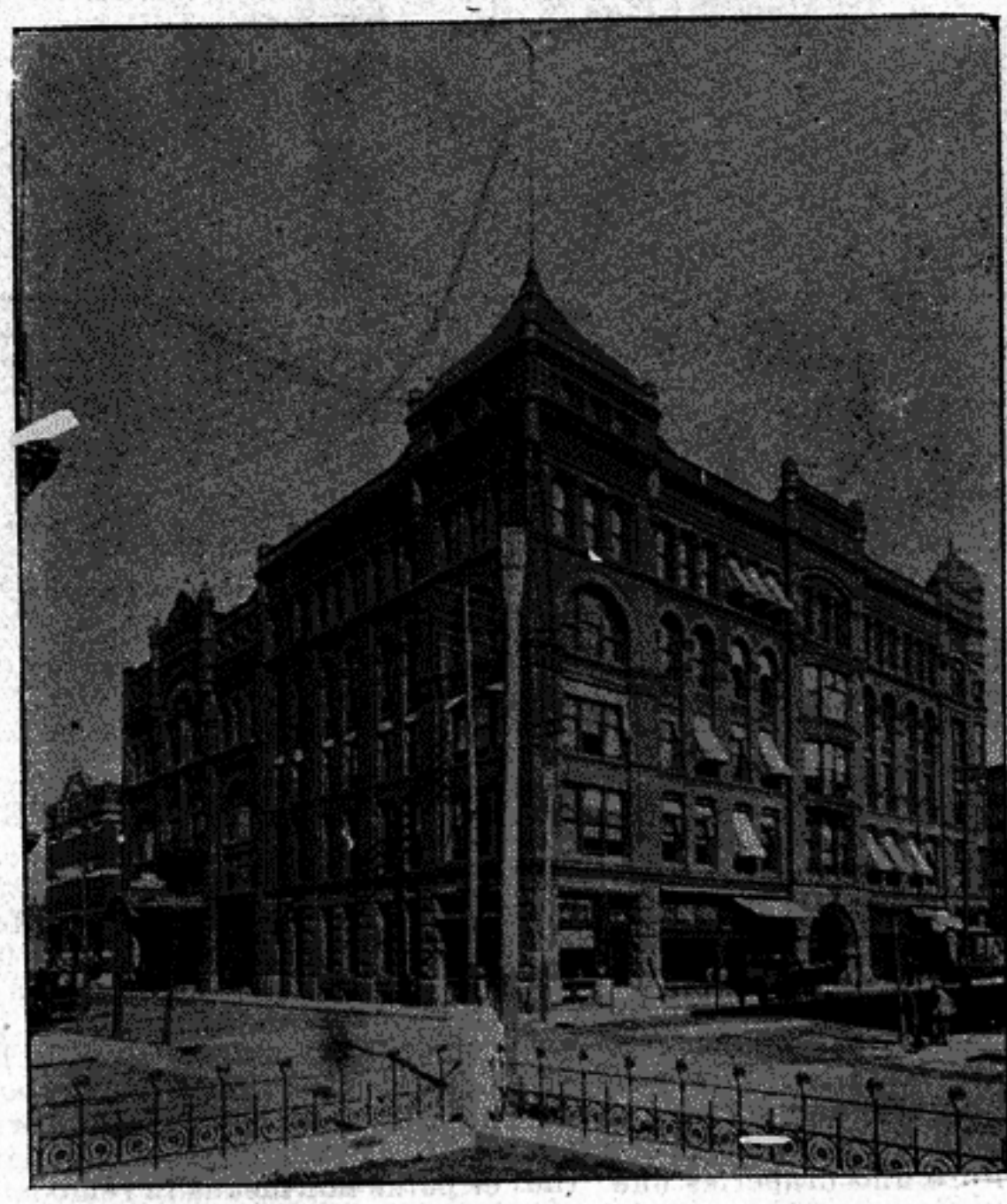
This position on the Ohio river gives Evansville command of the principal trade of Green river products and a large share of the traffic of the Cumberland, Tennessee and Wabash valleys. In these bottom lands is found the richest and most enduring soils for agricultural products. Throughout these valleys wheat, corn and other cereals yield largely per acre and fruits and vegetables not only grow abundantly but are unsurpassed in qauilty. Regular and sufficient rainfall; equable climate, early spring and prolonged fall are elements securing these results.

Evansville grows smoothly and progresses in wealth and population without making much stir. Its wealth has been principally saved up and made by the manufacture and exchange of its own products.

The population in 1880 was 29,720, in 1890 50,760, an increase of 73 per cent in ten years. The present population is estimated at 70,000.

Evansville is one hour nearer the heart of the south by rail than Louisville, Ky. It not only manufactures and distributes its products, but does a large intermediate jobbing trade. The Ohio river and nine railroads are the transportation facilities. Among these roads are the L. & N. and I. C. to the south and direct competing lines in other directions. Evansville is the gateway to the south from Chicago and the great northwest. This city is particularly favored in its location, physical features, geographical advantages and vast mineral and agricultural resources. It is an important milling point and the manufacture of iron and wood products are among her principal industries.

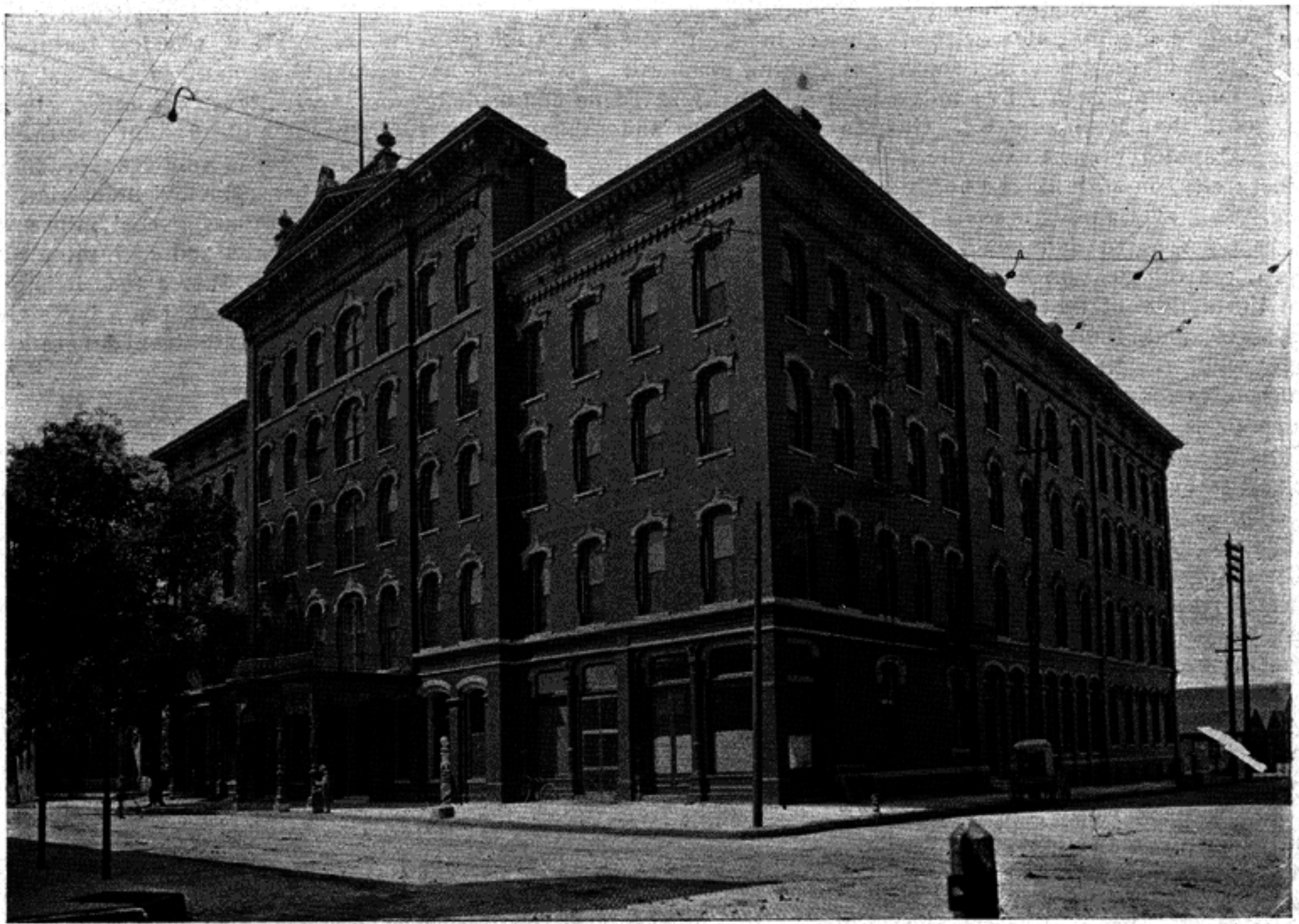
There are seven coal mines within the city limits and coal, mine run, is delivered for $1.00 a ton; it is a great hardwood market, has a large class of reliable and intelligent laborers living in their own homes. Evansville never had a bank failure. Plate glass works, shoe factories and any kind of industries needing skilled labor, cheap fuel, reasonable transportation charges and good banking facilities will do well here. The secretary of the Business Men's association will give attention to correspondence on these lines.



BUSINESS MEN'S ASSOCIATION BUILDING.

THE NEW ST. GEORGE.

EVANSVILLE NOW HAS A HOTEL EQUAL TO THE BEST IN AMERICA—TRANSFORMED INTO A MAGNIFICENT HOSTELRY AS IF BY THE TOUCH OF THE MAGICIAN'S HAND



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ST. GEORGE HOTEL.

Nothing in the modern city is so strong an indication of its progressive spirit as its hotels. In this age the traveling public is not content with the necessaries, nor even the comforts of life. It demands the luxuries as expressed in liberal bills of fare, well prepared and served and elegant apartments with all the accessories of handsome furniture and draperies and the water conveniences so essential to health and pleasure.

Evansville now has a hotel that will compare with the very best hostelries in the leading cities of America.

It has been a great task, this remodeling—we might say remaking—this hotel, for that is practically what has been done. To any one acquainted with the depraved condition of the old St. George, the change that has been wrought, seems nothing short of marvelous. There may have been expressions of impatience at seeming tardiness in getting the building ready for the accommodation of guests, but to any one who knows the true condition of things, it seems as if the work has been done remarkably quick. And it has been done well. From cellar to roof the new St. George is complete and without defects. Mr. Van Orman has spared neither pains nor means in remodeling it and making it the acme of perfection. Every department is complete within itself, from the smallest closet on up to the beautiful parlors and dining room. There is not a feature about the new St. George but that is up-to-date in every particular. It is only a few months since it looked forsaken but glance at the St. George today will convince the most casual observer that the genius of restoration has not departed from the earth. If no magician's hand has been employed Fred Van Orman's has; which, for all practical purposes, amounts to the same thing.

The building stands upon a substantial foundation and its outline was always graceful and imposing. The interior needed much re-arrangement to give it the convenience required of first class hotels in this luxurious age. To make the most of the opportunities at hand it required not only experience in management but the aesthetic science which gives the touch of refinement to comfort and luxury. For long months artisans and artists have been at work on the St. George until the exterior of the building now stands forth in monumental beauty, while its interior rivals in the elegance of its appointments, in the dreamy effects of its myriad lights and colors, the imaginary palaces of eastern fable.

Beginning with the office and other departments of the ground floor on to

the magnificent dining hall and ordinary, the parlors and lounging rooms with their exquisite draperies and hangings, the suites of private apartments with their luxurious bath and other water conveniences, down to the kitchen, pantry and laundry, fitted with every appliance that mechanical discovery has provided, the wonder and admiration of the beholder is kept ever on the alert. In detail and as a whole, the new St. George is simply magnificent from the basement to the roof. In addition to the conventional features common to all first class hotels—such as the bar and billiard halls, barber shop, writing and toilet rooms—there are many cozy resorts where a quiet smoke or tete-a-tete may be enjoyed in an affluence of tapestries and upholsteries sufficient to warm the heart of the most sensitive sybarite, and let it be recorded to the honor and discrimination of Mr. and Mrs. Van Orman, that these attractive adjuncts have been provided as liberally for the women as for the men, thus avoiding the charge so often made with justice against high class hotels, that only conveniences for men have been considered in the arrangements.

Where every prospect pleases it seems almost invidious to particularize and yet a special mention of a few of the most prominent features of the new St. George is almost unavoidable:

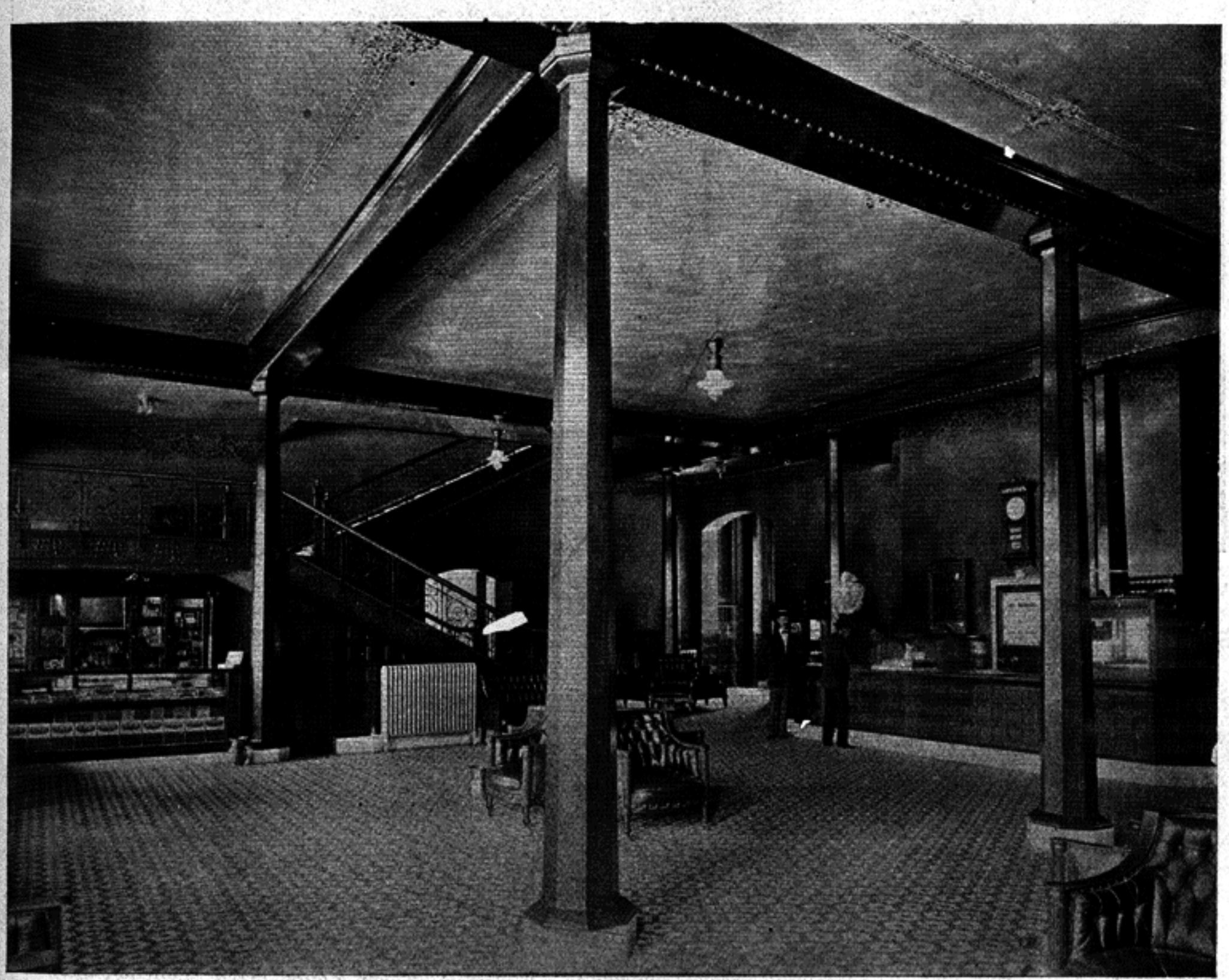
The Office

The first impression of a hotel is always gained from the character of the main office and its immediate surroundings—the reading room, bar, billiard and toilet rooms. With its magnificent marble staircase, its columns encased in quartered oak, its counters of the same material, its brilliant electrical effects and magnificent floor of mosaic design, it is no extravagance to say that the office of the new St. George is equal in all artistic details to that of any hotel on the American continent.

Dining Room and Parlors

Next to the office floor, the one on which the dining room and parlors are located is most important. Nothing could be more exquisite in color and adornment than the dining room and adjoining ordinary of the new hotel. The lighting is in form of an electrical elipse described in flowers upon the ceiling over each of which an electrical bulb sheds its effulgence. There is not a prettier dining room in the United States today. The decorations here are simply superb. The seating capacity of the dining room is 160. The parlors are beautifully lighted and either by day or night present a charming appearance. In the main parlor is a new parlor grande piano, one of the finest instruments in the country.

The parlors and Turkish rooms are oriental in their magnificence and the taste of Mrs. Van Orman has been particularly displayed there and in the dining room. The whole atmosphere of charm. Nothing is wanted that could add to the gratification of the senses, and the beholder is in a state of constant mental inquiry how it was ever possible to transform the neglected place of a year ago into a place of such surpassing comfort and elegance.



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OFFICE ST. GEORGE HOTEL.

The Bar and Billiard Halls

The fittings of the bar and billiard halls are the finest that could be obtained in the United States and these spacious apartments will prove an ever refreshing source of pleasure to those who follow the precept of Paul to Timothy and take a little wine for the stom-

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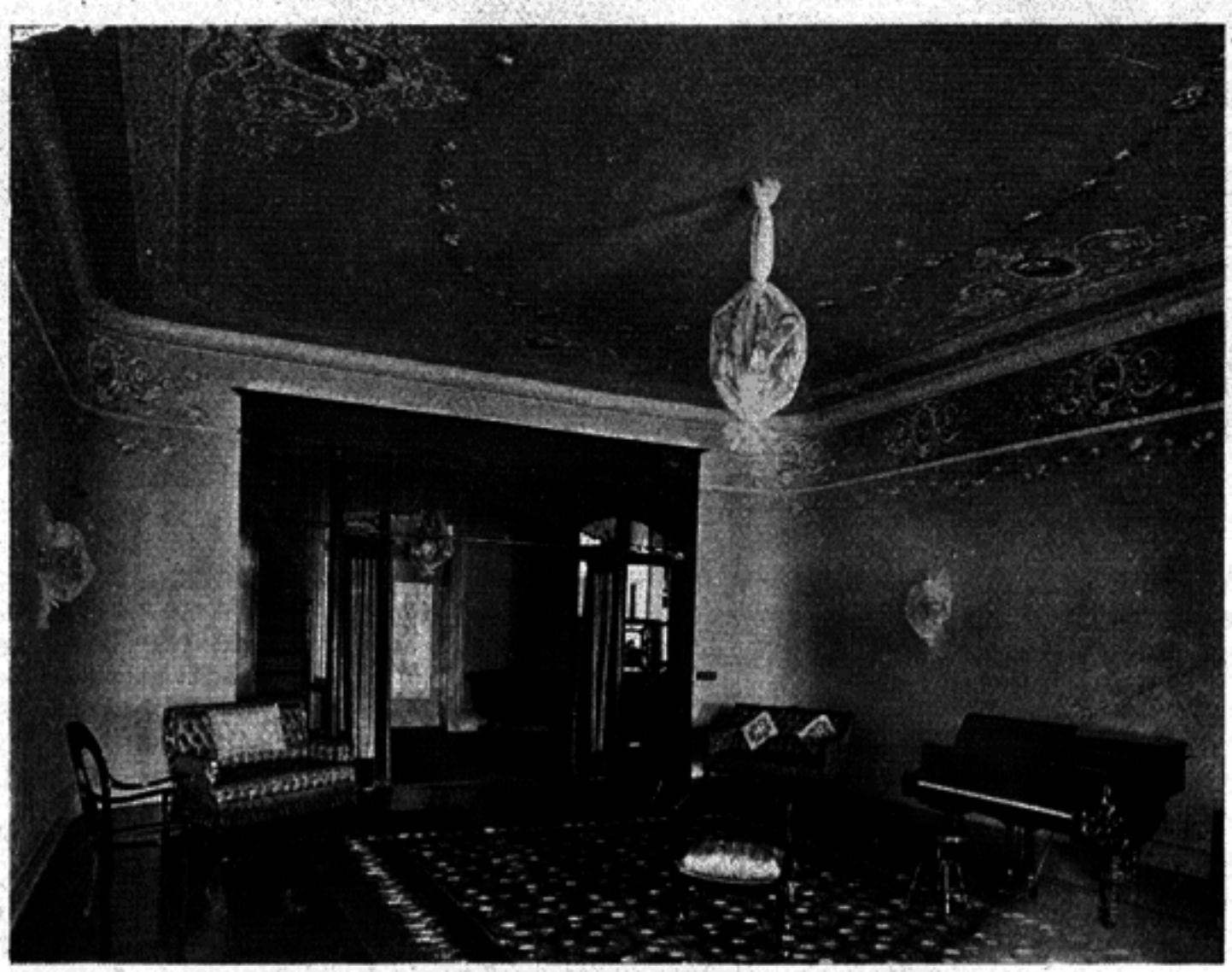
DINING ROOM, ST. GEORGE HOTEL.



PARLOR, ST. GEORGE HOTEL.

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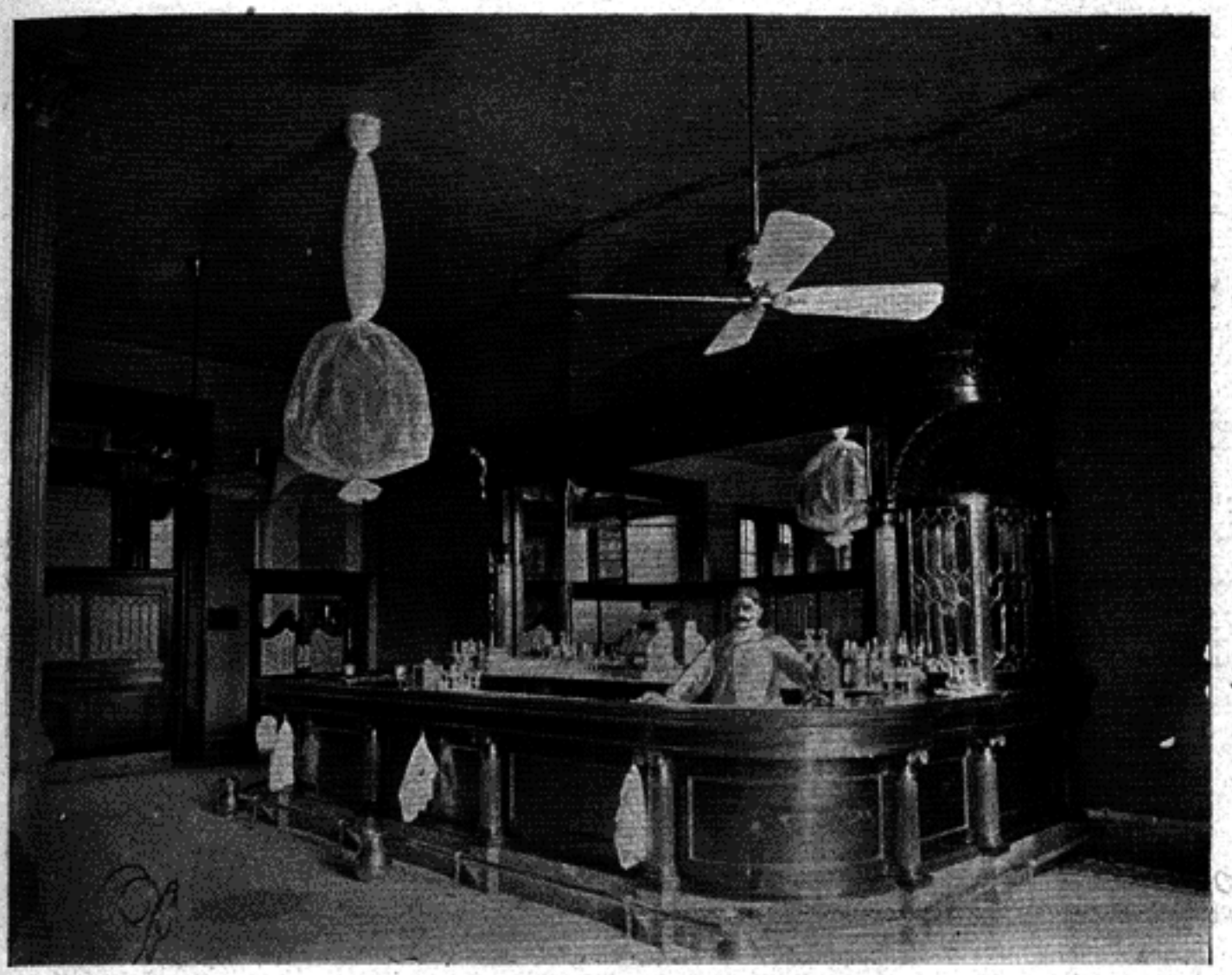


Photo by Douglas BAR, ST. GEORGE HOTEL.

ach's sake, or who yield to the fascinations of the cue and balls. The bar is the finest in Indiana. It is of mahogany. Between the bar and wine room is mahogany and art glass. The mirror is the largest in the state. One special feature which greatly beautifies this apartment, especially at night, is the magnificent chandelier which overhangs the bar. It is of Roman and matt gold finish and comprises fourteen delicately tinted bulbs artistically arranged around the large center globe. This was made specially to order by a large eastern chandelier house, who sent a man here to design it. There is absolutely nothing to equal it in magnificence and uniqueness west of New York.

The Culinary Department

Without any exception the St. George kitchen has no superior in this country. There is abundance of space allotted to this department and every article which has been devised for cooking convenience is here to be found. In one corner is a large tank which is kept filled with sterilized water which is used for cooking and drinking purposes. It would be a useless task to try to enumerate all the features of this department. There is the large baker, and the half dozen ranges, a dish washing machine, refrigerators and every known cooking vessel. All the kettles and boilers are of pure copper, the finest and most expensive made. Every dish used is Haviland china. The chef and cooks are all experienced and capable of preparing a meal that would tickle the palate of the most fastidious.

The Lights

The lighting of this house is perfect. The plant, which is a "duplicate" was placed by one of the best concerns in the country. There are two dynamos connected, so in case of failure on part of either, the other can be used. The incandescent arc lights in the office make it as light as day. There are five of these and besides there are over a thousand other lights run by the same dynamo. There is not a gas light in the building. The engine room is a delight to mechanics and runs with the noiselessness of a clock.

Water and Heat

Every drop of water used in this hotel, not only for drinking and cooking, but for baths as well, is filtered. Furthermore that used for drinking and cooking is sterilized after being filtered. The heating of the building comprises one of the best systems known, which is the Warren-Webster vaccuum system. By this arrangement the house is heated with exhaust steam that would be otherwise wasted. Every room in the building is provided with a radiator and the heat can be easily turned on or off at pleasure. There are forty rooms that have private baths, which are furnished with porcelean tubs and the best plumbing known to modern plumbers.

Decorations

The decorations all through the house are the wonder and admiration of all who have seen them. This work was done by an eastern concern who sent an expert here to specially look after it.

Barber Shop

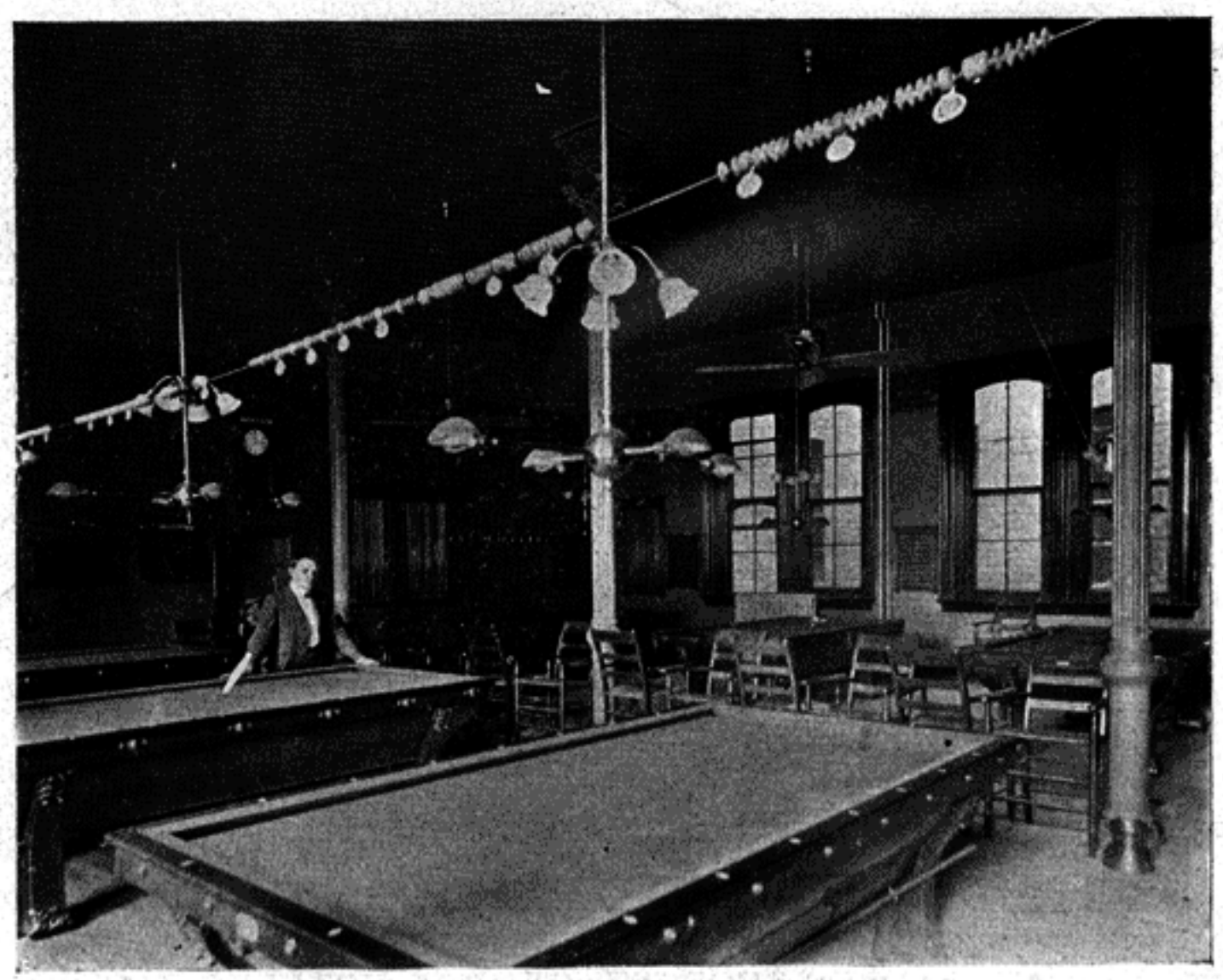
The barber shop is ablaze with mirrored walls and decorated ceilings and its five luxurious chairs will be presided over by as many tonsorial genii. It is a model shaving parlor in all of its appertenances.

Reading and Toilet Rooms

The reading and toilet rooms are quite on a par with those already described and have their full share in creating the first impression of those who seek the hospitalities of the new St. George. The writing room is well lighted both by day and by night and here we find numerous desks, comfortable and inviting to any who desire their use.

There are 150 private rooms in the building, all furnished in a most charming style. As already mentioned a large number of them have private baths connected. The furnishings are elegant and will prove a delight to those who must "take mine east in mine inn."

There is an interior telephone system which connects every department of the hotel.



BILLIARD HALL, ST. GEORGE HOTEL.
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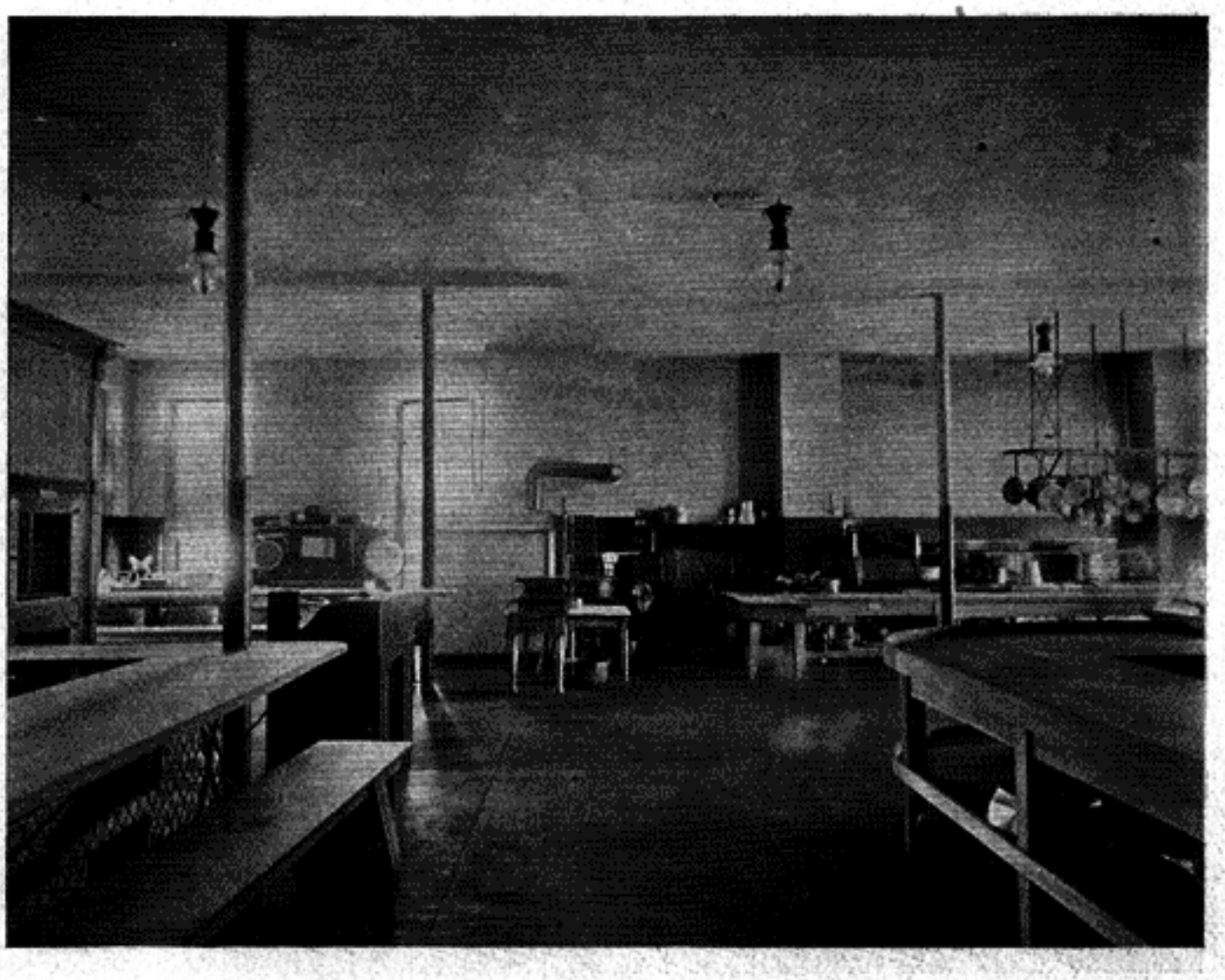
Although within easy access of the business center of this great city, convenient to its residence, as well as its business quarters, no suburban retreat could be more quiet or inviting. Guests of the new St. George can take their ease in this magnificent inn amid surroundings which are a constant delight to all the senses and whether in the brililantly decorated office, the drawing rooms affluent in artistic effects, or in the seclusion of their private apartments, can feel assured that they are getting the best of everything that human ingenuity has devised for the comforts of the most refined and exacting taste. The tables will be supplied with viands to tempt any appetite, this department being looked after by one of the best stewards in the country.

The owner and manager of the St. George, Fred Van Orman is among the most experienced hotel men in the country, which alone is sufficient guarantee that the St. George is superior in every sense. The patrons of the new St. George will be the best people of all vocations and that it will spring at once into exceptional popularity and patronage is a foregone conclusion, because where superiority in everything is combined with reasonable prices, nothing is wanting to give it the seal of popular approval.

Thus Evansville at last has a hotel that will compare with those of other progressive American cities. The St. George of today will be heralded through the country as a hotel that is eminently up-to-date as it was during the last year of its old regime, as a hotel that was extremely out-of-date. Of course the entire service will conform to the general character of the establishment. Anything short of perfection in conducting the establishment would be out of harmony with such surroundings and with the disposition and purposes of Fred Van Orman. Good luck to him, and may fortune lavish its favors upon him so profusely as to make the day when he took the St. George hotel the red letter anniversity in his calander.



KITCHEN, ST. GEORGE HOTEL.

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Heads of Departments

The various departments of the St. George are under the supervision of the following persons:

FRED VAN ORMAN,
Proprietor and Manager.

HENRY L. BAILEY,
Superintendent of Office.

JAMES W. BRANNAN,
Day Clerk.

H. A. JOHNSON,
Night Clerk.

E. C. ROSS,
Steward.

WILLIAM KORNDYKE,
Chef.

MISS K. M. M'MAHAN,
Head Waitress.

MISS MAMIE ESMAKER,
Bookkeeper.

MISS FANNIE EDISALL,
Housekeeper.

DAVE M'CLAREY,
Engineer.

HARRY L. TRAYMANE and
JOE FABIAN,
Bartenders.

CHARLES RICE,
In Charge Billiard Hall.

MISS MITCHELL,
Stenographer.

GEORGE WIEDER,
Proprietor Barber Shop.

BARBER SHOP, ST. GEORGE HOTEL.

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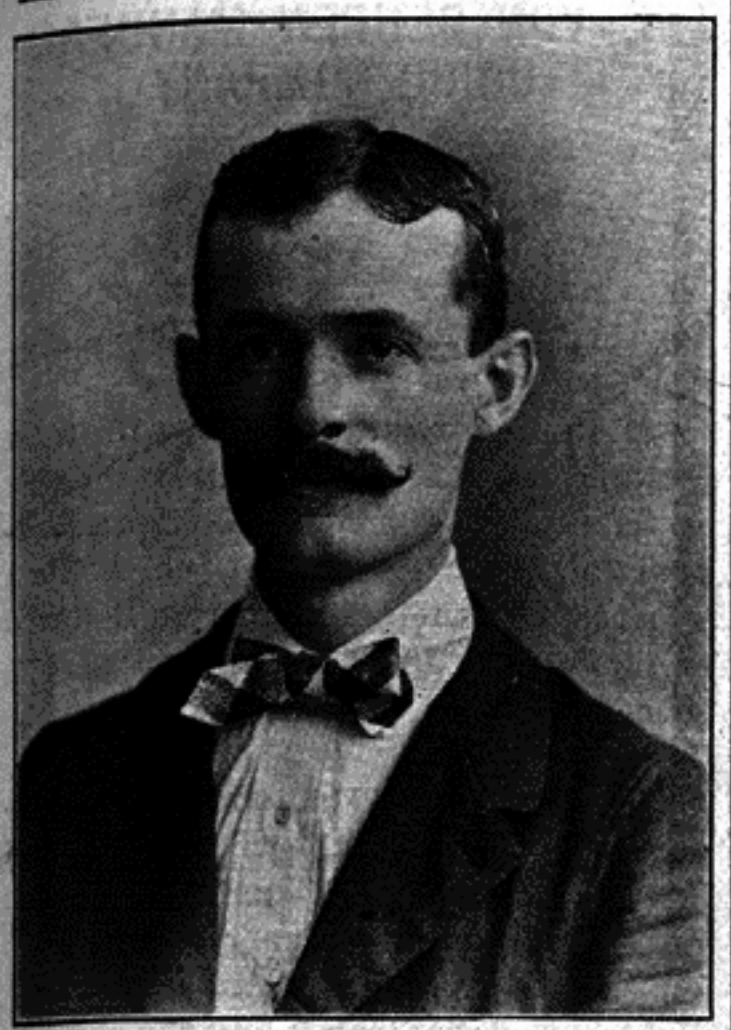

WILLIAM J. HARRIS.
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THE WORK ON THE NEW ST. GEORGE DONE LARGELY BY HOME PEOPLE

Mr. Van Orman from the start showed a disposition to favor home labor wherever possible and thousands of dollars were expended for work performed by Evansville concerns.

ARCHITECTS

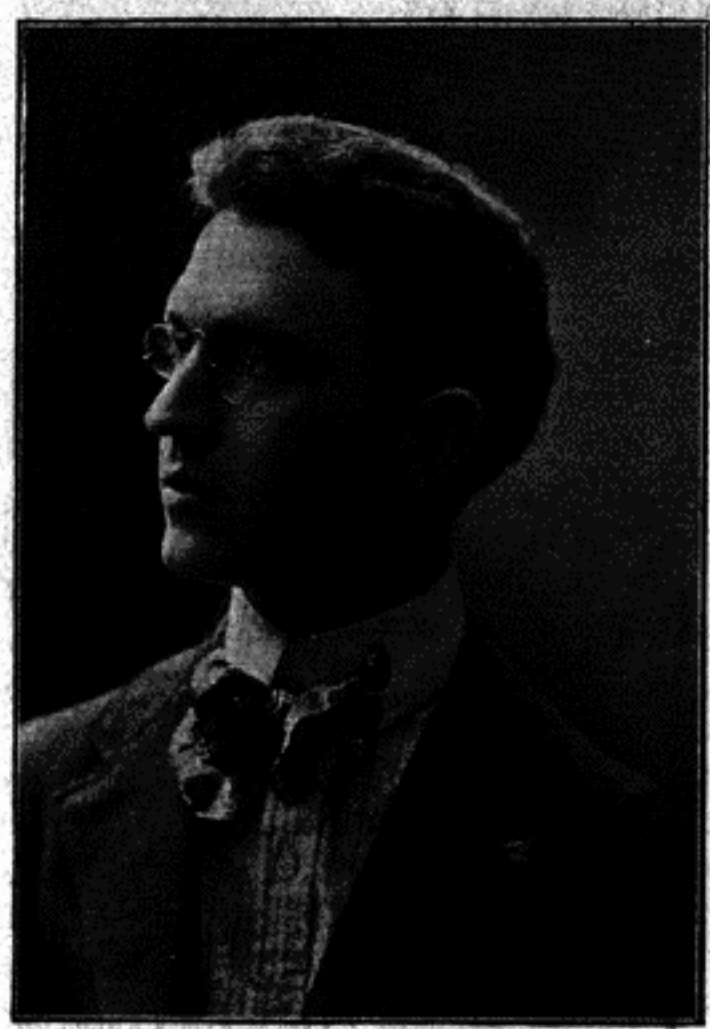
Harris & Shopbell were chosen as architects for the reconstruction and it is no undue compliment to say that a better selection could not have been made. A casual inspection of the new hotel is all that is needed to stamp the work of Harris & Shopbell as near perfection as has been attained in their art. Harris & Shopbell are modern architects who not only have established enviable reputations for themselves but who also have brought additional fame to the resources of Evansville and who are known wherever fine architecture is known in the state of Indiana.

THE BRICK WORK.

The brick used in reconstructing the St. George were furnished by the First Avenue Brick and Tile Company, who have made a reputation for turning out the best quality of building brick in southern Indiana.

IRON WORK

Lindenschmidt Bros. did the iron work and the porch which graces the front of the hotel is one of the handsomest and at the same time most substantial pieces of iron work in the state. It will stand as a monument to the ability and enterprise of Lindenschmidt Bros., who secured the contract against some of the largest concerns in the country.



CLIFFORD SHOPBELL.
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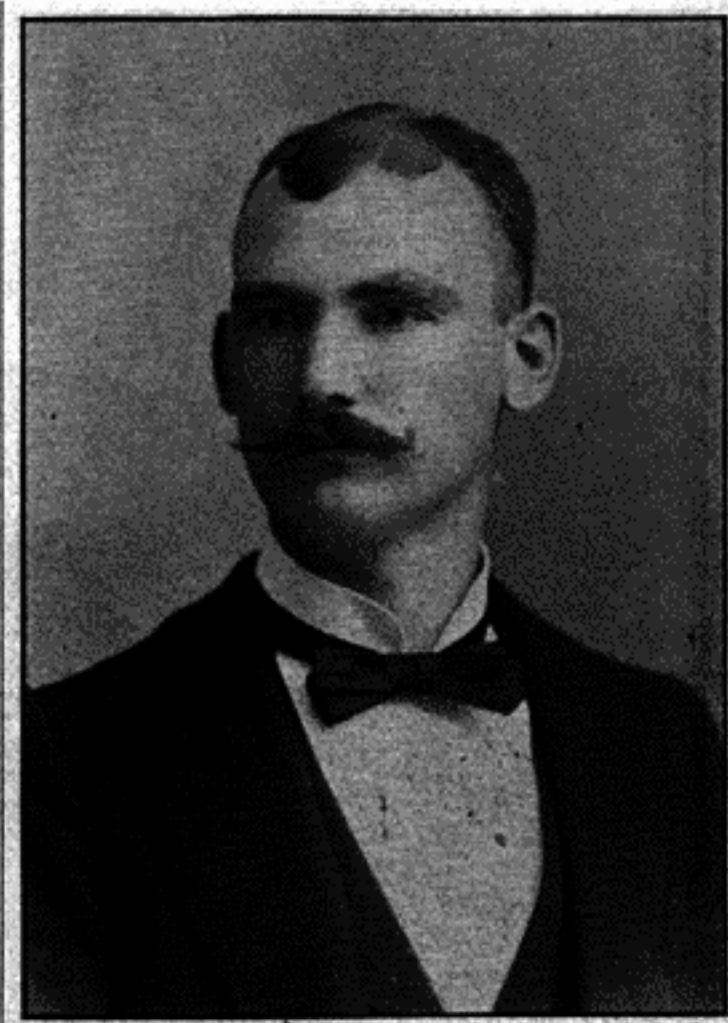


ADAM J. FABIAN.

Mr. A. J. Fabian a leading contracting plasterer of Evansville was awarded the contract for all the plastering in the St. George and performed his part of the work in an up-to-date manner.

ADAM J. FABIAN,

Whose portrait appears on this page, has been engaged as contracting plasterer here for about seven years, and occupies a high place in the front rank of the building trade. He did all the plastering on the new St. George, as stated elsewhere, and among other jobs that might be mentioned are St. Mary's hospital, remodeling Fulton avenue school building, plastering Dr. Young's residence, and that of Mr. A. G. Palmer.

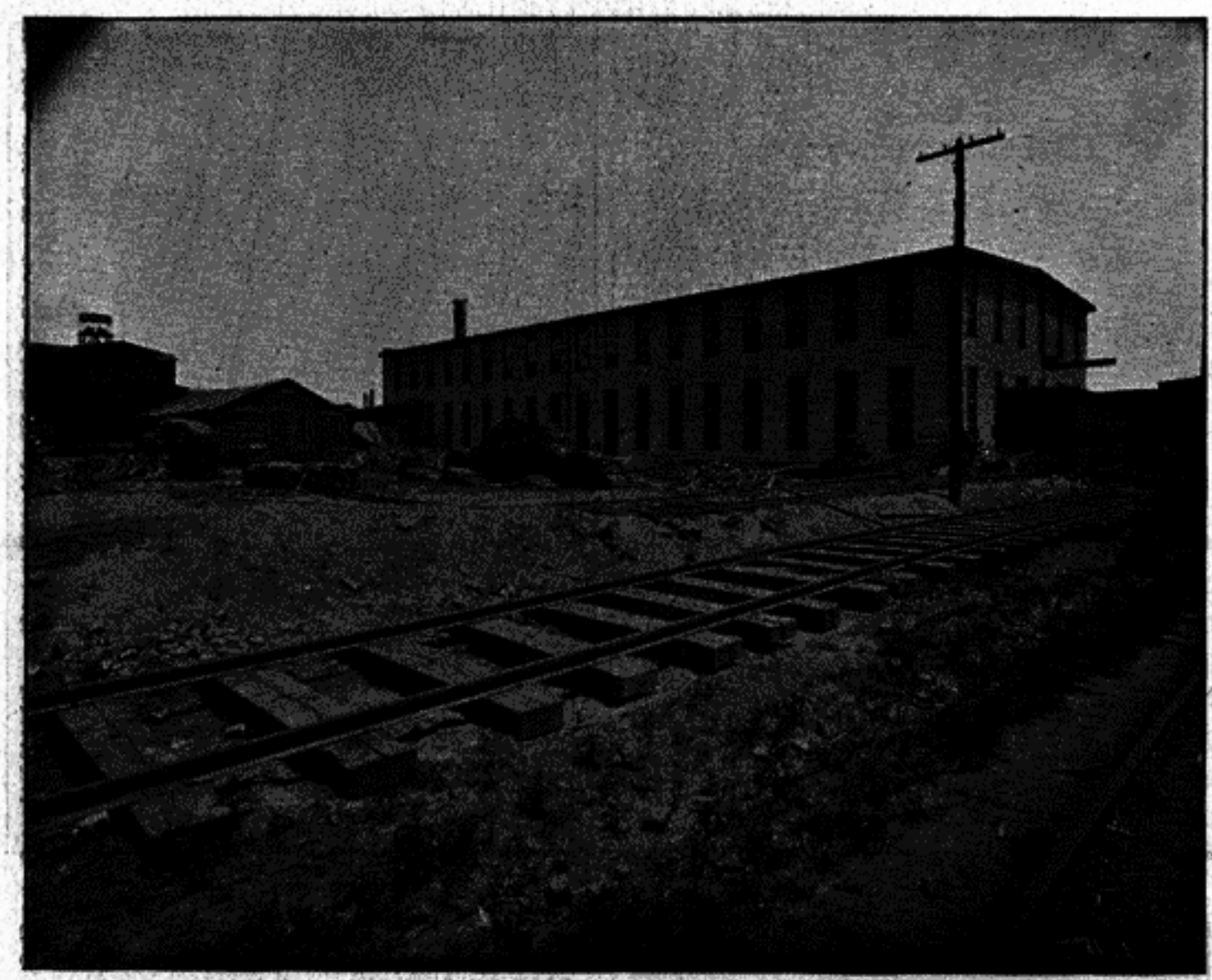
Mr. Fabian gives employment to eight and ten men all the time, and wherever he has done a job there is testimony of his ability as a plasterer. He is an accommodating gentleman and stands high in the community.

VICKERY BROTHERS

It was nearly a half century ago that the Vickery brothers arrived in Evansville from Ireland. There were three of them, James W., John and Samuel, and they brought nothing with them except industry, intelligence and strong moral convictions. They were not long in the employ of others but soon found a field ready for them to occupy, and in 1854 the firm of Vickery Brothers was established in a frame structure which stood on the south side of Main street between Second and Third. Here began the prosperity which has always followed them. They subsequently purchased and remodeled for their own use the valuable property at the corner of Third and Main streets where their business continued to enlarge.

About fifteen years ago Vickery Brothers purchased and remodeled the building on Second street, immediately opposite the custom house. It has an immense first floor area, and here the grocery business, wholesale and retail, strengthened by almost a half century of healthful and profitable existence, continues to flourish under the management of a second generation of Vickerys, all of the members of the original firm having retired from merchandising to give their attention to the other interests which have accumulated on their hands. But the sons of Samuel Vickery have inherited the strict business habits and industry which made their father so successful and are repeating his career over again.

The name of Vickery is a familiar one throughout all the country around. It has so long been a part of Evansville's commercial history that the memory of man scarcely runneth to the contrary, and the prosperity of the fathers is now falling to the lot of their sons.



PLANT OF THE INDIANA HICKORY CO.

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The advantages of Evansville as a manufacturing point, especially for articles made of wood, have again been illustrated by the establishment of The Indiana Hickory company, which, under the management of M. W. Thompson, recently leased the premises on the belt railroad near First avenue, formerly occupied by the Denny-Sonntag Furniture company.

The Indiana Hickory company manufactures rough wagon materials, particularly club-turned hickory spokes which it makes in large quantities. The factory consumes a carload of split spoke billets daily, and from them about two carloads of the finished product are obtained each week. The accessibility of forests in which high grade hickory and second growth white oak timber are found, together with its excellent shipping facilities gives Evansville exceptional advantages for a factory of this kind.

Mr. Thompson is engaged in the business of manufacturing carriage wheels at Jackson, Mich., is the vice president and manager of the Jackson Wheel company and is interested in the Imperial Wheel company in that city. These concerns will be supplied with their rough material by the Indiana Hickory company and its surplus product sold in the eastern markets and exported. The demand for the output of the factory is at present more than equal to its capacity. The factory is equipped with new machinery of the most recent types and additional machinery will be added before the next season begins. The new industry is owned and operated by men of experience in the business and their ability to dispose of the bulk of the output of the Evansville concern through their Jackson factory insures the steady operation of the shops here.

This makes an opportunity for persons owning hickory timber within reach of any of the railroads running into Evansville, and along the Ohio and Green rivers and their branches, to convert it into cash at a good profit and many of them are availing themselves of it.

Farmers and others wishing to sell spokes will be furnished with full particulars, instructions and prices upon application by postal card or otherwise to the Indiana Hickory company, Evansville, Ind. Everyone getting out spokes for the company is presented with a new spoke-splitting axe, free. No other tools are needed beyond the usual saw and axe for felling the trees.

One of Evansville's most important resuroces is the varied and abundant forests within close proximity. It makes her a natural center of all kinds of wood manufacture, and the recent establishment of the Indiana Hickory company shows that this advantage is being recognized and appropriated by men of energy and capital from other parts of the country.

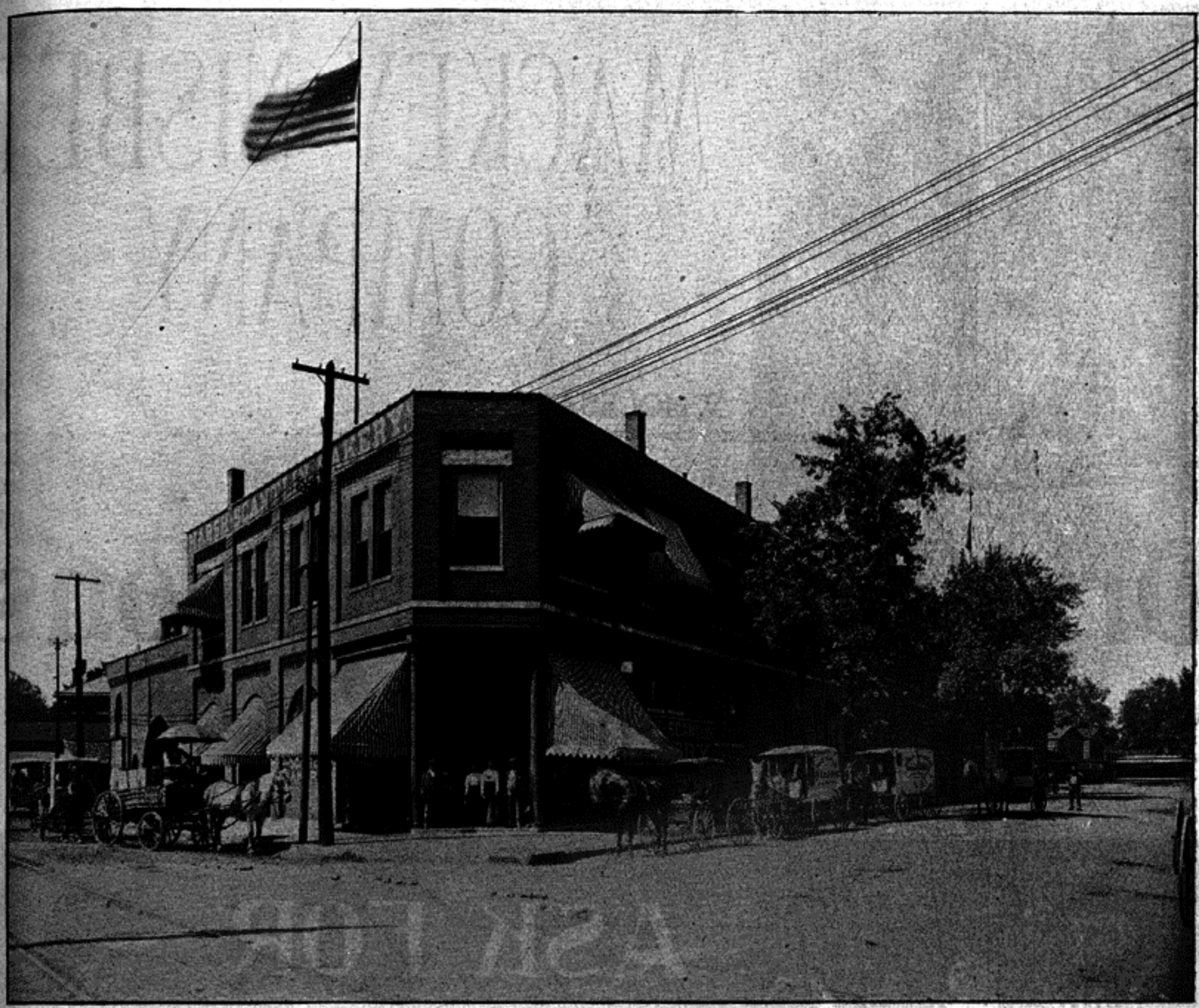
THE VON BEHREN MANUFACTURING COMPANY

That Evansville is a good location for the manufacturing of everything made of wood has been demonstrated by the large number of successful enterprises now in operation, which use this material. Every variety of hardwood is found in the forests within a radius of a hundred miles and the quality of the oak and hickory is especially excellent. Recognizing these facts, the Von Behren Bros. removed their factory from Bedford to this city in 1883, and the result has been a complete vindication of their action.

The Von Behren Manufacturing company produces all of the wood work used in the construction of buggies, carriages and road vehicles of every description. The best hickory and oak are used in making their materials and the company's goods have long enjoyed an almost exclusive reputation among manufacturers of vehicles, not only throughout the United States but in England and the various countries of South America. As their business has grown their facilities have been enlarged and they are now prepared to meet any demands which may be made upon their establishment.

The personnel of this firm has given it a peculiar hold upon local favor. B. F. Von Behren, the elder brother, has been active in public affairs almost since the advent of the firm into Evansville. He has served as a member of the council and also a member of the board of water works trustees, showing in both positions that he belonged to the class of citizens who are willing to make personal sacrifices for the public good. Two years ago his friends urged him for the mayoralty and he made a close contest for the nomination of his party for that position. He is a man who cannot remain in seclusion when he feels that public interests demands his effort, and it can be said without flattery that no citizen of Evansville has a broader grasp of municipal necessities or greater capability to provide policies for securing them than B. F. Von Behren.

The younger member of the firm, Charles Von Behren, is widely known as a wide awake and intelligent man of the world as well as the business. While his first consideration is given to the affairs of the factory he is very prominent in the social life of the city, and believing that the best way to extend business relations is to show hospitality to strangers and to make and to do whatever is possible to create an agreeable social atmosphere. The Von Behrens are both popular in social as well as business circles, and their residence in Evansville has been an acquisition that is appreciated by all classes of people.



MARSH-SCANTLIN BAKERY.

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The crackers and biscuits made by the Marsh-Scantlin company cannot be excelled in the world, while their cakes of every variety and size are of the texture and flavor to tempt the most fastidious appetite. They make a specialty of hand made cakes. Especially are their featherweight and reception flakes worthy of mention, and their "drummer's lunch" crackers are a morsel fit for a king. All these are leaders and are unsurpassed by any. The manufacture of these important articles of the table has been reduced to a science and where adequate mechanical appliances are used, as in this establishment, there can be no such thing as failure unless the materials employed in making them are inferior. The long experience of Silas S. Scantlin in this peculiar line of work has made him an expert as to the quality of articles used in bakeries and nothing but the best grades of flour, sugar and other materials are used in this establishment. Marsh-Scantlin employ the best skilled labor obtainable at all times. Those who have known the discomforts of breads, crackers, cakes and biscuits of inferior quality know how to appreciate the good things turned out by the Marsh-Scantlin bakery. Nothing better can be found anywhere and the advantage the concern enjoys in being associated with the National Biscuit company is an assurance that every new device for the advancement of baking as a fine art will be adopted as soon as invented.

Bread is the staff of life—that is, good bread is. It often happens, however, that through lack of knowledge or the carelessness of the cook, families have no alternative but are compelled to eat soggy bread. This creates not only dissatisfaction in the household but superinduces dyspepsia and other ills arising from indigestion. Nothing is more objectionable than poorly made bread, and nothing contributes more to the comfort and happiness of mankind than good bread.

The bakery managed by Silas S. Scantlin and whose large and modern building is located at the corner of Second and Ingle streets, belongs to The National Biscuit company, a strong organization financially and one in which only first class bakeries are included. Under the firm name of Marsh-Scantlin bakery the Evansville branch of this organization achieved an enviable reputation. Its mechanical appliances for producing the best quality of breads, crackers, cakes and biscuits are of the most modern kind. Their Vienna domestic and buttermilk bread rolls are as fine products of the oven as any concern in the United States can turn out and their other articles are of equal excellence.

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EVANSVILLE, IND.

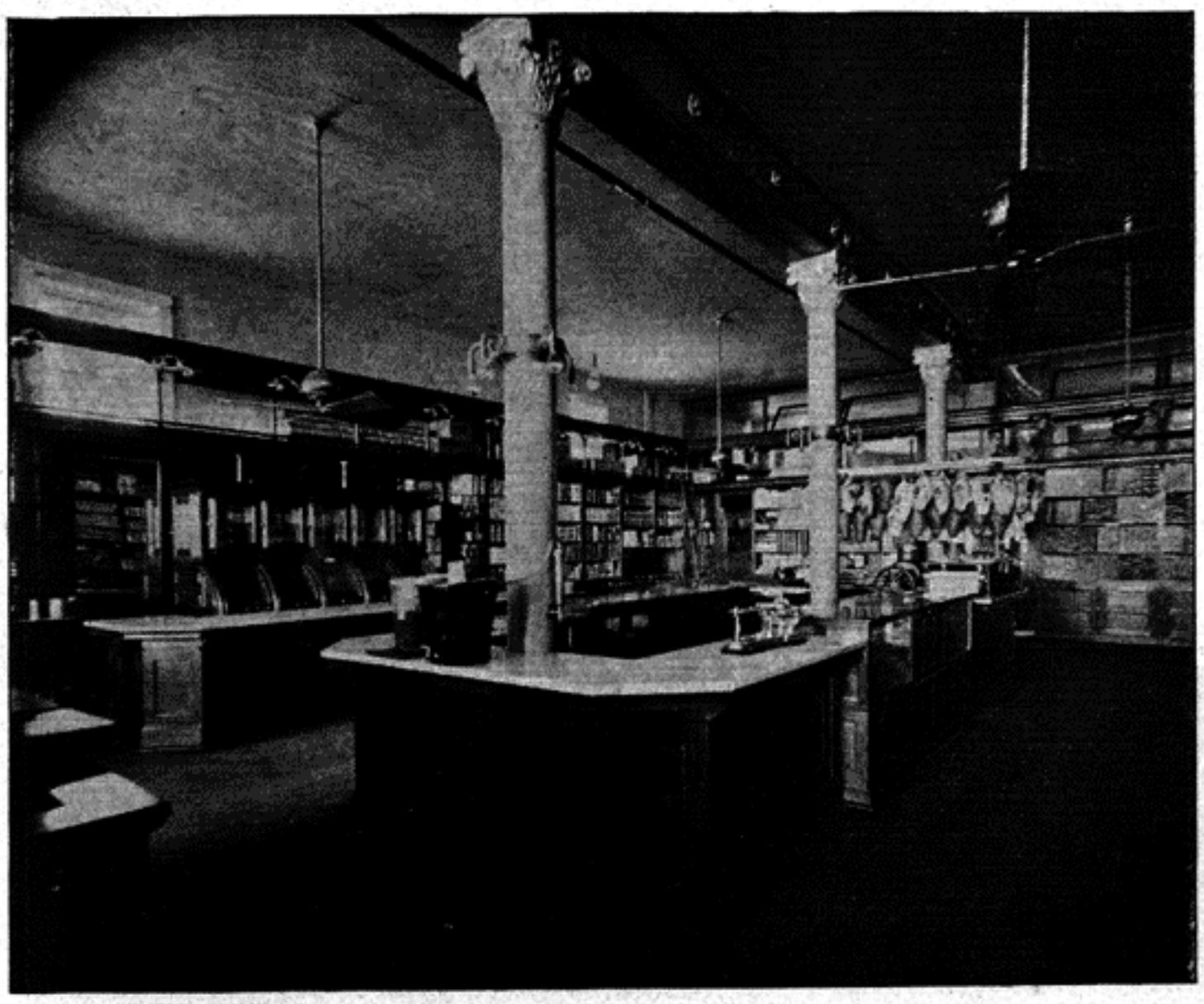
PLANT OF STANDARD OIL COMPANY.

STANDARD OIL CO.

Nothing has contributed more to the advancement of intelligence and comfort of the human family than the discovery of natural oils and their application to domestic and commercial uses. The various fluids of which petroleum is the main constituent long ago became essentials to the health and convenience of every class. Not only for light and fuel but as the basic principle in many medical and chemical preparations coal oil is now used throughout the world, and when one reflects that as late as a half century ago coal oil was unknown to commerce and was only considered as a caprice of nature interesting for purposes of experiment but without any practical function, the revolution its discovery has wrought in many directions is among the wonders of latter day history.

The Standard Oil company which owns and operates almost all of the oil producing lands in the United States is often spoken of as the greatest monopoly in the world. It is unquestionably the most powerful commercial corporation in existence, but its policies have been prompted by a just appreciation of the interests of its patrons as well as of its own interests. The result of its acquirement of its vast properties has been to furnish a better quality of oil and at much lower prices than were ever known before. The advantages of its commodities for illuminating, lubricating, chemical, medicinal and fuel purposes are so generally recognized that there is scarcely a city or town in the civilized world where they are not sold. This organization has been more the result of enterprise and the disposition to furnish the best oils at the lowest prices than a deliberate design to control the oil trade. But no one will deny that the Standard Oil company is now in practical possession of the oil markets of both hemispheres. It could put prices up or down at pleasure and the public would have no recourse. Fortunately, the company has never shown any disposition to avail itself of arbitrary methods, but conducted its affairs in such a way that while making handsome dividends for its shareholders, it has at the same time offered advantages to its patrons in the important matters of quality and price which could not have been secured under competitive conditions. This is not only true of illuminating oils but the company also offers its patrons linseed oil, gasoline, turpentine, parafine candles and any other lubricating or fuel oils of equal quality and at correspondingly low prices.

For many years the local offices and plant of the Standard Oil company have been in charge of Robert Gunton, jr., a man whose adaptability to the position is generally recognized. He has been successful in popularizing the company's relations with the Evansville public and the surrounding country, all of his dealings being conducted in a spirit of courtesy and fairness. The Standard Oil company was fortunate in securing the services of a man whose ability and popularity are so conspicuous.



INTERIOR VIEW OF H. A. COOK & SON'S STORE.

H. A. COOK & SON.

Over forty-seven years ago the senior member of the above firm, H. A. Cook, commenced business in the grocery line in Evansville. This means almost a life time in the business. The junior member, Harry N. Cook, has been more of less directly associated in the business since 1869. They are really the pioneers in the grocery trade and it can be truthfully stated that to them can be accredited more original and progressive ideas in their particular line than all others in this city, and that every innovation made looked to the better serving of their customers with the best goods obtainable and the most convenient service to their friends and patrons. It's a by-word in Evansville households that "if you want something good to eat go to Cook's."

Their business has shown a steady growth, making necessary from time to time changes of location and fixtures. Each change was an event in the history of the grocery trade of this city and surrounding country. No backward step marked the progress of the intelligent, careful, personal conduct of this growing trade, built upon the foundation of quality the first consideration and low prices, courteous treatment and prompt service added.

The demands for more space in which to display a stock so varied in assortment and etxensive in quantity made necessary the remodeling of their entire store and the addition of an extra store room. The adjoining room, 329 Main street, was secured and the division wall removed between March 1 and June 1, 1899. The plans were matured and executed upon the most up-to-date ideas known to the present day, and even in some features anticipating to a certain extent the future. As their store now stands at the corner of Main and Fourth streets, No. 329 and No. 331 Main, it is a model of completeness of arrangement making possible the accomplishment of a large volume of business on the most economical expenditure of labor and material. Departments are controlled by trained and efficient assistants who take as much pride in the conduct of this model establishment as the proprietors themselves. From the Luxifor prisms installed in the front windows the daylight is sent to the extreme limit of the store, making the rear as light as the front. The different departments are fruit and vegetables, candy, butter and cheese, dellicatesse, teas and coffees, crackers, canned goods, etc., etc.

One of the main attractions is the

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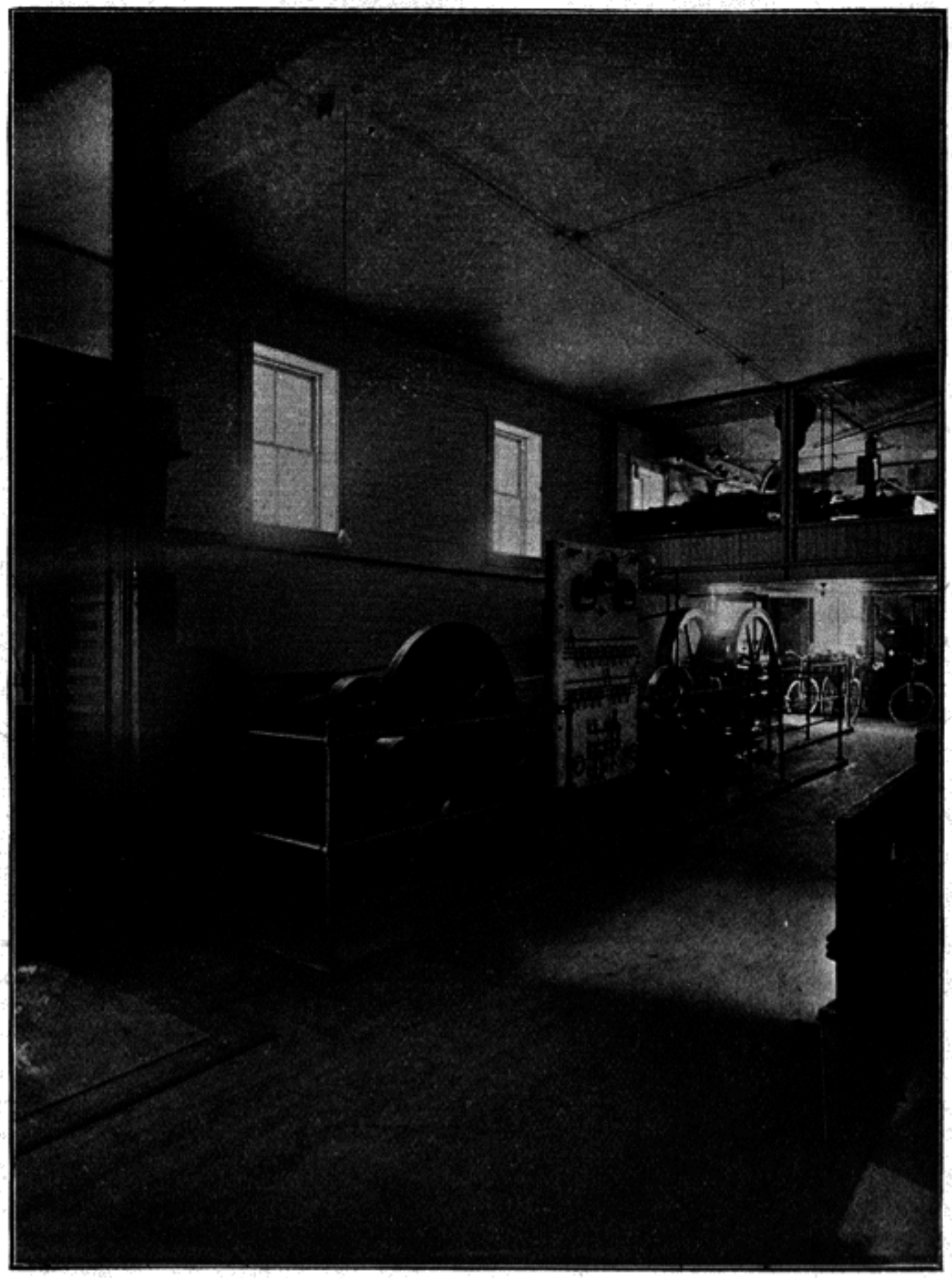
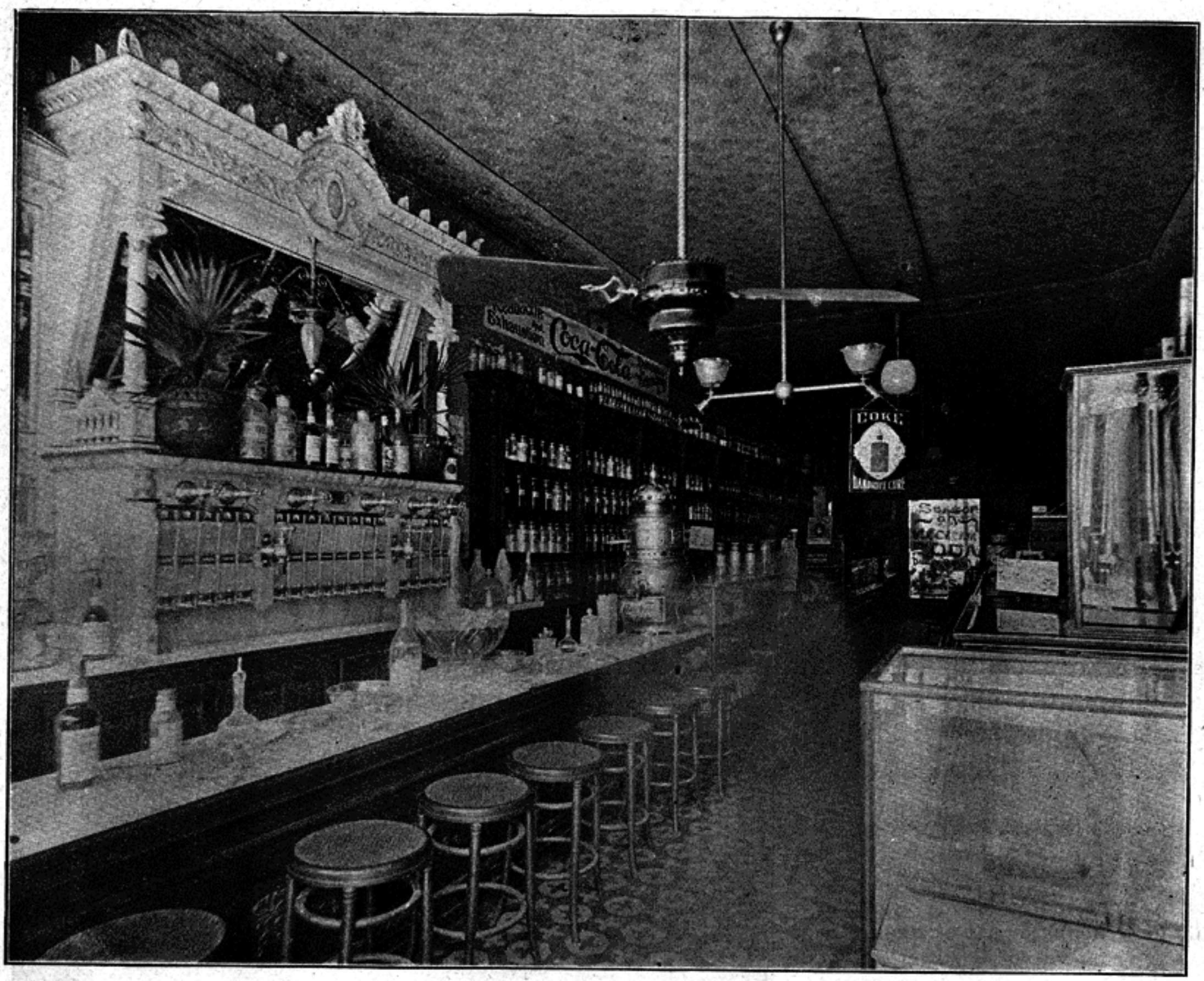
ask to be shown through. It will be accepted as a compliment to them to have the privilege of explaining and showing the store to all who come. Don't forget the location, corner Main and Fourth streets, Evansville, Ind.

light and power plant in the rear of the building, where gas engines of the most modern patterns produce electric current for light and power, operating the mills for grinding or pulverizing coffee fresh any moment, for operating the ten fans which keep a cooling circulation of air that makes the hottest day endurable to the busy army of clerks. The cold storage plant is perhaps the first one in the West ever operated independently and as a part of a grocery house. All ice boxes and cheese cases, oyster, fish and game boxes are supplied with coils and cooled by a circulation of amonia. Three large rooms supply space of sufficient capacity to carry a large stock in perfection of condition through the most trying season of hot weather. Just imagine a room in July and August where the thermometer shows 20 to 24 degrees and the outside air 85 to 90, and even more. In this room we can keep poultry, fish, game, subject to call in perfectly dry air which can never be accomplished in rooms cooled with melting ice. A pneumatic tube connects the cashier's office with the main office, this arrangement being greatest economy of time and space in handling business between the two offices. No description of this up-to-date store can convey a really proper idea of just what this elegant display is. The firm extends a most cordial invitation to the public to come to their place of business and



ENGINE ROOM OF H. A. COOK & SON'S STORE.



MEEK & ALBERS' DRUG STORE.

MEEK & ALBERS' CUT RATE DRUG STORE

It is only about three years ago that the firm of Meek & Albers came unheralded to Evansville. A lease was quietly effected on the valuable property at 215 Main street and the four storied structure was soon remodeled to suit the convenience of what has proven one of the most successful business ventures ever made in Evansville.

There are so many reasons for the prosperity which has attended Meek & Albers from the time when they opened the doors of their elegant store to the public and they are all so apparent that it would be a waste of words to attempt to enumerate them. Three points, however, are especially worthy of mention because they tell the whole story:

First, the senior partner, Mr. Meek, is never absent from his post of duty, and being one of the most accomplished pharmacists in the country the patrons of the house feel absolutely safe in accepting prescriptions prepared under his direction.

Second, only the purest and best brands of drugs and medicines find a place in Meek & Albers' stock. They will not serve their patrons with any other goods than those recognized by the medical profession of the country as the best of their kind.

Third, when they opened their doors they placed in their windows in bold letters the talismanic assurance of cut rate prices and have religiously lived up to this profession.

It is not only in drugs, medicines, chemical preparations and all other articles found in the most progressive drug stores that Meek & Albers have earned the right to be classed as the friends of the people, but their line of soaps, perfumery, brushes and other requisites of the toilet are of the most attractive kinds and also come under the cut-rate shibboleth. They carry a choice line of cigars, wines, liquors and fruit syrups, and their magnificent soda fountain is a perennial joy and refreshment to people of all sexes, ages and conditions. Here the most delectable beverages are served with or without the ice cream accompaniment and there is no lurking suspicion in the mind of the thirsty soul that there is any danger in the cup he quaffs. It is as free from impurity as the morning dew and as delightful to the palate as the ambroisia of Olympus.

Some Specialties

A metropolitan feature of this drug store is the elegant line of perfumery and toilet requisites. Odors in perfumes can be had here that have made the reputation of every perfumer of note in the world. Here also we find theatrical grease paints, Loonen's bristle brushes, brushes of Siberian bristles, brushes for hair, cloth, bath and nail, Camel's hair brushes for the complexion, all recommended by the great skin specialists.

Purity

Meek & Albers have a checking system which precludes the possibility of error in filling prescriptions. They handle the famous Merck's chemicals and Squibs pharmaceutical goods, these names being synonyms for purity. They court the most rigid examination of their prescriptions and openly offer $100 to any charitable association if any one will prove that their prescriptions are not filled with the purest drugs and of highest standard.

The Members of the Firm

George W. Albers, a German chemist of 40 years experience is the junior member. For original work in chemistry he was awarded diplomas of honor and a medal by the Society Scientifique of Europe.

W. H. Meek graduated with the highest honors of his class in pharmacy and holds

a medal for breaking the schools record in originality. He had charge of one of the largest laboratories in the country before going on the road and for some years traveled extensively in the interest of the largest drug house in America. He has had opportunities to observe the methods of the brightest men in the profession and incorporates these absorbed ideas in the management of his own business.

Meek & Albers deserve the great patronage that has come to them not only on their merits but because they are the acknowledged leaders of what has developed into a revolution. Until their coming the prices of twenty years ago prevailed in Evansville, notwithstanding the great decline that has taken place in the cost of production of all staple drugs and medicines. They have compelled retail dealers to meet their prices or go out of business. They have accomplished their purpose without decrying their competitors but by simply living up to the two propositions, "We sell only the best," and "We cut the rate." Such a firm deserves the warm place it has found in the popular heart. Everybody recalls the opening of Meek & Albers' elegant drug store as a red letter day in the history of Evansville.

THE EVANSVILLE GAS AND ELECTRIC LIGHT CO.

When the streets of Evansville were first lighted by gas, those who are reckoned among the old men of today were children. It was a memorable event when the gas was first turned on, and some of the most prominent business men of Evansville now followed the lamplighter on his rounds that night, as boys. Although the original founders of the old gas company have all passed away, the men now controlling it have caught the spirit of enterprise which prompted their predecessors, and the attitude of the company towards its patrons continues to be one of liberal reciprocity.

In 1884 the Electric Light company which had enjoyed a brief career of success and usefulness, was consolidated with the gas company and the name of the corporation was changed to The Evansville Gas and Electric Light company. The contract for street lighting which the electric light company had secured from the city was thus absorbed and the old organization, strengthened and somewhat rejuvenated by the infusion of new blood, resumed the exclusive privilege of furnishing light not only for domestic but for public purposes. It must be said for the company, however, that it has never displayed the arrogant spirit characteristic of monopolies in general. Instead of exacting the highest prices from consumers, it has reduced the scale from time to time until gas is now supplied at more reasonable rates in Evansville than in any city of its class in the country. The company realized that the tendency of prices for everything was downward and shaped its course accordingly. It was undoubtedly true policy, for its business has largely increased since prices were reduced as it will undoubtedly continue to increase with further reductions. Many families that would prefer gas to any other light or fuel have but a fixed and moderate income and must plan their expenses accordingly. In these cases the difference between gas at $1.25 a thousand and $1 a thousand decides the question as to whether gas or oil should be used in their domestic economy. Nothing has yet been invented to take the place of gas as an illuminant or fuel, especially for cooking purposes, and the average housewife willingly pays more for it than for oil or fuel on account of its great convenience, cleanliness and saving of labor. The Gas and Electric Light company had this large class of people in view in reducing their prices and in contributing to their comfort increased its own profits. The result has been so satisfactory that it may be taken for granted the company will make still further reductions whenever circumstances justify the step.

In this age of progress, changes in the mechanical appliances of large manufactories are constantly being made and to secure the best results they must be adopted at whatever cost by concerns that expect to retain their hold upon popular favor. The Evansville Gas and Electric Light company realizes this fact and being amply able to secure the best machinery to be obtained, its gas, whether used as an illuminant or for fuel, is generally up to the standard required by its patrons. Within a very short time further reductions in prices may be expected provided the increase in business is sufficient to make such action consistent with the interest of shareholders of the company's stock as well as of its patrons. The security of the company in its continuous rights seems as stable now as ever, and therefore the practice of liberality, which the company has shown in the past, may be confidently expected in its future operations.

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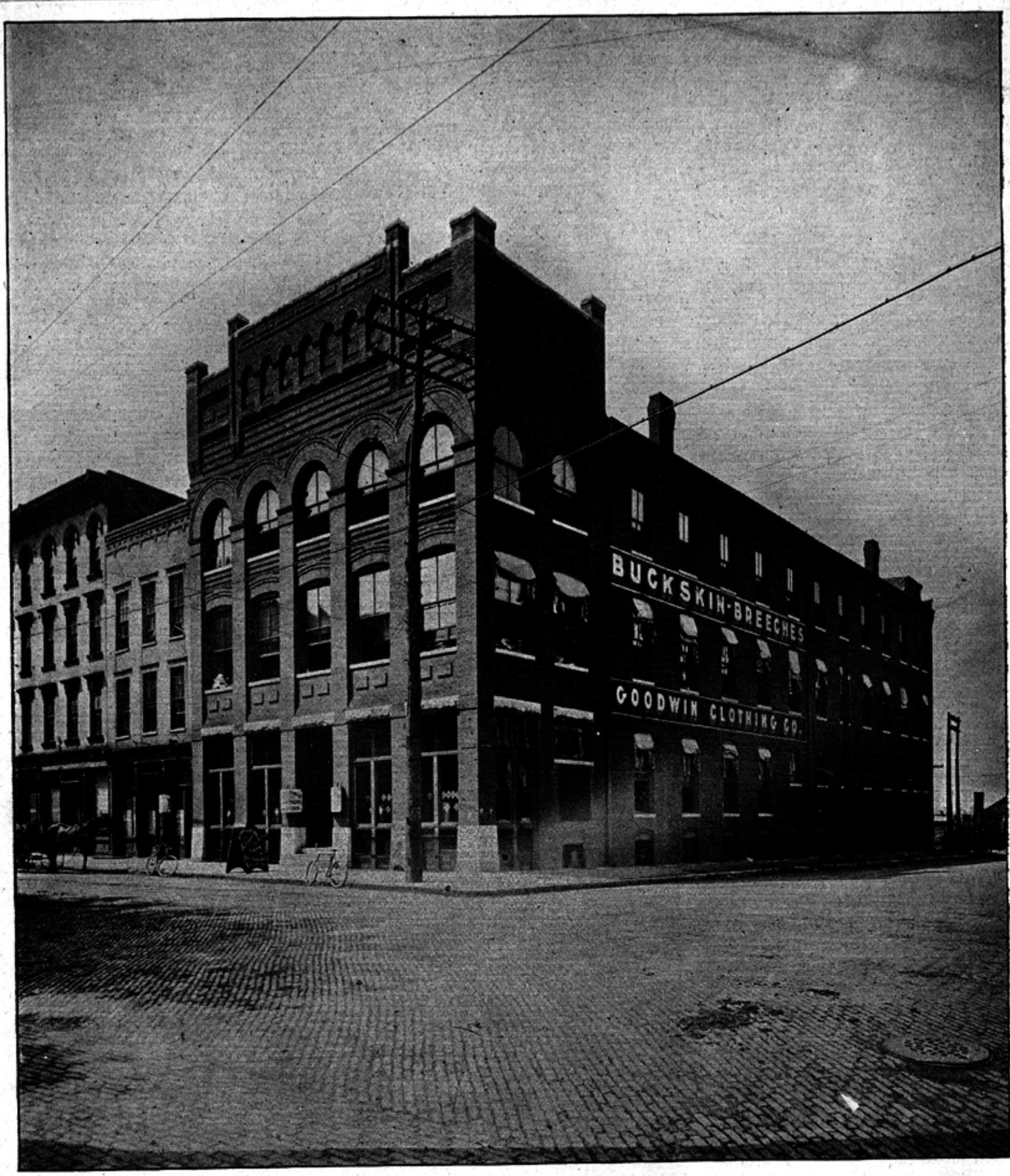


GOODWIN CLOTHING CO. PLANT.

THE GOODWIN CLOTHING COMPANY

Less than a dozen years ago two young men engaged modest headquarters at 22 Vine street and with a few sewing machines started in the business of manufacturing jeans pants under the firm name of Pleasants, Goodwin & company. It was a venture, the success of which was necessarily doubtful as neither member of the firm had any experience in this line of work. But they were patient, industrious and intelligent, three qualities which, when combined, may be relied upon to achieve success in any field. The business was of gradual but sure growth and within the first year of its existence the experimental stage was successfully passed and there was every assurance of a prosperous future.

In 1890 James R. Goodwin purchased the interest of his partner and the firm name was changed to James R. Goodwin & company, continuing under this style until 1893 when the business was incorporated under the name of The Goodwin Clothing company. All this time the house was enlarging the scope of its activities, and as business increased the company added to its list of products until it included all of the outer garments worn by men. The handsome building in Lower First street, which is an ornament to that quarter of the city, was built expressly for The Goodwin Clothing company and is a model of convenience and one of the most com-

modious manufacturing establishments in the west. Additional capital gave the business of the company new life and it began reaching out in all directions until the territory now covered by its traveling salesmen and correspondents may be said to include all of that part of the United States west of the Allegheny mountains. All kinds of men's clothing of every grade and price are offered to the trade as well as to individual patrons, and the style and quality of their garments are not surpassed by those of any clothing manufactory in the country.

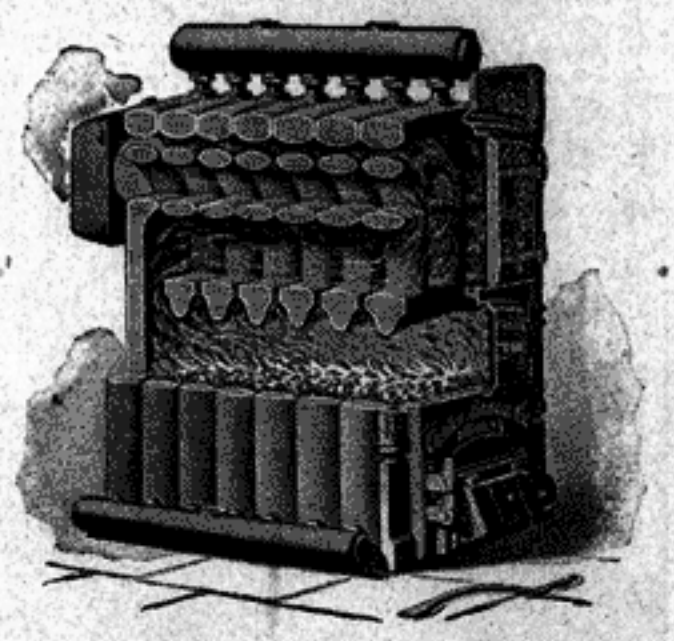
Although a native of Missouri, James R. Goodwin is an Indianian by descent and subsequent adoption. The father and mother were both born in this state, the former at Washington and the latter at Leavenworth. Their sojourn in Missouri was not long enough to have weaned them away from the home of their childhood and returning to Indiana the family settled in Leavenworth where James R. Goodwin began his education. The father subsequently changed his residence to Cave-in-Rock, Ill. It was in the high school of Louisville that James R. Goodwin's experience with the class room terminated. But his thirst for knowledge continued and he found enough leisure time during his active business life to have acquired an unusual fund of information upon all important social, political and commercial subjects. No man is better able to discuss the subjects of universal interest more attractively and forcibly whether orally or with the pen. His counsels are sought by men of business and those in public station, and they are always found to be based upon intelligence and practical judgment. From the beginning of his business with eleven sewing machines up to the present time when The Goodwin company employs more than 200 sewing machine operatives no difficulty has ever arisen between the company and its employes, because the rights of those whose labor helped to build up the business are as sacredly considered by the manager of the concern as the rights of the shareholders. James R. Goodwin never fails whenever an appeal is made to the public spirit of the community. He is always ready to assume his share of the burden, of any movement looking to the advancement of Evansville.

The president of the Goodwin Clothing company is S. W. Cook, whose name is more intimately associated in the public mind with other business interests. He gives but a general supervision to the company's affairs, but his experience in many important lines of business gives value to his counsels. In executive work of any kind he has unusual training, and, altogether, he possesses exactly the elements necessary to complete the efficiency of the management of The Goodwin Clothing company.

If the progress of The Goodwin company in the past may be accepted as prophetic for its future, another ten years of existence will place it in the front line of the great clothing manufactories of the United States.

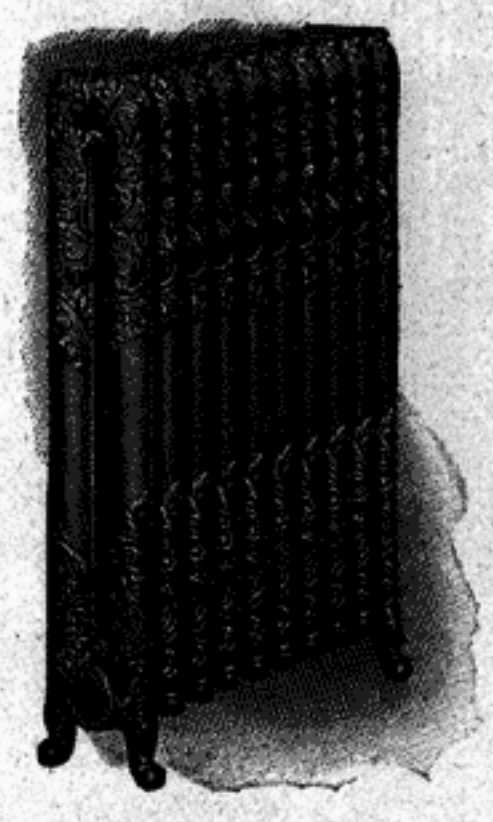
J. J. MATHIS

After an absence of a number of years in which he was perfecting himself in a knowledge of the business he intended to make his life work, J. J. Mathis returned to his native city in 1898 and established himself at No. 28 Upper Water street in the business of supplying steam and hot water heating and ventilating apparatus for residences, stores and



public buildings of all kinds. He has given much attention to the details of these important adjuncts to health and comfort and his workmanship and materials have vindicated not only his knowledge in construction but good faith in giving the best value for their money that his customers could receive.

J. J. Mathis has established policies of business which cannot fail to bring success. He invites the closest inspection of his work and asks those who are interested in heating and ventilation upon modern principles to visit his



establishment and examine his stock of goods. His energy, intelligence and evident disposition to deal fairly with everybody have already commended him to the attention of builders and property owners and his business has grown steadily from the day when he first opened his doors to the public.

Mr. Mathis did the work in both Trinity and St. Boniface churches here. Also chapel of the Little Sisters of the Poor. Other jobs done by him which might be mentioned are Dr. Walker's office, J. W. Hepps residence, Boonville, Ind., Dr. Gilbert's sanitarium, A. C. Rosencranz' office, Henry Wimberg's residence and F. J. Reitz's residence.

THE CUMBERLAND TELEPHONE COMPANY

What seemed but an interesting experiment twenty years ago, when Prof. Bell demonstrated that communications could be held at long distances over electric wires, has become as much an element in the activity of today as the railroads or the United States mail service. So quickly do the necessities of business conform to new conditions that the wonder now is, not that we have the telephone, but how business could ever have been conducted without it.

The Cumberland Telephone company is an organization which asks to be considered purely upon its merits. It has secured the right to use and operate the Bell instruments acknowledged to be the simplest and most practical ones in use. Years of experience have earned for them a popular verdict which has accorded them the first place for effectiveness and easy management. The field here has long enjoyed the first class service afforded by the Cumberland Telephone company, the only one prepared to accommodate its patrons with the best appliances which the science of electricity has yet invented for the transmission of oral communications.

The policies upon which the Cumberland Telephone company conduct its business are the result of the accretions of capital which long years of effort have secured, and the experience only to be acquired through intelligent studies of the necessities of the commercial world. It can always be taken for granted that this company will avail itself promptly of every device calculated to add to the efficiency of its service as soon as invented and without regard to expense.

There is one thing which is absolutely incompatible with a satisfactory telephone service, and that is rival systems which of necessity must conflict with each other. No business community can brook the double reign of two telephone companies any more than it could of two official taxing boards. Wherever competition has been tried the result has been confusion, vexation and actual loss of money. What could be a greater imposition upon patience than the delays resulting from transferring messages from one system to another? Even if connections could be made at all, delays would be unavoidable while the chances for mistakes would be multiplied indefinitely. Information acquired over two different systems would be so untrustworthy that time and trouble would probably be saved by sending messengers instead of using the telephone at all. Thus the element of dispatch in business, for which the telephone was mainly invented, would be practically eliminated. One good telephone system is all that any city or town wants, indeed, is all that can be made available. Wherever rival systems have been permitted, the result has been to destroy the efficiency of the telephone advantages altogether.

Great changes have been made in the telephone since it first became an instrument of commerce, and it is certain that other changes will be made from time to time with the view of increasing

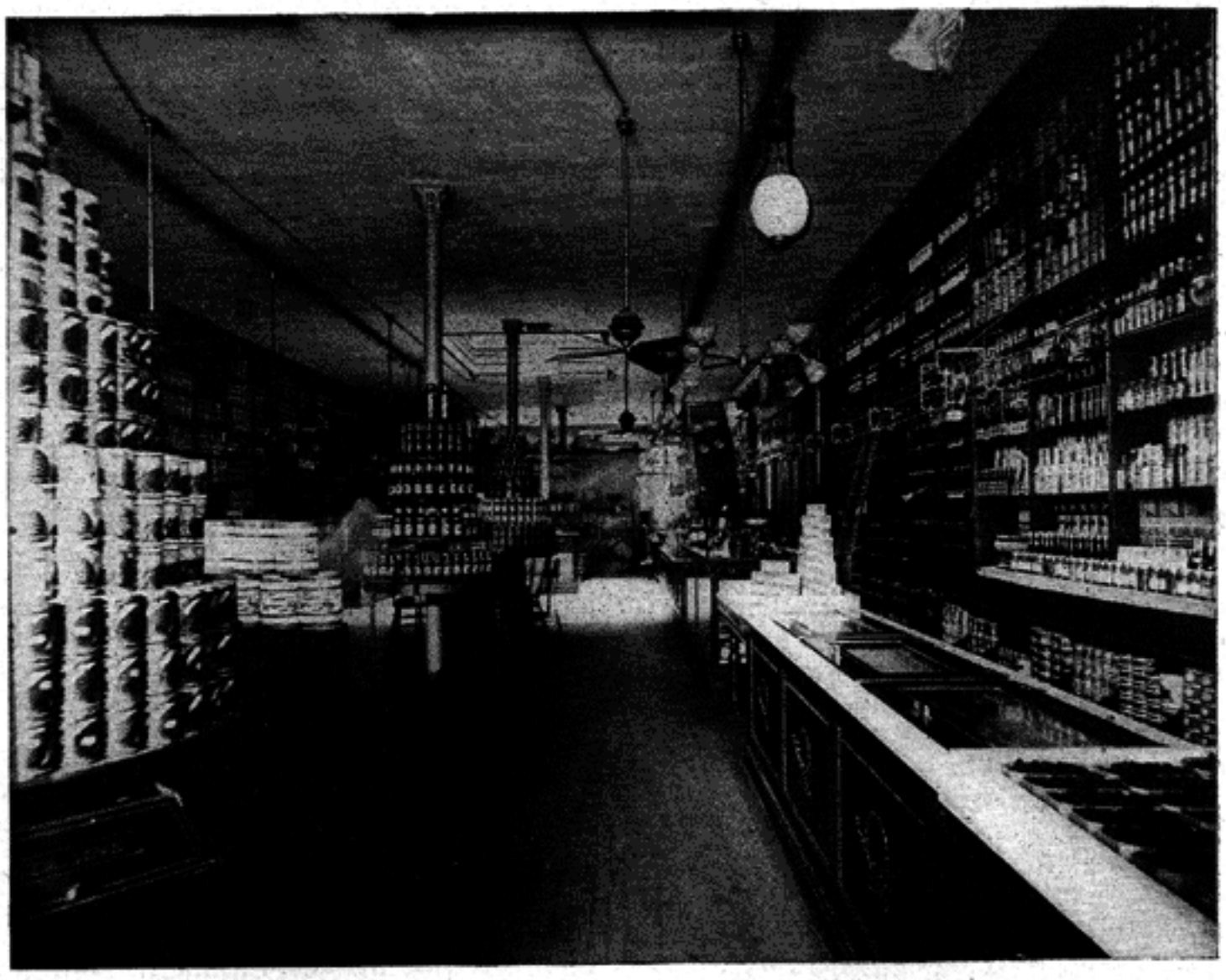
its efficiency. The company that keeps itself in constant sympathy with these changes is the one that is cetrain to meet with popular favor. It need scarcely be said that the policy of the Cumberland Telephone company will continue to be progressive, indeed, there is nothing retroactive in its composition. Standing upon a record that cannot be read without surprise and admiration, it is today one of the most graphic symbols of advancement that the close of the nineteenth century affords.

ADLER BROTHERS

The success to be obtained by carefully inspecting the wants of the public has been vividly illustrated by the career of the Adler Brothers, the famous retail grocers and caterers of 523 and 525 Main street. They are native Evansvillians and it is not many years since they were school boys, but this fact is difficult to realize when their present prominence among business men is considered. They performed their tasks well while at school and have carried the same energy and intelligence they there displayed into their chosen occupation. It is a duty with them to serve the public with the best of everything upon snort notice and at the lowest prices.

The Adler Brothers recognize no limitations in the scope of their resources. The whole country from Maine to California, and from the lakes to Florida is made to contribute to their daily lists of attractions. Fish, flesh and fowl of the most tempting and exclusive varieties, fruits and vegetables from every clime, preserved goods, in glass and tin, of the most famous laboratories of American and European countries—indeed, every delicacy prized by the pampered epicure, as well as all of the staple articles of food used by all classes of people, are among the array to be found at all times in this emporium of gastronomic delights. In liquids the Adler Brothers offer the finest brands of foreign and domestic wines, liquors and cordials at prices that surprise those who are familiar with such luxuries. Everything in this establishment is supplied to wholesale as well as the retail trade upon the best possible terms, and as promptness is a leading characteristic of the house, all orders will be filled to the satisfaction of those who give them.

It is difficult to speak of such an establishment as the one conducted by the Adler Brothers in terms of moderation. It is so absolutely complete and affluent in all of its appointments and attractions that on entering it one finds himself almost in a state of bewilderment. The first feeling is that a long purse is necessary to enjoy any of its privileges, but on looking around one finds that while opportunities are there to spend a great deal of money a very little of it will go a long ways when judiciously used. It is this considerate spirit that has made the Adler Brothers so popular among all classes of people and never at any time was the house in higher favor than now.



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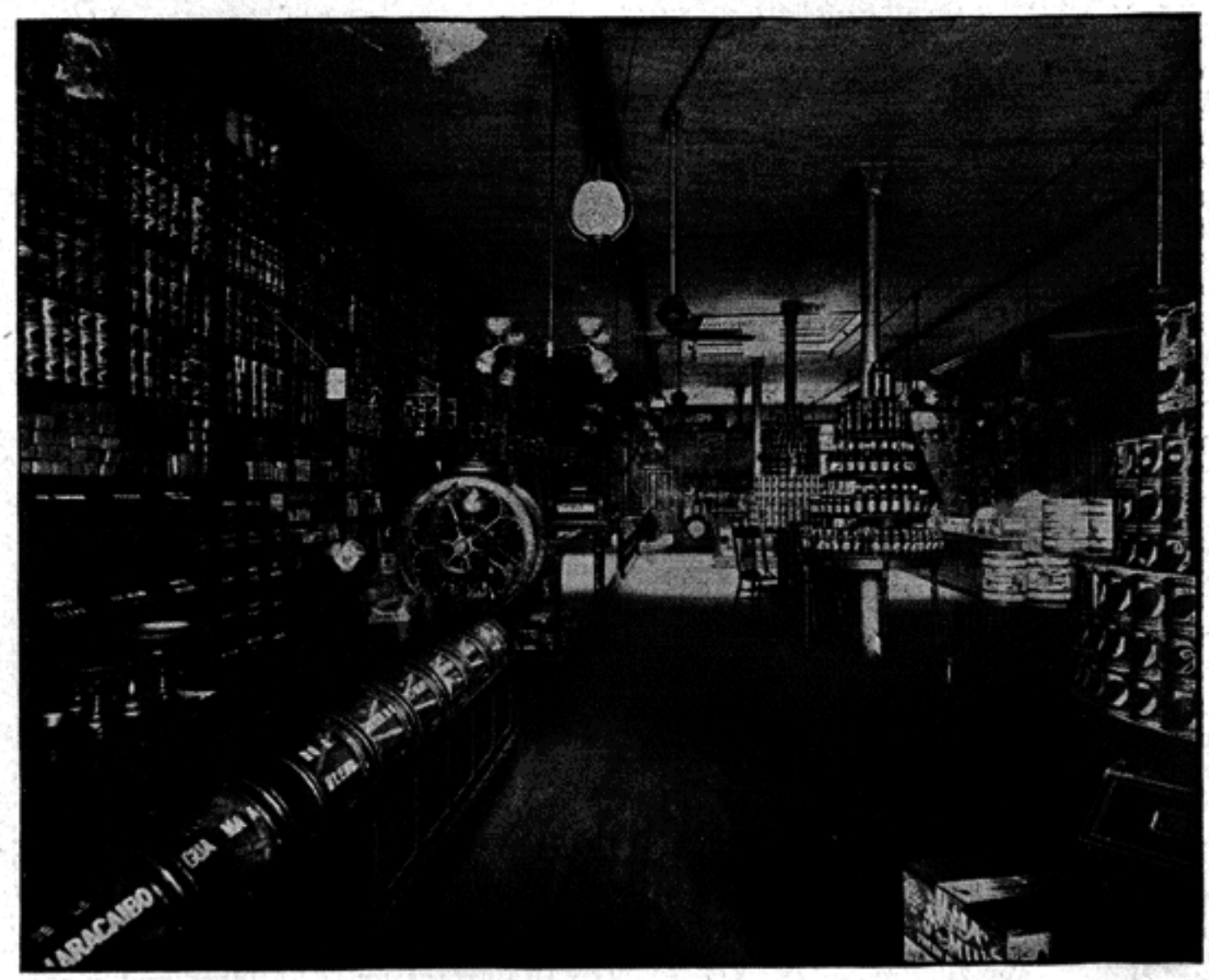

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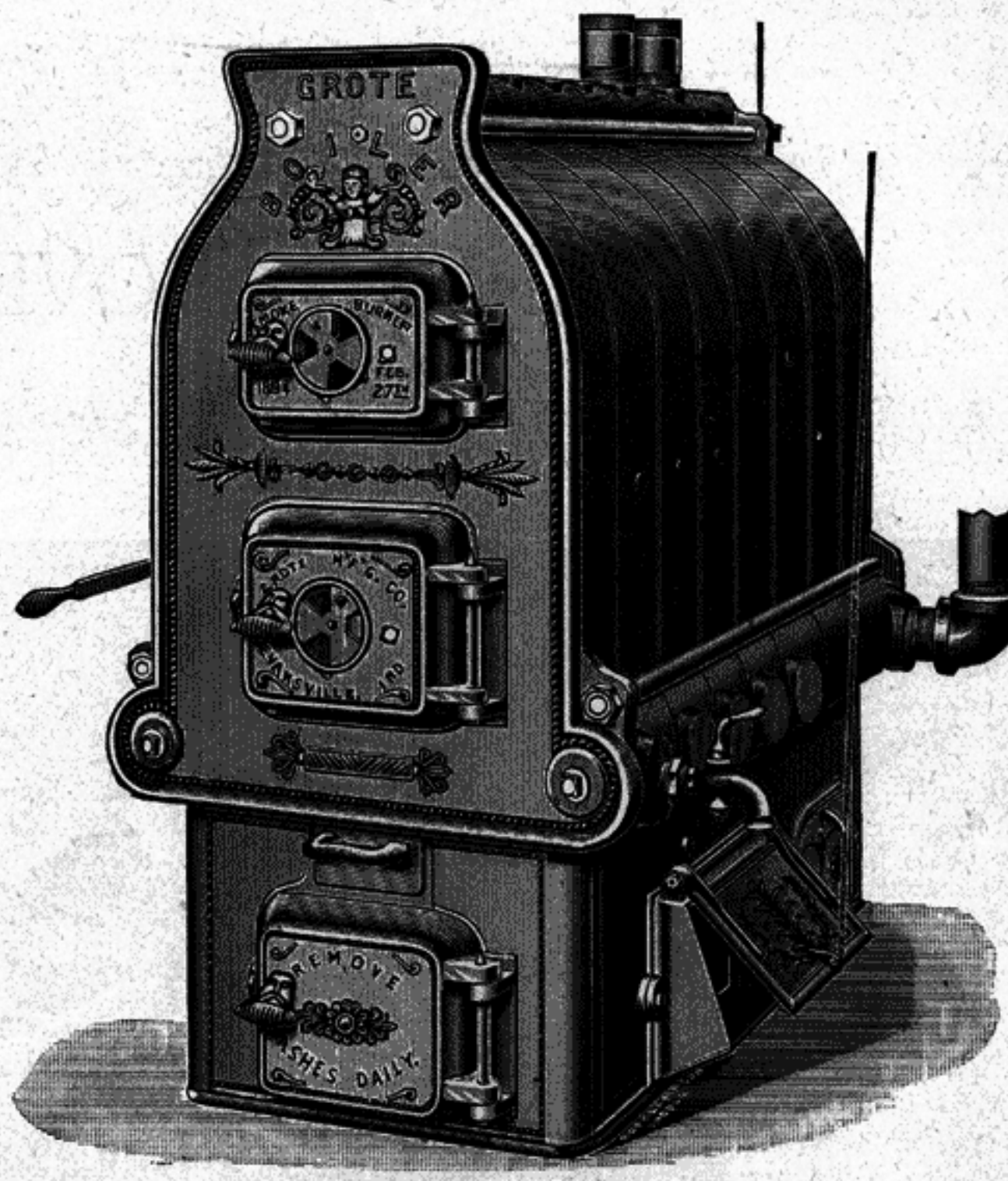
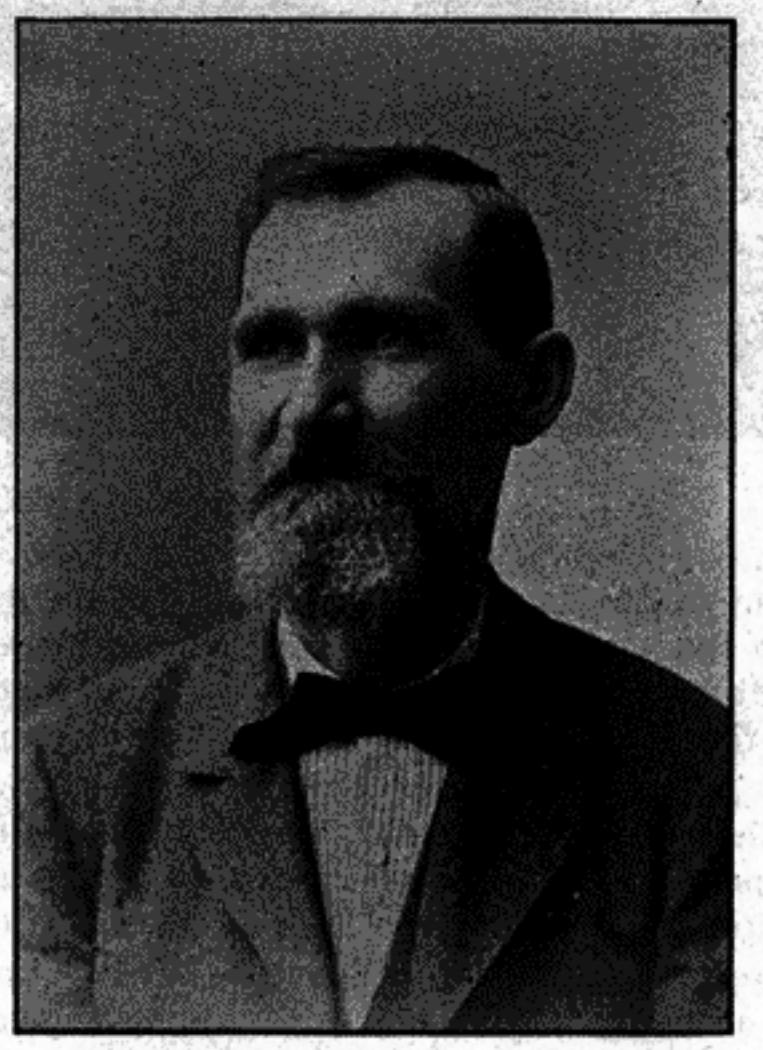
FERDINAND GROTE

In this age of rapid advancement in the science of mechanics such men as Ferdinand Grote are of inestimable value to any community. He is a German by birth and has inherited the love for analysis and investigation which is a characteristic of his race. With his father's family he came to the United States when a child and his physical and mental development were acquired on a farm and in the country school. Realizing that he would have to make his own way in the world he applied himself assiduously to books, especially to that branch of knowledge which dealt with the higher science of mechanics. The inventive faculty was a strong element in his mental organism and entering the field of hydraulics and motive power he produced many valuable discoveries for which he now holds patents. Evansville has had frequent occasion to realize benefits form his knowledge, especially in connection with the water works. For years past whenever complications have arisen in this department of municipal service Ferd Grote has been the final referee no matter what political party was in force in the city government, and never failed to bring order out of chaos. It is not too much to say that no man has ever lived in Evansville whose knowledge of our system of water works in every detail, and what was necessary to make them adequate to the demands of an increasing population, equaled his, and it was owing to this oft demonstrated fact that Mayor Akin selected him as a member of the water works board immediately upon assuming his office.

After service as an employe in several of the local foundries he began business for himself in 1883, and has been very successful. His acknowledged skill in all kinds of mechanics has given him a reputation throughout the state, and he is frequently called upon, where expert knowledge is necessary, to solve important questions. As an instance of his ability in this way his disposition of the water supply for the Southern Hospital for the Insane may be particularly mentioned. The management was in despair as to how water could be obtained and after many unsuccessful efforts an appeal was made to Ferd Grote. He decided that the only practical source of supply was from wells and having pointed out the places where they should be driven his suggestion was acted upon with the result that the institution is now amply supplied with pure water forced into every quarter of the building by electrical appliances which he also arranged.

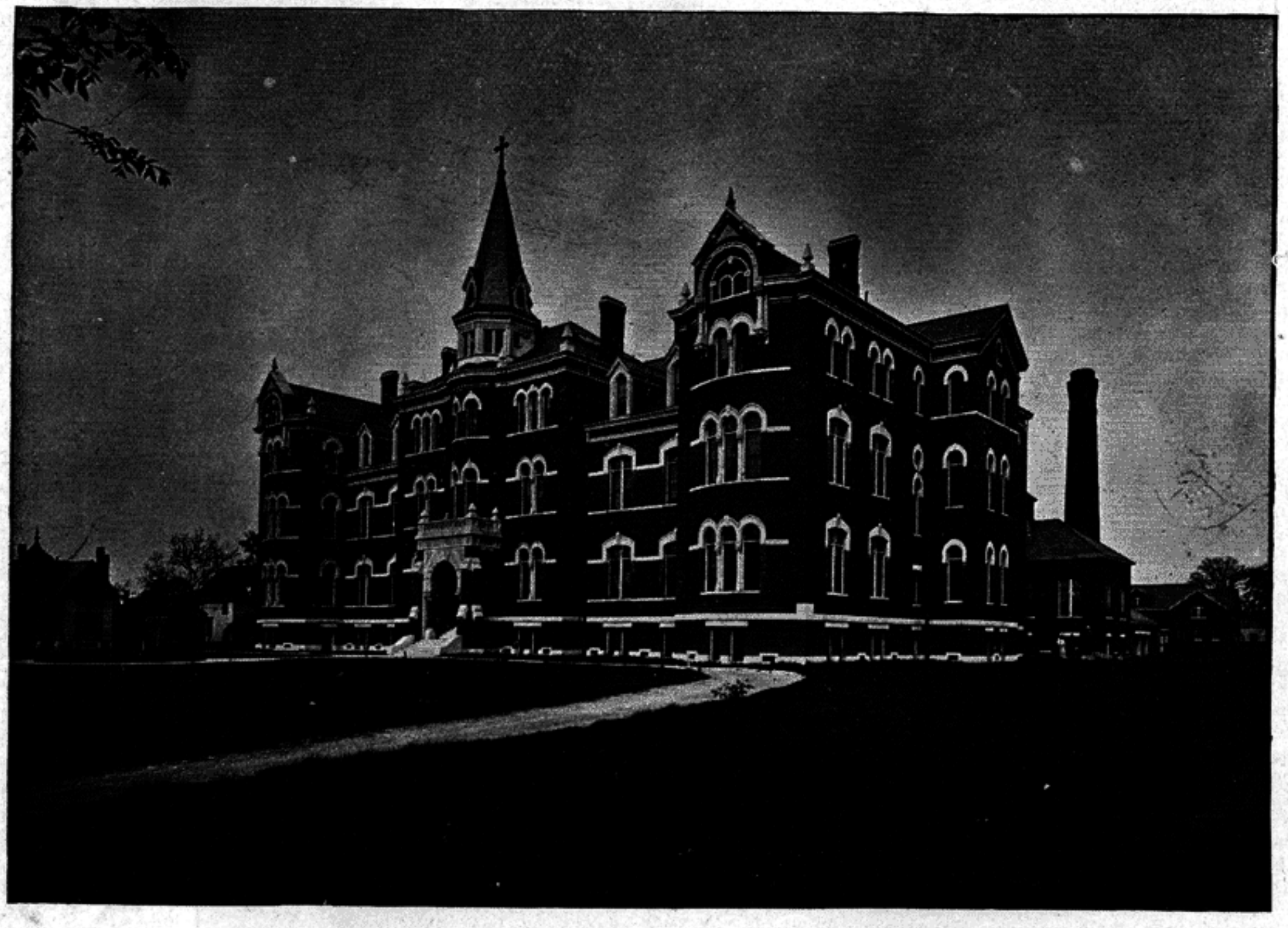
Ferd Grote is not only a student of physics and the applied science but is an enthusiast in the field of experiment. It must be said of him, however, that he never recommends the application of his theories to any purpose until he has proven their practicability beyond any question. He is in every way a valuable citizen, and his usefulness in the development of Evansville will be more and more appreciated every year.





FERDINAND GROTE.

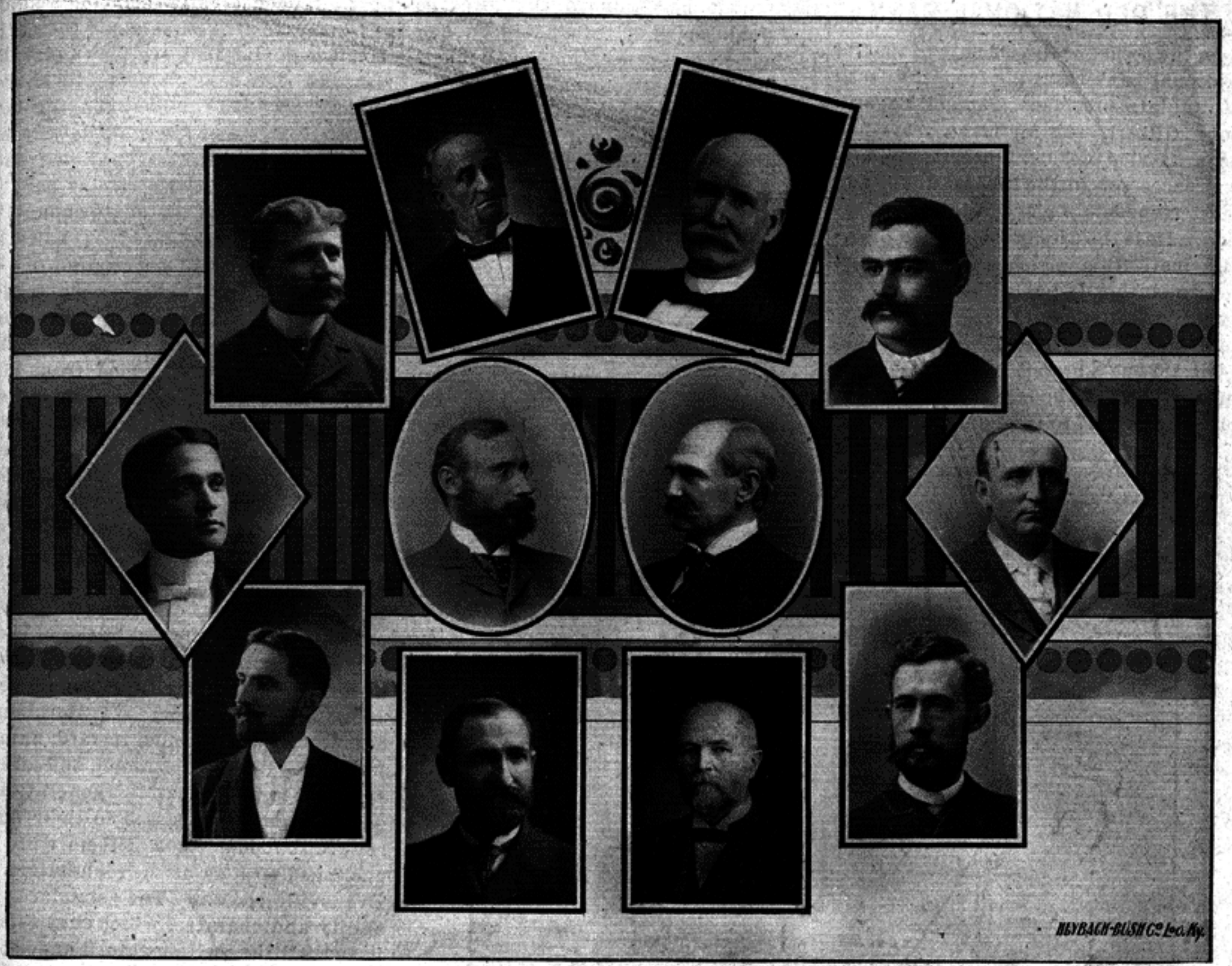
CHARITY ABOVE ALL.



ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL.

The establishment of St. Mary's hospital dates back to the year 1872 when it began in the building which was erected many years before by the United States government as the Marine hospital. It was purchased by the Sisters of Charity of Emmettsburg, Md., and was at once dedicated as a hospital for general purposes. For a number of years it furnished accommodations for all marine patients under an arrangement with the federal authorities, but its doors were open to everyone who was afflicted without reference to creed or vocation. As the city grew in population the demands upon the resources of St. Mary's increased until the building was found inadequate. The plat of ground fronting on First avenue at its intersection with Columbia street was then purchased and as soon as a sufficient amount of money was raised by the sale of the old building and from other sources the erection of the present imposing and modernly constructed institution was begun. It was completed and dedicated in 1893 and since its doors were opened to the public it has proved a blessing beyond description to hundreds of unfortunate people who have found comfort and relief from their sufferings, within its walls.

There is perhaps no more perfectly equipped institution in the country than St. Mary's hospital. It is a four story structure of pressed brick standing in the midst of ample grounds and of stately architecture. It is divided into five wards which are used for the majority of patients but it has in addition twenty-five handsomely furnished apartments for the private use of patients who can afford extra accommodations. Its clinical capacity is 150 beds, it has twenty-four bath rooms with hot and cold water appliances, electric bells on every floor,



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twenty lavatories and other water conveniences with two dumb waiters and two pantries on every floor. The building is fitted throughout with steam heating apparatus and elevators and each apartment, ward and hall has direct outside ventilation. The operating rooms are constructed upon the most approved antiseptic principles, having tiled floors and finished throughout with the anticeptic end in view. The operating room where delicate cases of surgery are treated is supplied with two tanks of distilled hot and cold water each having a capacity of fifty gallons. The lighting of these rooms is so perfect that operations of any character are performed as safely at night as during the day. All of its surgical and electrical appliances are constructed upon the latest principles and include every device that human science has discovered for the treatment of every ill to which the human body is subject. It is the only hospital in southern Indiana which has a resident house surgeon. The nurses are all thoroughly trained and are under the supervision of Sister Regis, whose knowledge of her duties was acquired in the best institutions of the east. The pharmacy is stocked with the purest medicines and is in charge of a thoroughly expert pharmacist and the kitchen and culinary departments are all that could be desired. The cost of this really superb institution, including the building and furnishing, was $115,000.

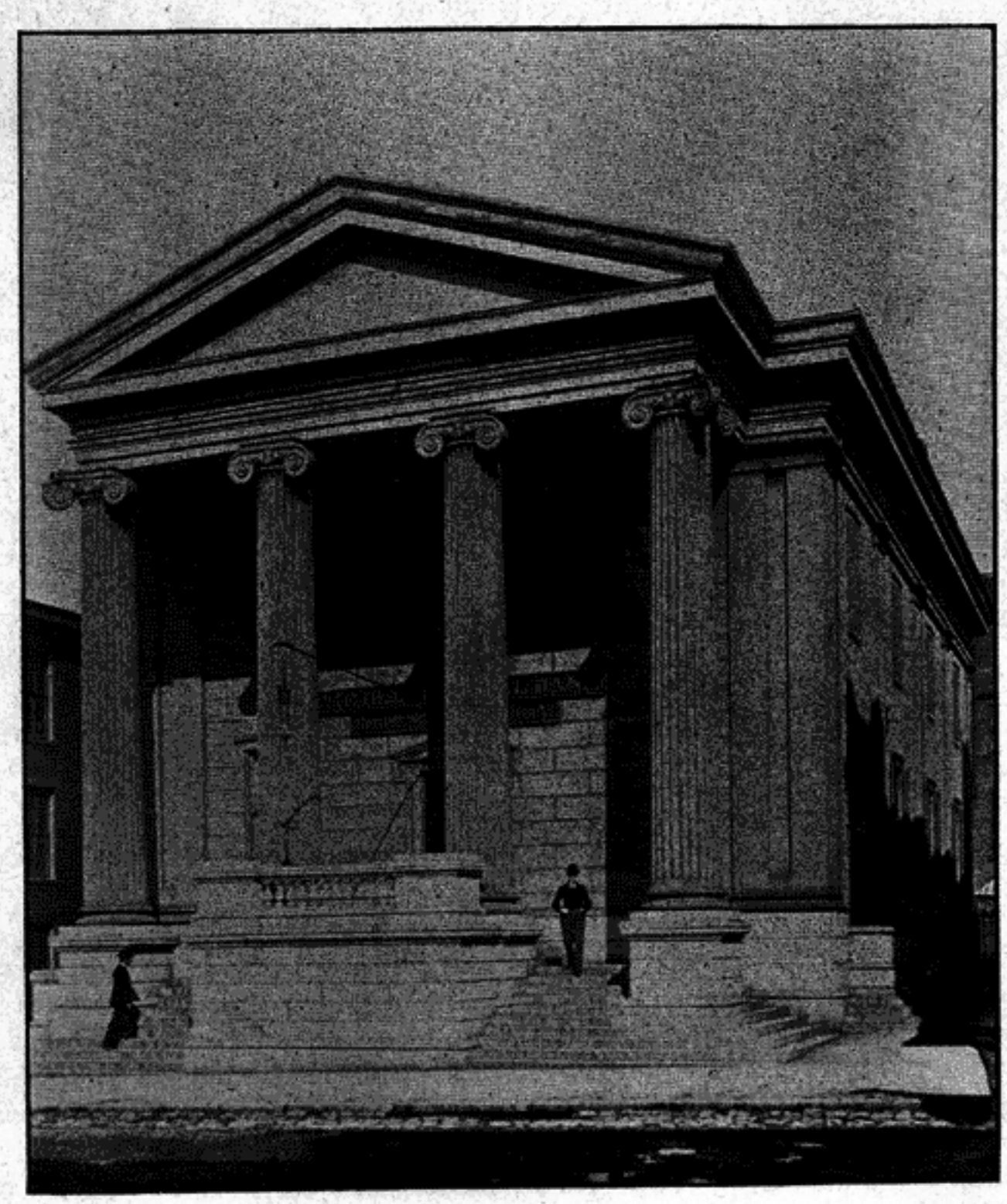
The medical and surgical staff of St. Mary's hospital is composed of a number of our best surgeons and physicians. Drs. P. Y. McCoy, G. W. Varner, C. P. Bacon and G. M. Young have charge of the patients requiring surgical treatment while Drs. J. B. Weever, J. N. Jerome, W. S. Pritchett and Thomas Macer have charge of those requiring medical treatment. The department for the treatment of the eye, ear and throat is in charge of Dr. Louis D. Brose.

Dr. Mathias Muhlhausen is president of the board. Dr. D. A. Cox is on the consulting staff and Dr. James Brew is the house surgeon. Sister Superior Philomena has charge of the hospital. Most absolute discipline is observed in the management, yet it is enforced with the kindness and consideration for the welfare of the patients that would be observed in the most enlightened homes of the city.

It is impossible to speak of the noble women and men who give their lives to the management of St. Mary's hospital, without reverence. Their lives are a constant self-sacrifice in their devotion to the relief of their suffering kind. Although under the auspices of the sisters of charity no conditions are placed upon those who seek shelter under its roof. Catholic, Protestant and Jew are treated alike and in its broad charity the institution recognizes no race or color. Too much cannot be said to the honor of this great adjunct to our civilization and the people of Evansville of all classes appreciate its benefits as they deserve.

THE OLD NATIONAL BANK

In the recast of the officiate of the Old National bank resulting from the death of its late president, Samuel Bayard, John Gilbert, who for many years had been its vice president, became the logical successor to the highest honor and most responsible place in the organization. He is the fifth president of a financial institution which under state and federal authority has withstood the varying vicissitudes of nearly three quarters of a century, having been established in 1834 as a branch of the State bank of Indiana. Although the name was changed in 1847 to the Bank of the State of Indiana, the policies which had proven so successful in the early stages of its existence were continued and every succeeding year bore testimony to its increasing strength and influence in the commercial development of Evansville and the surrounding country. Its operations became more extensive as the fame of its irreproachable methods of business spread abroad, and in 1837 the building was erected in which it still makes its home, and which, through all of the intervening years, has stood as a monument not only to the integrity and public spirit of its founders, but also to their correct conceptions of the adaptations of architecture. It is in the style of the United States treasury building at Washington, and nothing could be more emblematic of the serious purposes to which the structure is devoted than its imposing facade of Corinthian columns and low gables, its well arranged approaches and its massive walls.



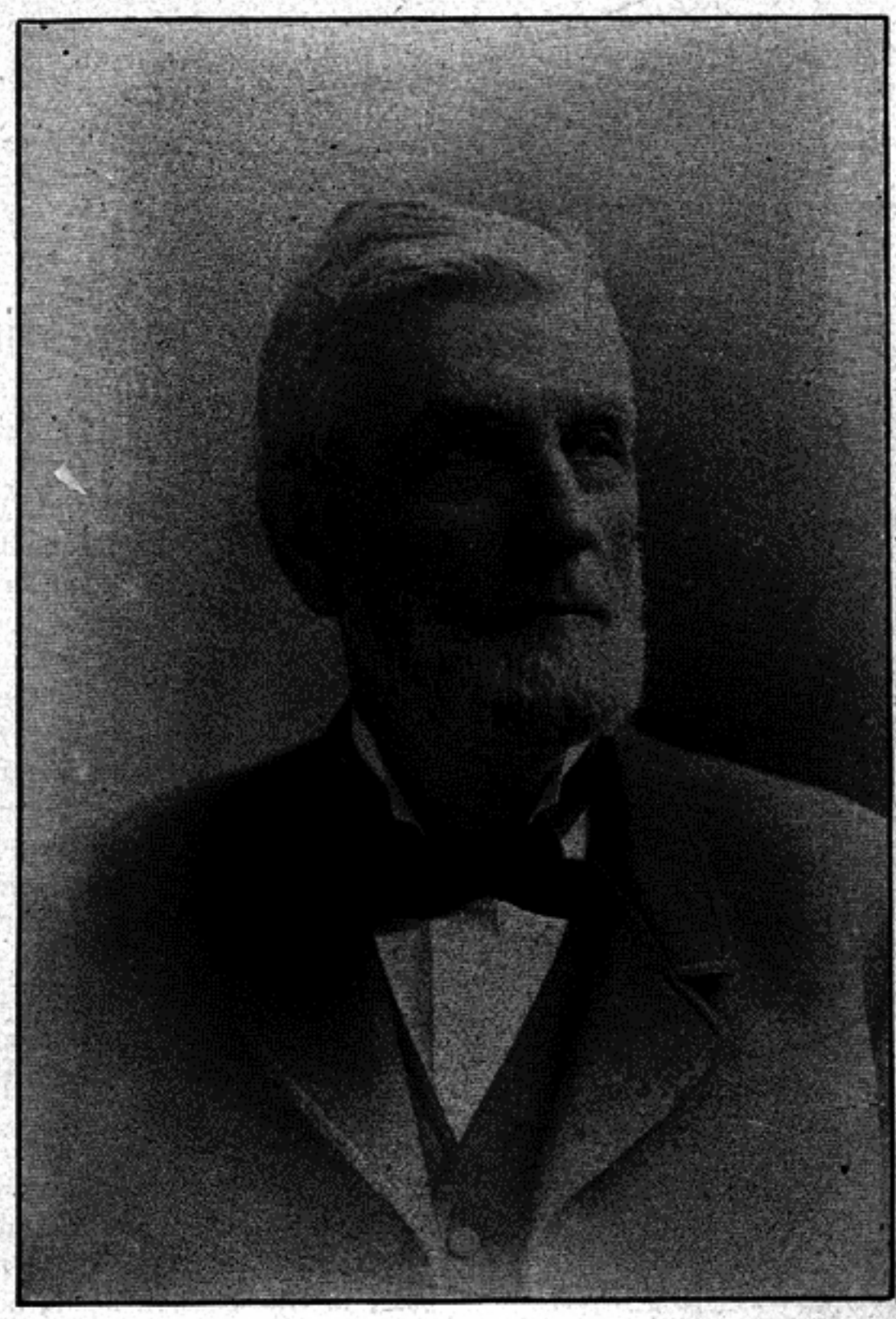
THE OLD NATIONAL BANK.

The affairs of the Bank of the State of Indiana were liquidated by the voluntary action of its authorities when the result of the civil war made a new financial system inevitable. In 1866, the Evansville branch of the Bank of the State of Indiana re-organized under the law of congress authorizing the granting of national charters and it became the Evansville National bank. It continued business under this name until its charter expired in 1885, and in its reorganization the name of the Old National bank was adopted, the fact that it was the oldest financial institution in the city and one of the first banks of the country to accept the new conditions suggesting the propriety of giving it this more definite characteristic. The same liberal yet conservative principles which have marked its course since the early days when it began operations under the state law were continued, and its shareholders have had reason to congratulate themselves every year. The capital stock of the Old National bank was placed at $500,000, and the surplus paid in by those who were fortunate enough to acquire shares amounted to half as much more, so that a premium of 50 per cent was paid for every stock certificate issued. But that the investment was profitable may be inferred from the fact that within the period from 1885 to 1898 more than a half million dollars have been distributed in dividends. Surely such a record needs no encomiums. Its mere statement is the most emphatic testimonial that could be given to the integrity, prudence and capability with which its affairs have been managed.

The predecessors of John Gilbert in the presidency of the Old National bank from its organization under the state law down to the present moment were John Mitchell, George W. Rathbone, Samuel Orr and Samuel Bayard, names which have been an example and an inspiration for more than two generations. All of them have passed to their final reward, but memories of them will be cherished so long as the foundations of Evansville remain. The standard of ability and character which they established will be well sustained under the administration of the new president. John Gilbert brings to the discharge of his duties not only a thorough knowledge of the affairs of the bank in all of its relations, but the ripe experience of long years in many lines of commercial activity. He has been one of the forces in the material development of the lower Ohio Valley and his name has always been the synonym for capability and sterling integrity.

The selection of Robert K. Dunkerson as vice president was no less appropriate than the promotion of Captain Gilbert to the presidency. His long association with the directory of the Old National, and his large interest as a stockholder of the institution combine to make him a fitting associate of President Gilbert in the management of the bank's affairs. His wide acquaintance and reputation as a man of business will give additional strength to the official board and his counsels and efforts which have been so important in the past will continue to be a strong element in the administration of the institution.

Henry Reis will remain in the position of cashier which he has filled so satis-



JOHN GILBERT.

factorily for many years. Starting in a subordinate capacity in his early youth he has so familiarized himself with all of the internal workings of the bank as to be an indispensable adjunct to its business.

It would be impossible to overestimate the influence which the Old National bank has exerted in the development of Evansville as a commercial center. Through periods of prosperity and depression it has been an encouragement and aid to the manifold business and manufacturing interests which have lifted Evansville into her place of prominence, among the great cities of the country. No shadow of misfortune, least of all of suspicion, has ever clouded its pathway, and it may be taken for granted that the present able officiate will maintain for the bank the same character for stability and safety which has made its past record so illustrious.

THE EVANSVILLE PACKING CO.

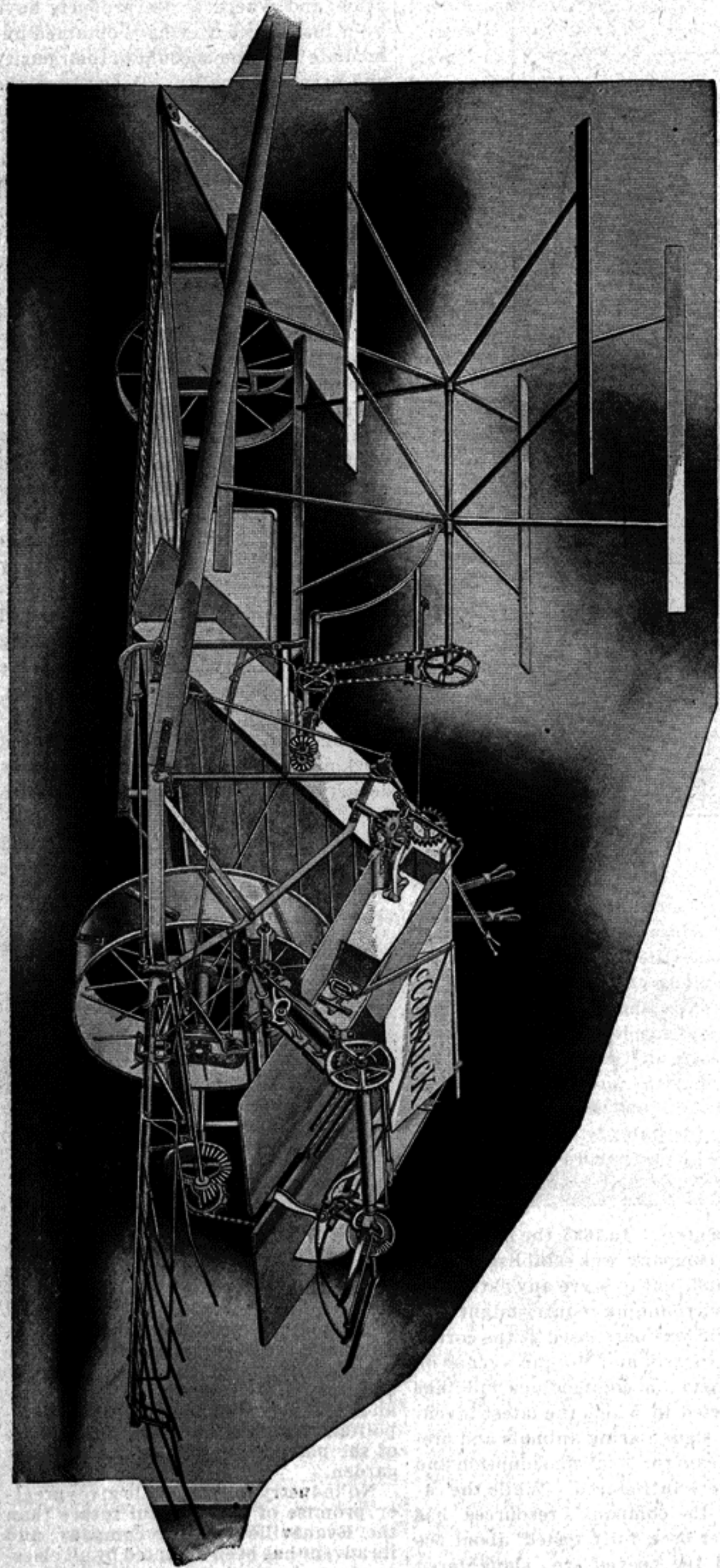
In no branch of industry has there been greater progress during the last twenty years than in the slaughtering and packing of live stock. America has taken the lead of the world in the appliances for this line of business and the products of American packing houses are known and appreciated in both hemispheres. Until a few years ago the business of slaughtering and packing beeves and hogs on a large scale was monopolized by Chicago, Omaha, Kansas City and a few other commercial centers. In 1895, the Evansville Packing company was established with capital sufficient to serve any patronage that the surrounding country might supply. Land was purchased at the corner of Harriet street and Morgan avenue on the belt road and commodious buildings were erected in which the latest inventions for slaughtering animals and preparing meats for local consumption and export were introduced. While the capacity of the company's resources has not as yet been fully tested, about 500 hogs and 100 beeves are slaughtered weekly and prepared for domestic and outside markets. Business has grown steadily since the plant was set in operation and wherever its products have been introduced they have obtained immediate favor on account of their purity and excellent quality. It has been the object of the company to establish itself in the confidence of its patrons and with this in view, every animal brought to its pens is carefully inspected before it is slaughtered. It undergoes a similar process after it is killed and before it is packed for the market and as this branch of the business is in expert hands consumers of the Evansville Packing company's products can always feel assured that they are eating absolutely wholesome food.

Among the specialties for which the Evansville Packing company have already become celebrated, the hams and breakfast bacon bearing the May Blossom brand, the bologne and May Blossom sausage, wienerwurst and frankfurter, head cheese and beef tongue may be particularly mentioned although every variety of animal food is prepared in its laboratories in the most appetizing and healthful forms. The buildings are constructed upon hygienic principles, great attention having been paid to ventilation and light. Only experienced workmen are employed in its various departments and as ample provision has been made for cold storage, every article leaving this establishment has had the advantage of the best treatment which mechanical science has discovered to insure purity and flavor.

Raphael Mannheimer, president of the Evansville Packing company, accepted the position after a business career of thirty-four years in Evansville, during which he built up a reputation for sagacity and integrity equal to that of any of his contemporaries. No better selection could have been made for the important duties of this position and the development of the company's business is largely due to his wide acquaintance throughout the surrounding country.

The company's retail department is located a 521 Main street and is in charge of Sam Weil of whom it is not too much to say that he is one of the most popular men in Evansville. He is an expert in all matters pertaining to meat products and the department over which he presides is one of the most attractive features on Main street. Tempting viands are here displayed in true cosmopolitan fashion, and the atmosphere of the place is as delightful as a flower garden.

No industry in Evansville gives greater promise of a successful future than the Evansville Packing company, and its advent has been accepted by all classes of people as an advantage that cannot be overestimated.



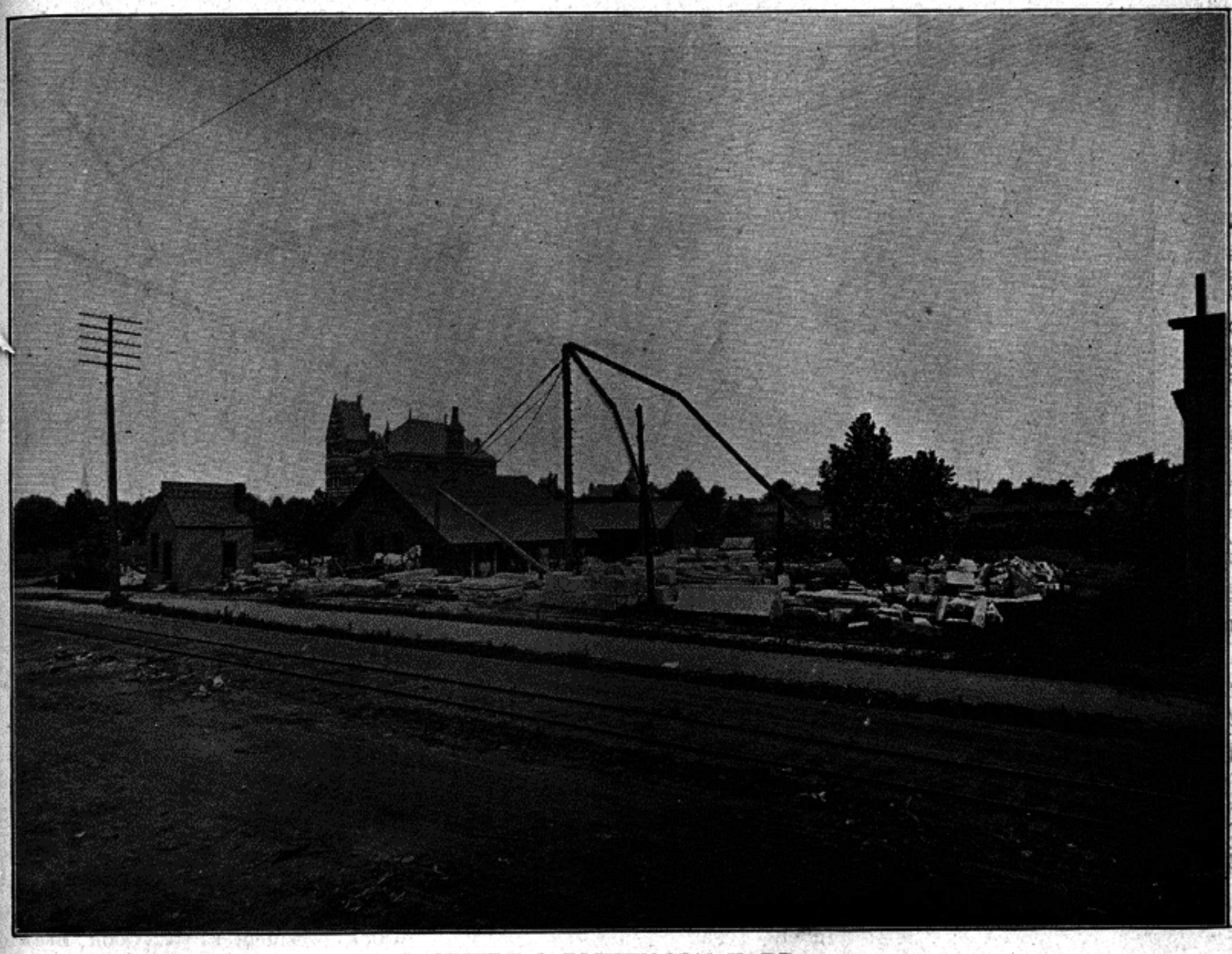
M'CORMICK HARVESTING MACHINES

In preparing this resume of the life of Evansville it would be incomplete without mention of the McCormick Harvesting Machine company, perhaps the largest institution of the kind in this country. Today the machines made by this concern are sold in every state in the union where there is any agriculture and in all the years the McCormick people have been before the public the same high standard which has made their goods famous from one end of this country to the other, has been maintained. In turning out all kinds of harvesting machines, reapers, mowers, binders, etc., they have never been satisfied with a superficial or surface value, every machine being guaranteed as good as any on earth and always sold at as reasonable prices as can be found anywhere.

The standing of the McCormack company in this section needs no endorsement. Their goods tell the tale of their success in stronger language than our words can convey.

The company have large warehouses conveniently located here on the Air line tracks where every facility is employed for the proper handling of the immense business and with dispatch.

The affairs of the company are in the hands of J. H. Kroh who has had years of experience in the business and is a valuable acquisition to the company's interests. Mr. Kroh has a large office force in the Illinois Central railroad building, corner Main and Second streets where all the details of the business are attended to with clockwork regularity. It is a great benefit when such men as J. H. Kroh locate in a city and he and those associated with him and the institution he represents may be assured that their enterprise and public spirit is widely and cordially appreciated.



LANNERT & RICKWOOD'S YARD.

LANNERT & RICKWOOD

The enterprising firm of Lannert & Rickwood whose plant is located at the corner of Pennsylvania and Oakley streets has become a strong element in the commerce of Evansville. Its offices are arranged with a view to the convenience of those employed in that branch of the business, while ample shelter is afforded for those who work in the yards. Having added the old established business of the late H. H. Uhlhorn to its own, the firm of Lannnert & Rickwood is now among the largest dealers of all kinds of building stone and marble in the western country.

Those who have had experience in building are aware that the quality of stone is the most important consideration in the construction of permanent buildings, both as regards durability and appearance.

Lannert & Rickwood are experts in discriminating between what is good and bad and no stone is offered by them except that which experience has proved in every way desirable. They draw upon the best quarries of the country for their stock and the workmanship in preparing the stone for use is the best that can be secured.

Such concerns as Lannert & Rickwood conduct aid materially not only in the physical appearance of a city but in the development of its commerce. There are not two more enterprising men in the city than the members of this firm, a fact of which the Evansville Manufacturer's association has shown its appreciation by the election of Mr. Rickwood as its president. Both are men, who, while attentive to their own interest, find time to aid in any movement calculated to benefit the city at large. Public spirited and enterprpising they have deserved the success which they have earned.

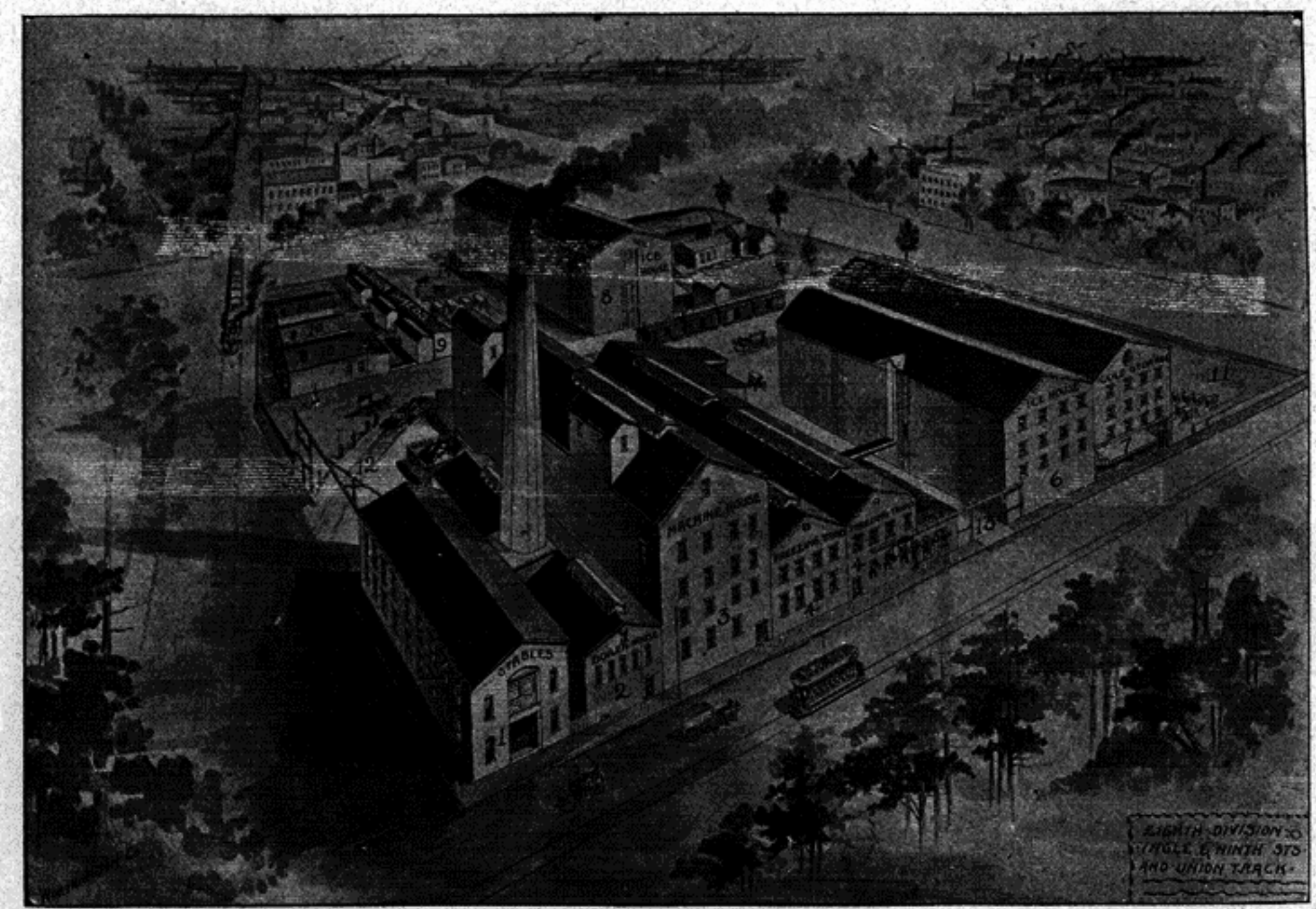
LOUIS KOESTER & CO.

Among the vast number of grocery stores in the city of Evansville that of Louis Koester & company, at the corner of Eighth and Chestnut streets, stands among the leaders. From one years end to the other the same high grade of quality is maintained in everything that is kept and sold from this store, and by the use of only the most straightforward and honorable methods and the selling of all goods at an honest and popular price, Louis Koester & company have built up a most gratifying trade. This store is arranged in a tasty and inviting manner. Here everything in the lines of fine staple and fancy groceries are kept, including teas and coffees and spices of the finest qualities. Fruits, vegetables and canned goods, relishes and condiments are always in stock and are ever in the very best of condition and flavor. Everything in the store is marked by neatness and cleanliness and prompt and attentive service is given to all customers.

Louis Koester is one of the substantial German citizens of Evansville and his career here has been one of usefulness. He has acquired a comfortable competence such as all careful men desire to do for their old age.

Much of the active management of this business devolves upon the shoulders of E. W. Saupert, who has for many years been connected with the firm. He is a practical grocer and a business man of rare ability and the cordiality he dispenses to all who come in contact with him make it a pleasure as well as a profit to deal with this firm.

This firm also carries always a good supply of feed of all kinds.



EVANSVILLE ICE & STORAGE CO.

THE EVANSVILLE ICE AND STORAGE COMPANY

This company is the successor of the Home Ice Factory, the first factory for making artificial ice erected in the city and one of the first in the North. The old site of the Home Ice Factory on Locust street between Third and Fourth street is still owned by its successor. The present plant of the Evansville Ice and Storage company was completed in 1891, and was at that time the largest and most complete in the world; it still remains one of the largest and best.

The engraving herewith represents the present plant, which occupies the entire square (with the exception of the southeast corner) bounded by Division, Eighth, Ninth, Ingle and Pennsylvania streets, and has a frontage on Eighth street of 361 feet. There are buildings for the ice machines and machinery, freezing tanks, boilers, ice storage and offices; cold storage buildings, ice house, stable and cottages occupied by employes. A dynamo in the machinery room lights the buildings throughout with electricity; they are protected from fire by an automatic sprinkler apparatus, of which a 15,000 gallon water tank, supported by iron columns at an elevation of seventy-five feet, is an adjunct.

There are in the machinery and boiler rooms six 8-inch driven wells with total capacity of 600 gallons of water per minute. The coal consumption is about 500 bushels per day. A double track switch extends through the grounds, 361 feet, and connects them with all the railroads of the city. The brick stack, six feet interior diameter and 130 feet high, is one of the largest in the city.

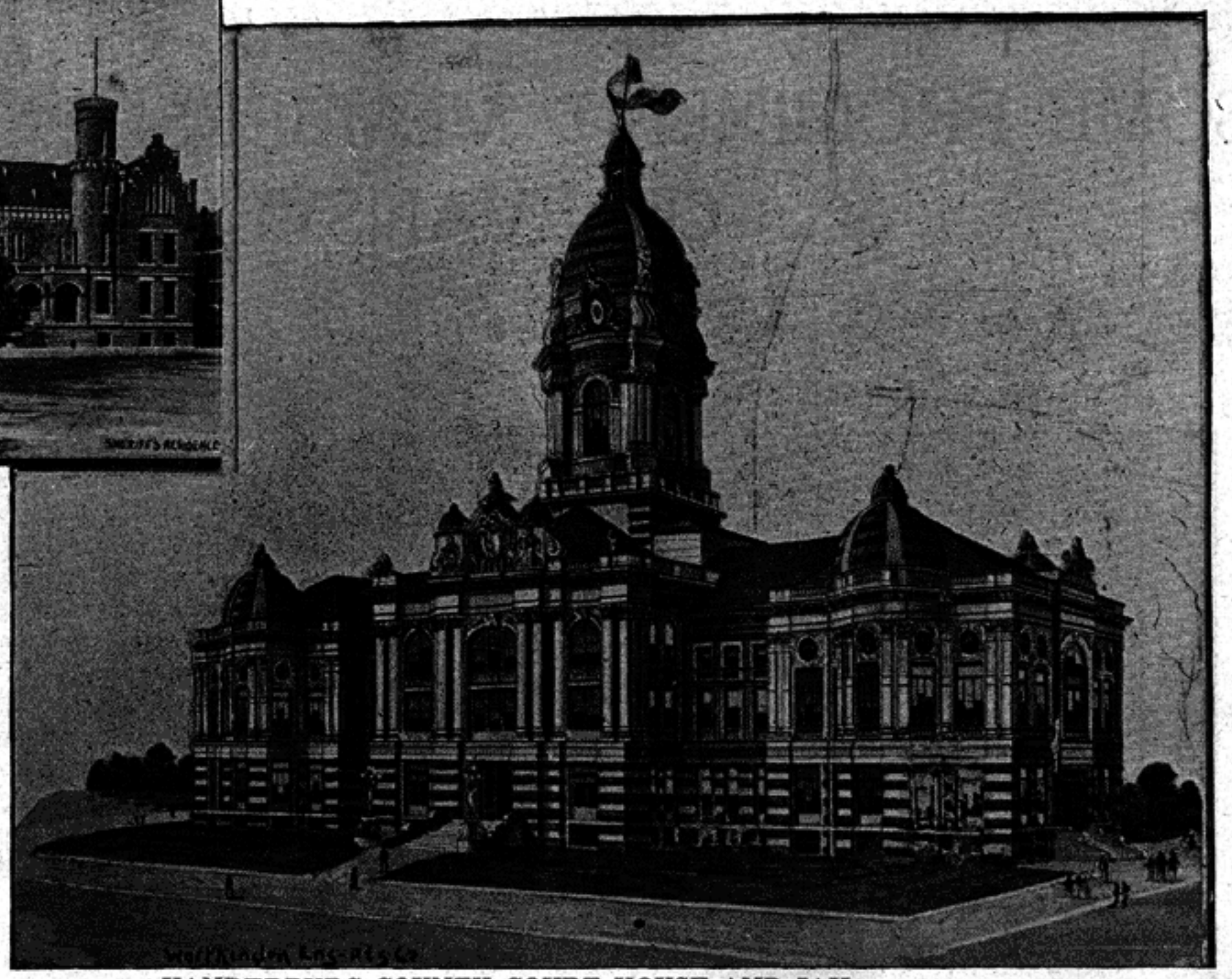
The machines, comprising three 40-ton machines, made by the Blymyer Ice Machine company of Cincinnati, have a combined capacity of 120 tons of ice per day of twenty-four hours; they have no superior among ice-making machines. The ice made by the Evansville Ice and Storage company is of exceptional purity and quality, none better being made anywhere.

The capacity of the factory is much more than sufficient to supply the entire home consumption in midsummer; a large portion is sold in the surrounding towns in Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky and points in Tennessee. The cold storage buildings have 300,000 cubic feet storage capacity.

The capital of the Evansville Ice and Storage company is $225,000. The directors are: Mr. S. P. Gillett, president Citizens' National bank; Mr. F. W. Cook, president F. W. Cook Brewing company; Mr. Herman Loewenthal, Mr. Samuel Vickery and Mr. D. W. Blymyer. Mr. S. P. Gillett is treasurer, Mr. Edward T. Bullock, secretary, and Mr. D. W. Blymyer president.

The Evansville Ice and Storage company is a home institution in an emphatic sense, and of great benefit to the city, not only through the large number of its employes, but through its water and coal consumption and taxes.

Ice is one of the comforts inseparable for modern living; once a luxury, now a necessity. Pure ice is a promoter of health and happiness. Natural ice is not pure; all of it is more or less impure. Evansville is fortunate in being the only city of importance north of the Ohio river whose whole supply is artificial ice. Since the establishment of the Evansville Ice and Storage company the price of ice to consumers has been reduced from 20 to 30 per cent. In the old days, impure natural ice was not only sold in ordinary seasons at from 20 to 30 per cent more than the present price of artificial ice, but when open winters occurred the prices were increased from 50 to 100 per cent, as all will remember.



VANDERBURG COUNTY COURT HOUSE AND JAIL.

THE THOMPSON & BONNELL LUMBER CO.

The location in this city of a branch of the Thompson & Bonnell Lumber company of Grand Rapids, Mich., is another evidence of Evansville's importance as a hardwood market.

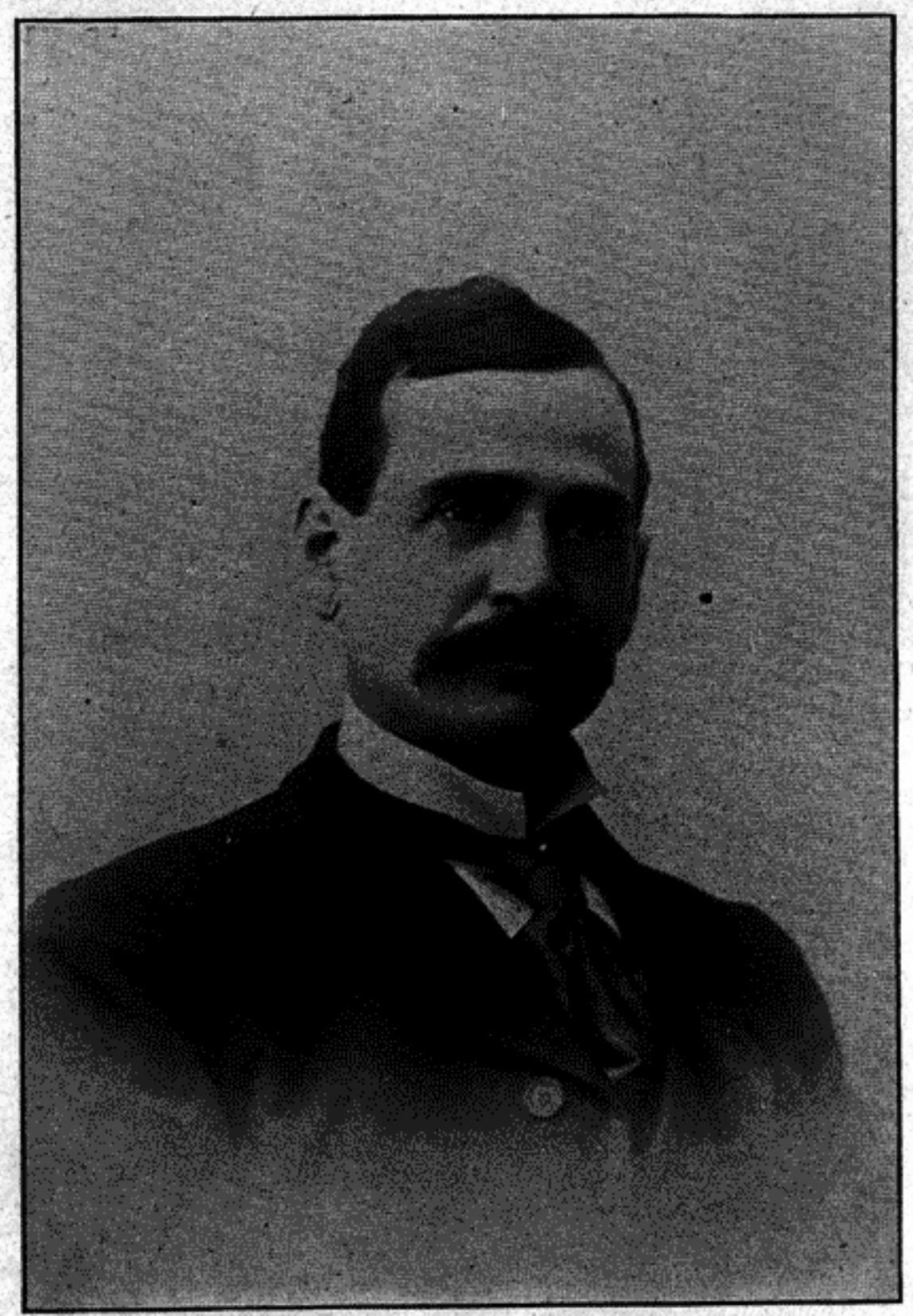
The Thompson & Bonnell company operates wherever lumber suitable for furniture is found in sufficient variety and quality. It has ample capital and is ready at a moment's notice to enter into cash transactions for the purchase of white and red oak lumber, plain and quarter-sawed, green or seasoned, as well as poplar of every grade. Where the quantities of lumber are sufficient to justify the expense, inspections will be made at local mills if desired. The company solicits correspondence from all those who have oak or poplar lumber to sell, no matter of what grade, for which they agree to pay cash after inspections that will be mutually satisfactory.

The main offices of the Thompson & Bonnell Lumber company are at Nos. 522 and 523 Michigan trust building, Grand Rapids, Mich. The branch office in this city is at No. 327 Upper Third street. Long distance 'phone No. 581. Its yards on the E. & T. H. railroad are within the city limits, and having entered this field of activity its purpose is to do all of the business that comes in its way. The men in charge of the local offices have had much experience as lumber dealers and the location of the branch here is but another of the many indications on every hand of the reawakening that is to carry Evansville forward through the development of the great natural resources by which she is surrounded. The Thompson & Bonnell Lumber company may be assured of a cordial welcome to the business circles of Evansville.

LOUIS H. LEGLER

The above is a good likeness of Mr. Louis H. Legler, our present efficient, capable and accommodating county au ditor.

SOME PROMINENT MEMBERS OF EVANSVLLE BAR.



Geo. A. Cunningham

GEORGE A. CUNNINGHAM

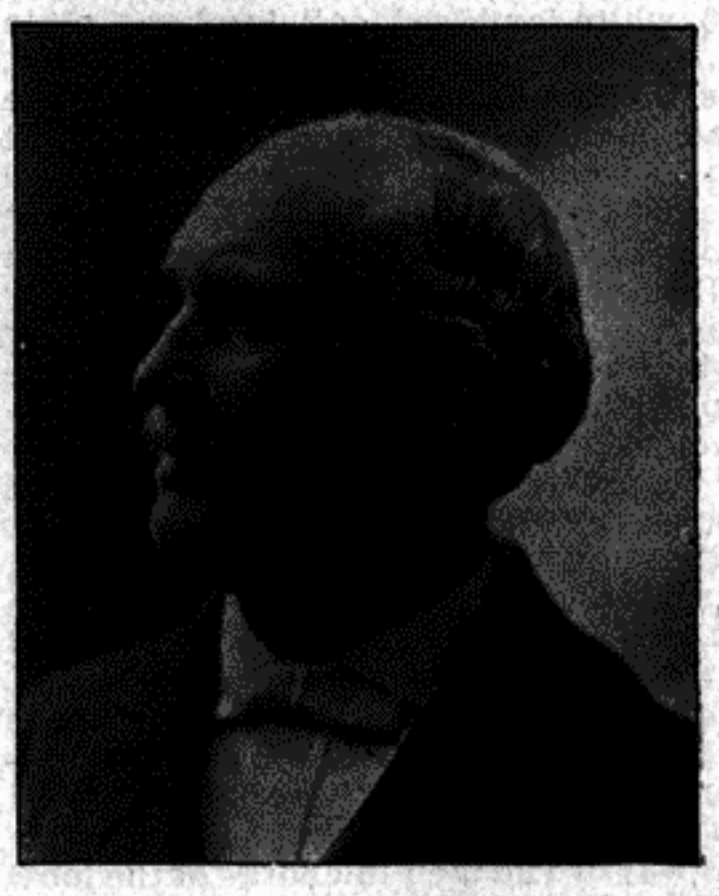
It would be difficult to decide whether as a lawyer or party leader George A. Cunningham is the more interesting. He has acquired a place at the bar which insures him a retainer in almost all important litigation which comes before the local courts. He also practices in the supreme court at Washington, and in the federal and supreme courts of Indiana, in all of which his abilities have long been recognized. Indeed, his professional standing is so well established that his opinions command respect in any court where he has ever appeared.

As a party leader, George A. Cunningham takes high rank in the republican councils of Indiana. He is representative of the first congressional district on the state republican committee and takes an active part in all campaign, whether local, state or national. He does this as a private citizen, with political convictions which he wishes to see enforced, rather than as a seeker of political honors. Some years ago he accepted his party nomination for state senator from Vanderburg county, but was defeated. If there was any disappointment in the result of the election that year, so far as his own candidacy was concerned, no one ever knew it. He continued in his usual course, attending to the interests of his clients and giving the customary share of his time to the councils of his party.

George A. Cunningham's social circle takes in the prominent men of Evansville and of the state of all political parties, and it is perhaps due to his unfailing bonhomie, as much as to his abilities, that his professional and political standing has been secured.

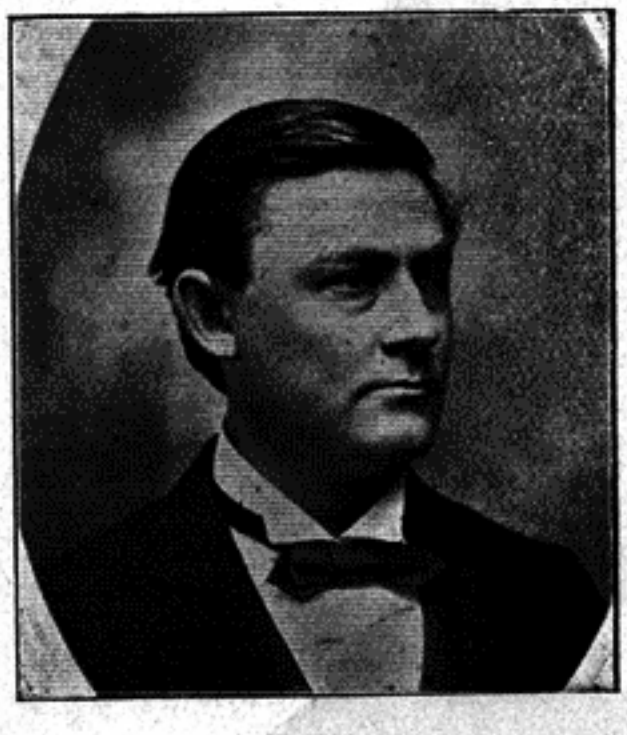
A STRONG COMBINATION

A law firm in Evansville that has attained a position in the front rank of the profession is that of Ireland & Reis-



JUDGE W. W. IRELAND.

ter. For many years Judge W. W. Ireland has maintained a high reputation as an able lawyer, noted for his fairness and honesty of purpose. A much younger man is Mr. William Reister,

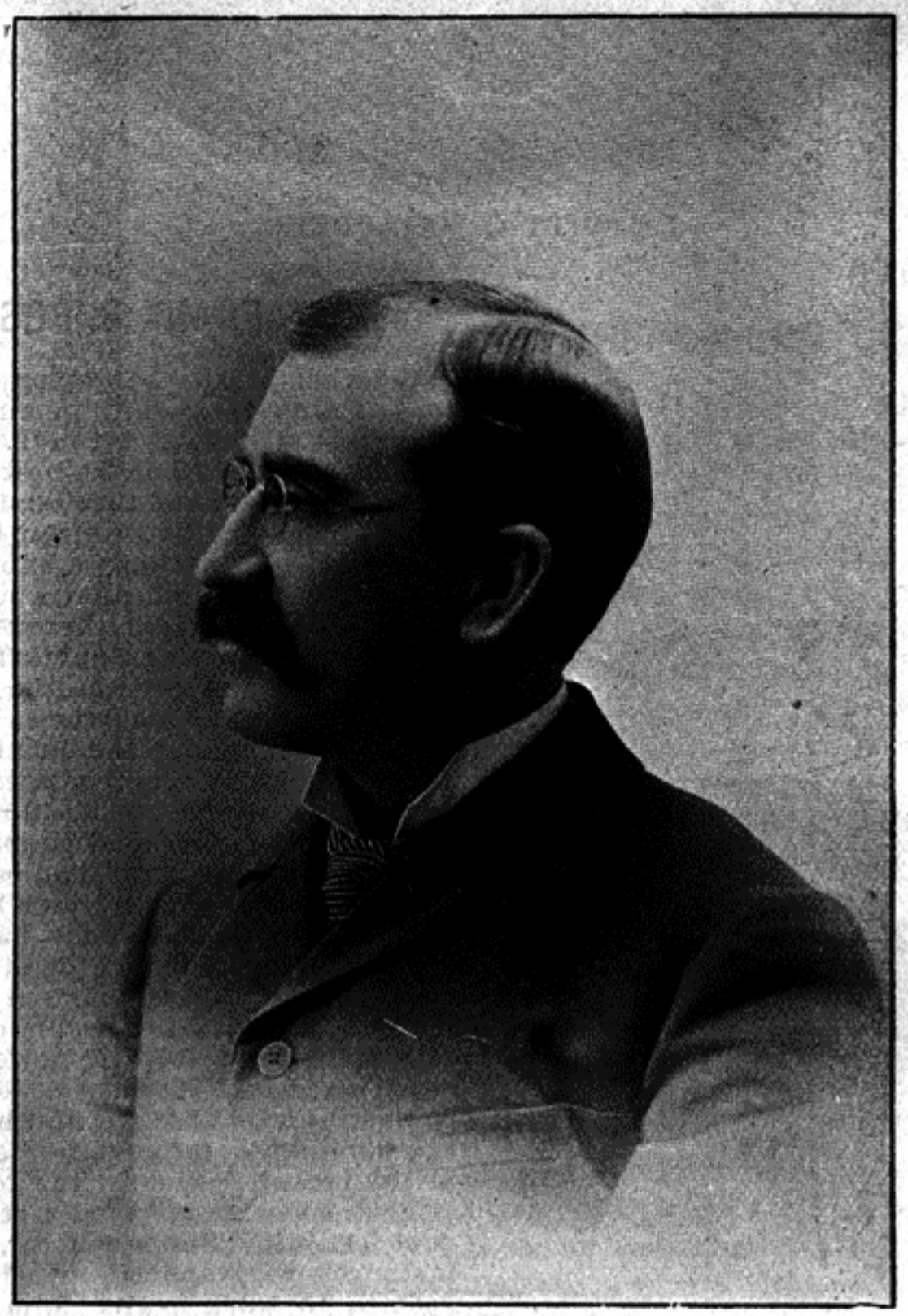


WILLIAM REISTER.

who for some six or seven years has been a member of this bar. This combination of talent representing a matured experience and the vim and vigor of youth forms a two-fold legal cord that is not easily broken.

HON. HIRAM M. LOGSDON

Although Hiram M. Logsdon has been a resident of Evansville but a little more than five years, his reputation as a lawyer and man of affairs had long preceded him. Spencer county was his birth place, where, on his father's farm, he spent his boyhood in the development of industrious habits and strong physique. After graduating from the state university he took up the study of law and began the practice of his profession in Rockport, Ind., at an early age. His abilities were manifested from the start, and as he had always taken great interest in public affairs he was nominated for the state senate in 1886, and although his colleagues on the democratic ticket in Spencer county were defeated that year, he was elected by a flattering majority. During his srvice in the senate he was a member of the judiciary committee and in that capacity exerted a storng influence in legislation. He mastered all of the intricacies of parliamentary usage and was recognized during both sessions as a leader of prudence and ability.



H. M. LOGSDON.

Since taking up his residence in Evansville Hiram M. Logsdon has been successful in scuring a valuable clientage. While his taste for public life prompts him to take part in local political campaigns, his aim in life is to take rank in his profession, believing that the honors of the bar are more lasting, if not so alluring as those of public station.

Hiram M. Logsdon's practice takes him into the supreme and federal courts at Indianapolis, while in the local courts as well as those of adjoining circuits, he is regarded as an able and painstaking lawyer, one into whose hands it is always safe to commit business requiring legal attention.

LOUIS J. HERMAN

Louis J. Herman is a lawyer whose progress has been a source of gratification to all who know him. He is a native of Evansville and had all of the advantages necessary to a liberal education during the days of his youth. The law course at the celebrated university

LOUIS J. HERMAN

of Notre Dame at South Bend, Ind., completed his equipment for the practice of his profession and he has gained an enviable place at the bar of his native city.

Legal business in any of the courts of Indiana, including the supreme and federal courts, may be safely committed to Louis J. Herman's hands. He is a conscientious, well educated lawyer, whose record thus far gives every promise of a useful and honorable professional career.

D'WITT Q. CHAPPELL

One of the young attorneys at the Evansville bar who has won the confidence of the people and stamped himself as a strong and eloquent advocate is DeWitt Q. Chappell, the partner of Colonel Frank B. Posey.

Mr. Chappell is honorable and fair in his legal fights and never takes advantage of the counsel on the other side. There is not an attorney at the bar who does not speak of him in terms of praise and admiration because of his fairness.

Mr. Chappell is a native of Pike county and comes from one of the old pioneer families of that section. He was born Jan. 22, 1861. He attended the law school at Bloomington where he stood high in his classes. Prior to going to the state university he read law in the office of the Buchanans in this city. He was always a close student and that accounts for the high success that he has attained in his chosen profession. Mr. Chappell is a democrat in politics and for many years was one of the leaders of his party in Pike county. He was the candidate of his party for state representative in 1894 and led his ticket.

After finishing his work at Bloomington Mr. Chappell opened an office at Petersburg, Ind., where by close application and devotion to duty he built up a large practice. Three years ago he came to Evansville and formed a partnership with Colonel Frank B. Posey and the firm today enjoys a good practice.

Mr. Chappell has taken part in some of the most noted law suits in the courts of the state in the last five years and his reputation is by no means confined to county lines.

Mr. Chappell is a member of Spartan lodge K. of P. and Uniform Rank at Petersburg, Reed lodge F. and A. M. in this city and La Valette commandery, Knights Templars.

DE WITT Q. CHAPPELL.

HON. F. B. POSEY.

HON. FRANK B. POSEY

Whether at the bar or on the hustings, Frank B. Posey is among the strongest men of his day in Indiana. His education acquired at the best universities of the state and through the habits of the student, cultivated from his youth, has given him not only a knowledge of the law and of public affairs but the culture so important in the exercise of both professional and public functions. As a lawyer and advocate he is in the front rank; while his fame as an orator extends throughout the country. Although there is scarcely a county in Indiana in which he has not spoken, every recurring political campaign finds him in greater demand than before, and the personal sacrifices which he has always so generously made have given him a strong hold upon the favor of his party. He has barely missed the highest honors which the people of his native state have in their power to bestow; once in 1896 when he lead all his competitors on the two first ballots for the nomination for governor, and again at the recent session of the general assembly when he received a strong support for United States senator. In both instances geographical considerations seemed to work against him; but no one questioned his ability to fill either position with honor or that he had fair-

ly earned the highest reward at his party's disposal. The opinion is general that republicans will see the advantage of making him their leader in 1900, and that he will be nominated at their state convention next year for governor of Indiana.

Frank B. Posey has illustrated his capacity for public station by an honorable service in the courts, and as counselor is what might be expected from a man of his large and varied acquirements.

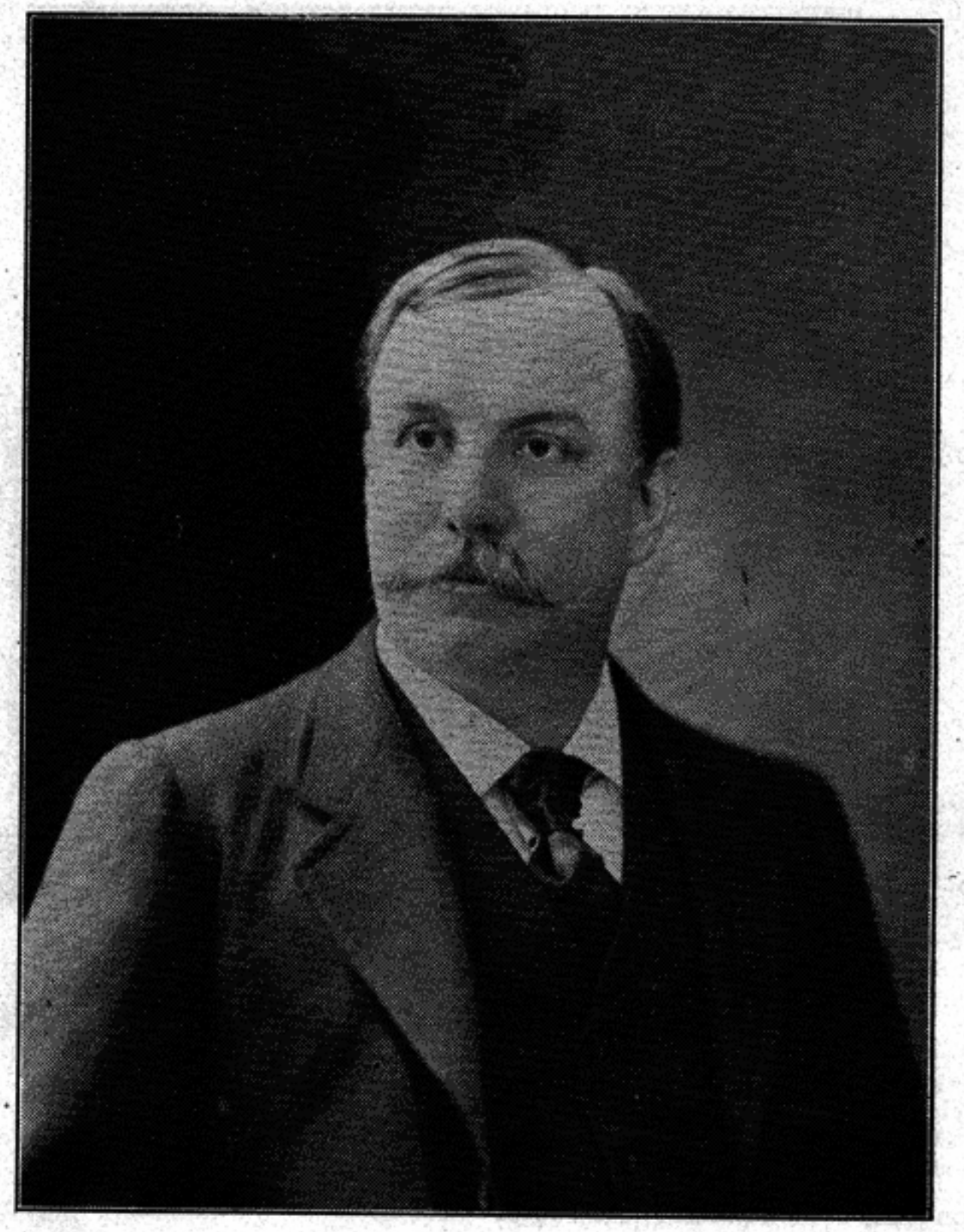
JUDGE PETER MAIER

During a residence of nearly forty years, Judge Peter Maier has witnessed the many changes in Evansville that naturally follow in the development of a western town into a city of metropolitan character and population. It was in the early 60's that he hopefully swung out his sign as an attorney at law, and adopting the most economical and studious habits patiently waited in his office for the clients to come. They did come at last and it has been noticeable through all the intervening years up to the present time, that whenever he secured a client he never lost him.

Judge Maier has always taken an interest in public affairs and as an active democrat has done his share in defending the principles of the party in Vanderburg and surrounding counties. Being a fluent speaker in both English and German he has been much in demand in political campaigns and his services have several times been recognized in democratic conventions. He was candidate in 1865 for judge of the common pleas court, but was defeated.

In 1890 he was nominated and elected judge of the superior court. In this important position he added to the high consideration in which he had always been held and retired from the bench after four years' service with the universal approval of the constituency.

Having resumed the practice of law, Judge Maier has a large clientage among all classes of people. How long he may be left to pursue the practice of his profession is somewhat problematic as many democrats believe he should be returned to the bench. But whether in public or private capacity, he is a valuable member of the community whose useful and honorable life is the best heritage he could leave to his children.



HENRY STOCKFLETH

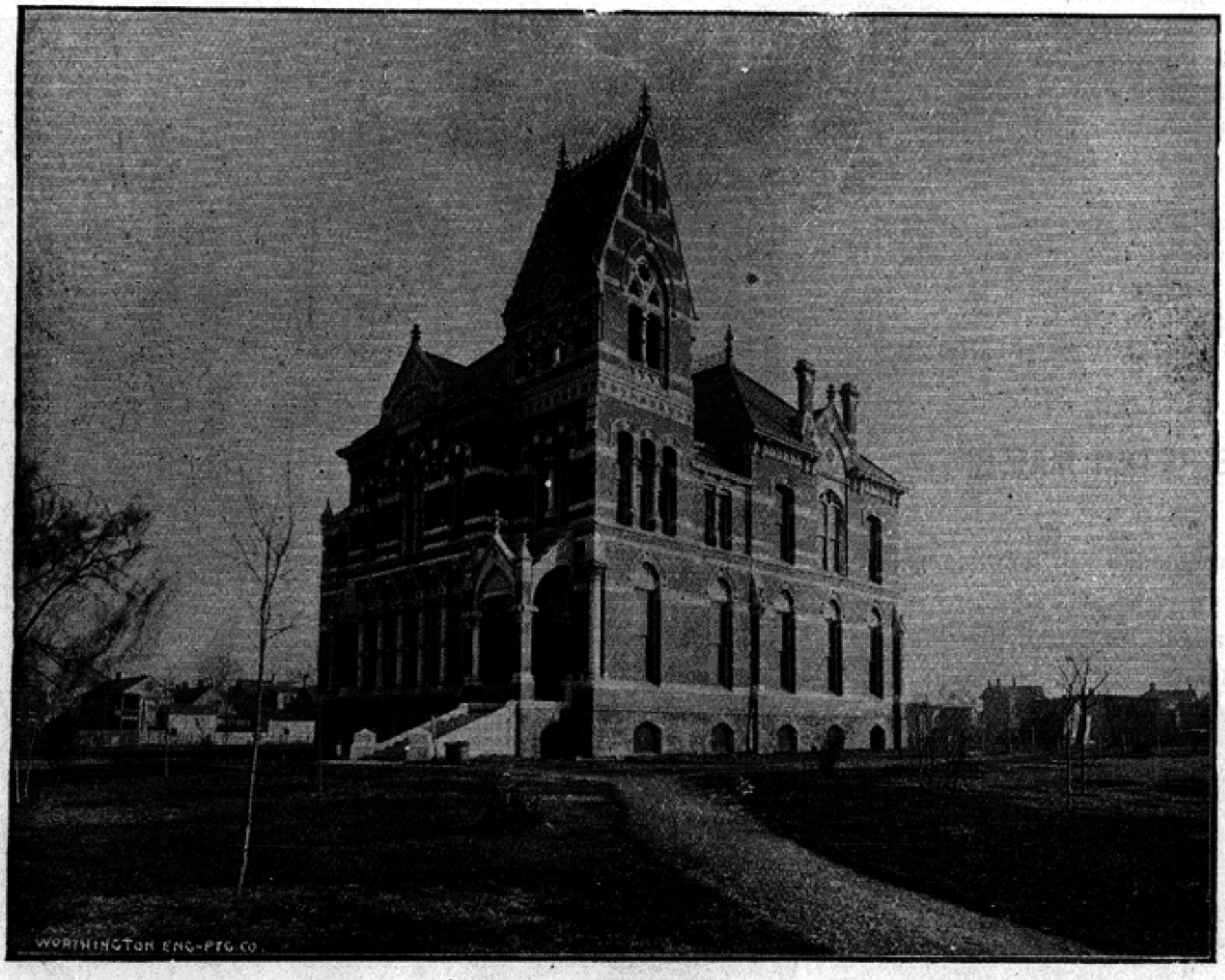
CITY TREASURER STOCKFLETH

Nearly half a century ago Henry Stockfleth came from Germany and soon established in Evansville a good name and the foundations of a comfortable fortune. His children were born and educated in this city, and, having inherited the enterprising disposition of their late father have been prominent in local politics and commercial affairs since arriving at the age of manhood.

Henry Stockfleth, jr., present treasurer of the city of Evansville, is a man of extraordinary force of character and integrity of purpose. He has served as a member of the city council, a place which his father had filled before him, and gained the respect and gratitude of the people during his incumbency of that office for his steadfast devotion to the interest of the city and his opposition to the granting of special privileges. He has been the candidate of his party for auditor of Vanderburg county and for mayor of Evansville, and, although defeated by a few votes for each of these important offices, he has never lost the confidence of his party as a leader. On the election of Mayor Akin in 1897 Henry Stockfleth was appointed city treasurer and has since discharged the duties of this office with great credit to himself and to the advantage of the public service.

When the campaign of a year ago opened the name of Henry Stockfleth was brought forward in a number of counties in Indiana as their choice for the high office of treasurer of state. He was not nominated, although he had a very strong following in the democratic state convention, considering the fact that he was comparatively a new man in state politics. Having youth on his side there is still time for him to reach the state office, and the reputation he made during the campaign of last year will add to his chances if he should again enter the list for a place on the democratic state ticket.

The career of Henry Stockfleth as a business man, as well as public servant, commands the respect of his fellow citizens of all shades of political opinion. His manifest sincerity gives peculiar weight to counsels, and his experience and judgment are strong influences in the discussion of any subject of special importance.



WILLARD LIBRARY.

GEORGE F. WEIKEL

Among the contractors of this end of Indiana who have achieved prominence in their vocation is George F. Weikel, who, though a very young man, has already made a favorable and lasting impress on the public mind as a man eminently capable of handling large propositions. Starting out in a modest way some years ago, he has by dint of courage and hard work attained a place in his art that is envied by many an older head. The contract for erecting the Keller Printing company building was among the first of importance secured by him, which was followed in 1896 by the building of the Delaware street school at a cost of $27,771, and it is worthy of note that the latter contract was secured against the bids of twelve competitors. There are other numerous jobs which might be mentioned in connection with George Weikel, but the one now most in the public mind is the new water works which Mr. Weikel has the contract for building. As everybody knows this is one of the biggest jobs ever done in Evansville and when complete, will stand as a monument to the ability of George Weikel. If the past is to be taken as a criterion, some very flattering predictions might be made as to George Weikel's future. He is always a busy man, and known in every day parlance as a hustler. When there's work to do, he goes after it with a determination that most always wins.

GEORGE F. WEIKEL.

CRESCENT SANITARIUM.

THE CRESCENT SANITARIUM

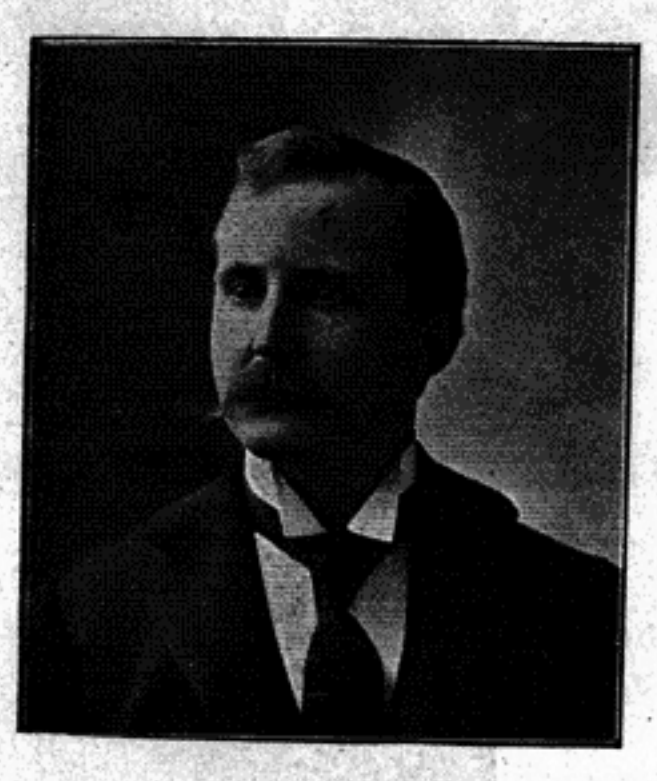
The sanitarium has become almost an indispensable convenience to the physician and surgeon of large practice. Difficult or critical cases require constant attention, and the only way in which a practitioner can do himself or his patients full justice is to have them within easy and momentary reach.

Several years ago Dr. A. M. Hayden purchased the lot at the corner of First and Walnut streets and immediately erected an elegant residence in which rooms for his professional offices were kept. The arrangement of this building suggested ulterior purposes although no intimation was given at the time that it was but the initial step toward a private sanitarium. The whole matter came out some time ago, however, when Dr. Hayden secured the designs and publicly announced that the erection of such a building, fronting on Walnut street and only separated from his office by an interior court, would begin at once. The structure was completed recently and its doors thrown open for the reception of patients.

Although within two blocks of the busiest part of the city and on what might be termed the dividing line between the residence and business portion of Evansville, that part of Walnut street is as quiet and secluded as any of the suburbs. It is within a little more than half a block of the entrance of Sunset park, and the building commands a view of the upper stretch of the Ohio river, the breezes of which are most grateful to patients in the sanitarium during the summer. With reference to convenience, beauty and sanitation, the location is an ideal one and Dr. Hayden displayed not only judgment but taste in its location.

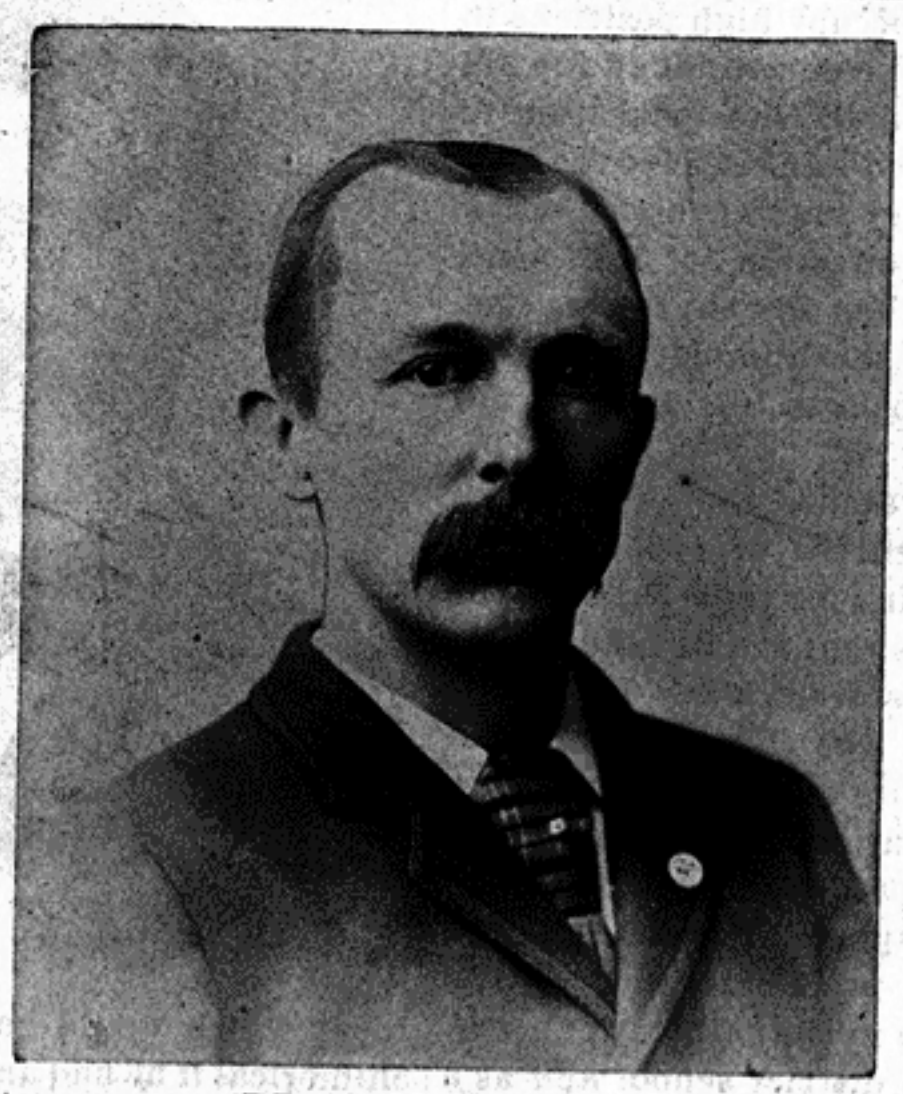
Few men in Evansville have risen so rapidly in the professional life as Dr. A. M. Hayden. Although still a young man he has acquired a high reputation as a physician and surgeon, and his opinions in gynecological cases and intricate surgery are considered of especial value. Cases coming under the treatment of these branches of science will be preferred but the sanitarium doors will be opened to those who are afflicted with any kind of bodily ills. Every appliance of our advanced civilization known to surgery and therapeutics will be in the equipment of this important institution, the benefits and hospitalities of which are now offered to the people of Evansville and surrounding country. Dr. Hayden's qualifications for conducting such an institution have been acquired in the best medical schools, not only of America but also of Germany, France and England.

Associated with Dr. Hayden in the management of the new sanitarium



DR. J. W. PHARES.

will be Dr. J. W. Phares, who for several years has enjoyed the leading practice at Howell. Dr. Phares is a graduate of the Louisville medical college and to liberal instruction by the most competent medical scientists of the country he adds the learning that is acquired from studious habits and actual practice of his science. He will be a faithful and capable co-worker with Dr. Hayden in the permanent establishment of what is certain to prove one of Evansville's most useful and progressive institutions.



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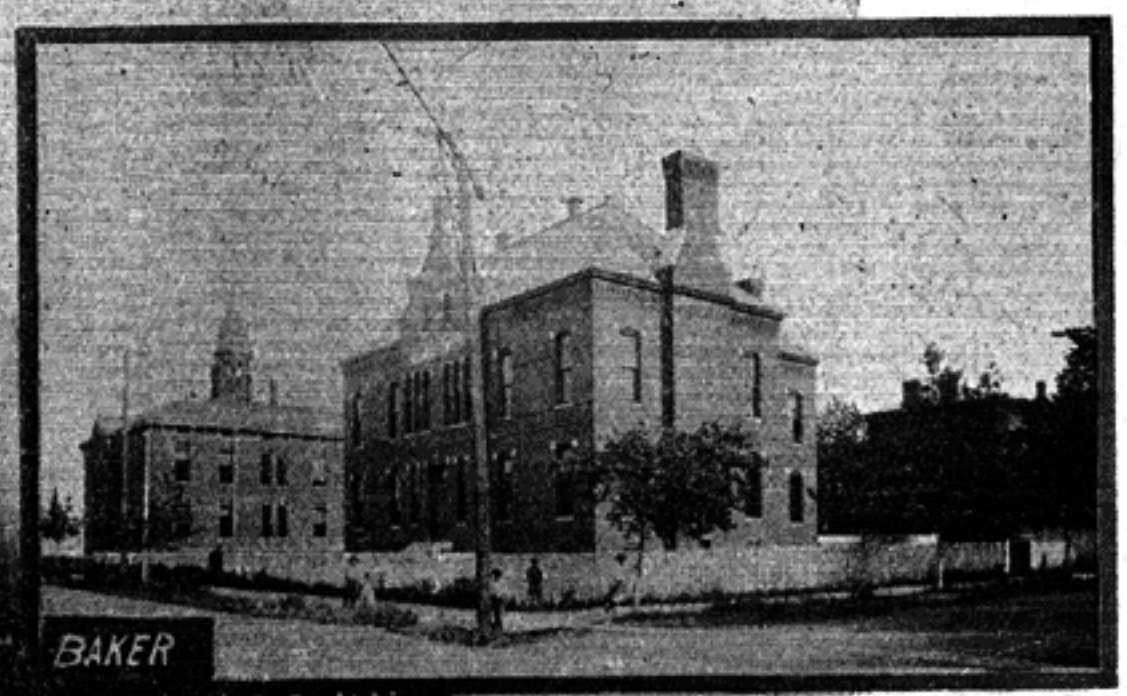
CANAL St. School 4 BUILDINGS



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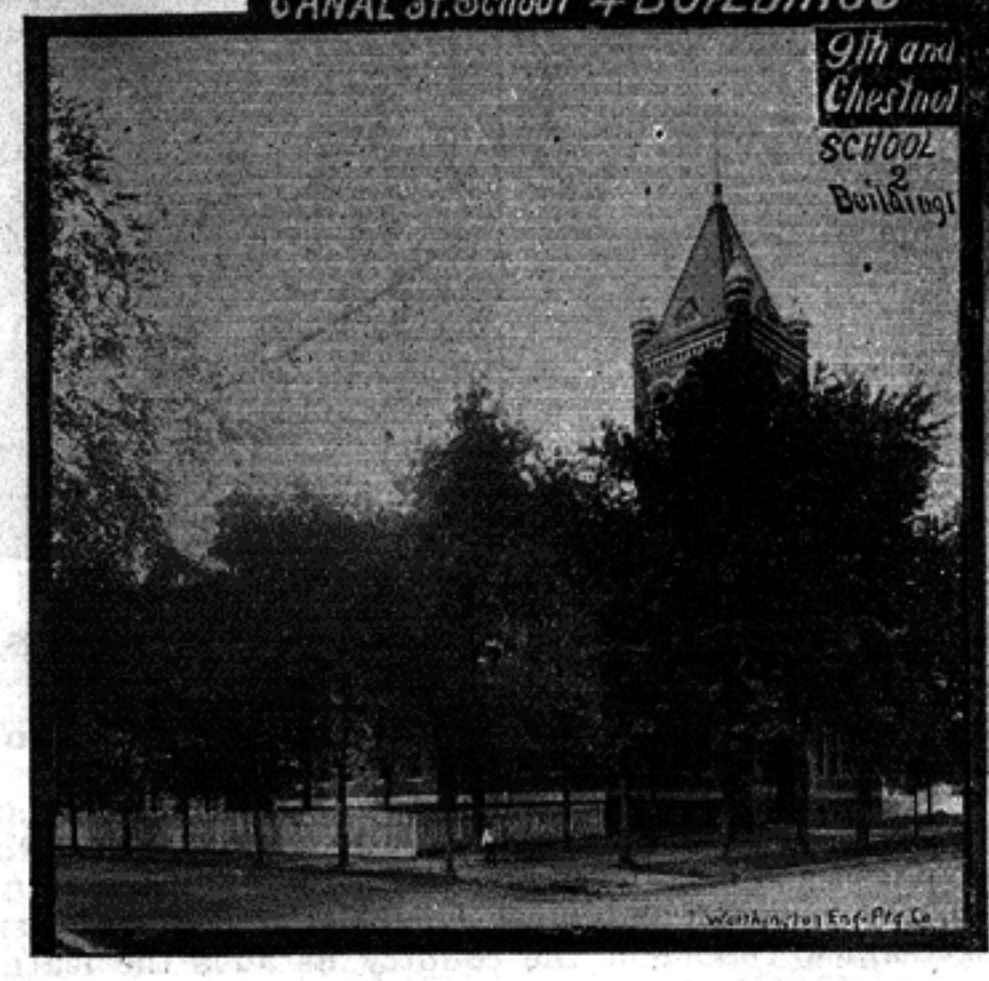

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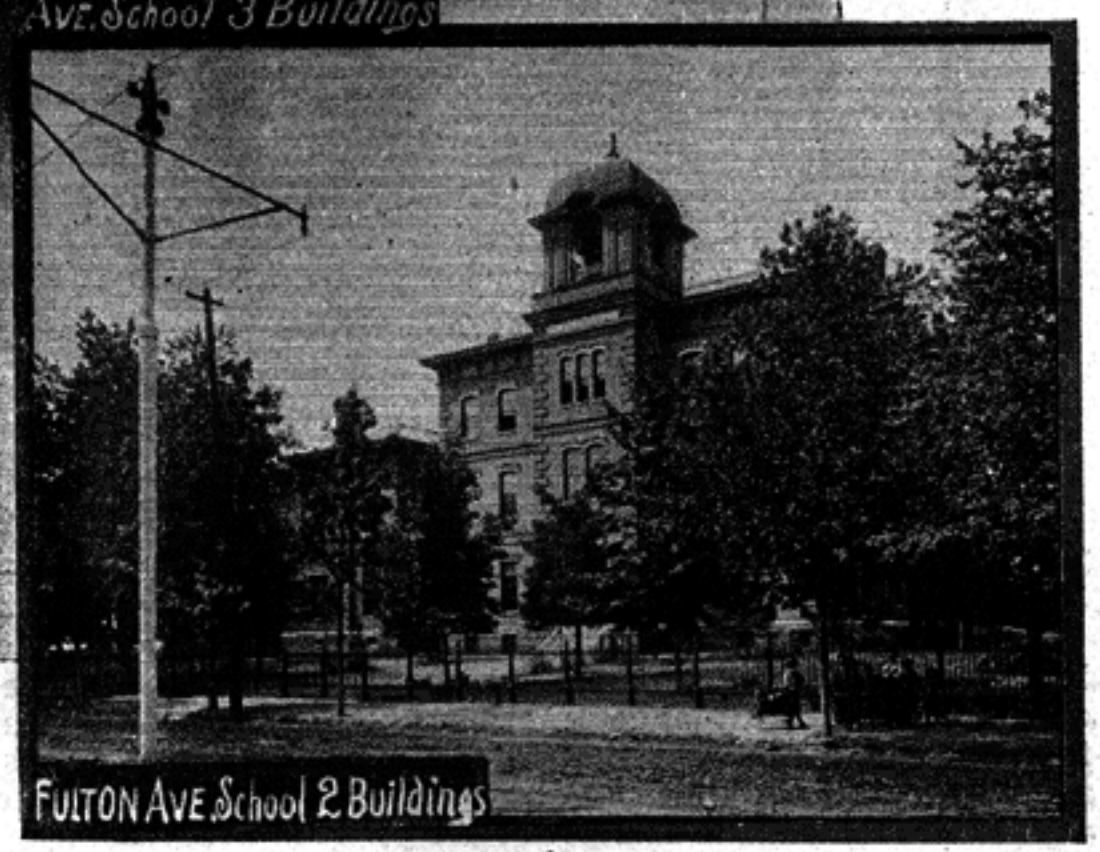


FULTON AVE. School 2 Buildings

PROF. WILLIAM A. HESTER

There is no feature of life in Evansville that appeals more to the pride of the people than its free schools. Among those who now occupy high positions in professional and commercial affairs are many who acquired their education in the common schools and next to the family relation every man of correct sensibilities has an affection for his Alma Mater greater than for anything else, whether it be the humble log school house in the woods or the imposing university.

Everybody watches the progress of our schools because everybody is interested in having for their children the best advantages that can be obtained. It was a fortunate event when Prof. William A. Hester was chosen as superintendent of the city schools. He is a man of liberal education and yet has never permitted his predilection as a student to dwarf his appreciation of the improvements of practical things. His first experience in the pathway of learning was in the district school and as a pupil he realized the necessity of broadening the system of instruction. No man has ever held the position of superintendent in Evansville who has so enlarged the horizon of our schools.

PROFESSOR W. A. HESTER.

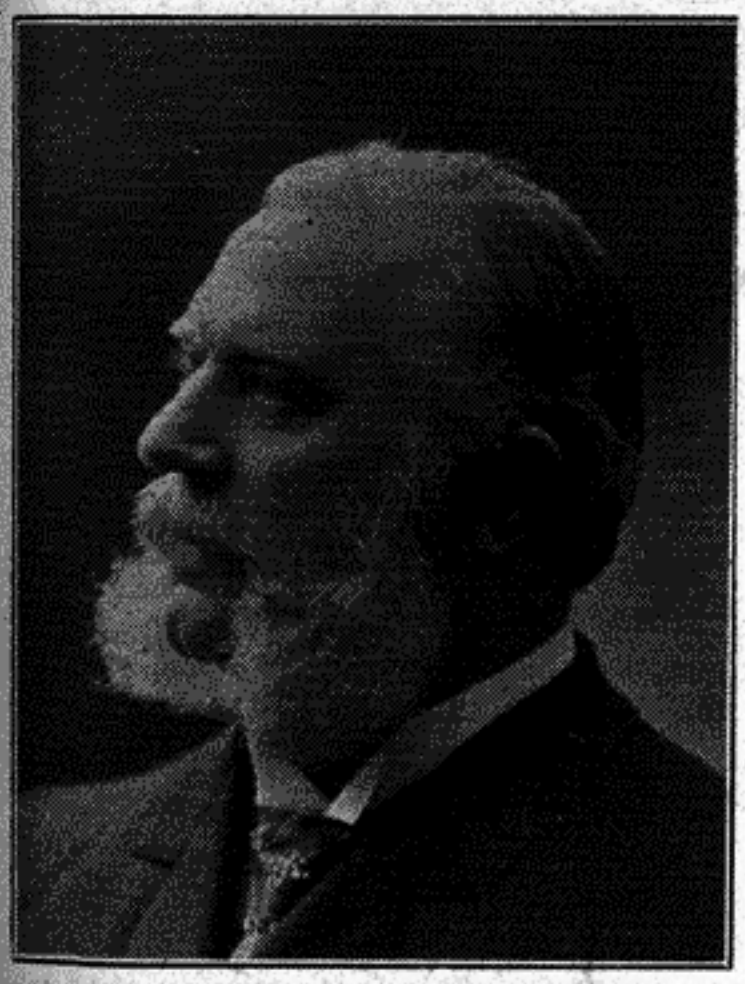
Ideas which would have seemed almost chimerical if he had announced them upon assuming his charge have been ingrafted upon the school system so effectually as to seem now to have always been a part of it. This is the highest test of ability as an educator and that it is no extravagance of speech to accord the quality to Prof. Hester, the present status of our schools in every grade furnishes innumerable evidences. He has not abandoned the course of discipline supported by the experience of all ages, and pupils are required to obey rules as rigidly now as in the old days when the rod or the ferrule was the final arbitrament of differences between teacher and pupils. But obedience to authority is now secured by appealing to the pride and emulation of pupils rather than physical fear. The course of study has been enlarged and methods of teaching observed in the schools of the most advanced countries of the world have been introduced as soon as experiment has proven them practical. Having determined to devote his whole life to the cause of education, Prof. Hester made a study of every phase of instruction and discipline and his experience enables him to discriminate accurate ly between meth-

ods that can be made available here and those which would not answer the purpose.

The youth who passes successfully through the schools of Evansville as now conducted has acquired, when he receives his diploma, as liberal an education as can be had at many colleges of reputation. Indeed, the high school course duplicates in many particulars the course followed by many of the higher institutions of learning and graduates from the high school have no difficulty in entering any university in the country. Prof. Hester has had much to do with raising the schools to their present standard and his devotion to duty and efficiency have not escaped the attention of the public but have commanded approval combined with the hope that he may long be continued in the position where his services have been so beneficial.

FREDERICK LAUENSTEIN

Whether in council or action, Frederick Lauenstein, member of the board of school trustees, is a man whose services are always effective. He possesses



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the sturdy determination characteristic of his German blood and the breadth of view which enables him to take in every phase of important subjects. His training as proprietor and manager of a daily newspaper has given him an appreciative sense of the importance of method, as well as a comprehensive conception of what is required in this progressive age. Mayor Akin could have selected no one better qualified for useful service on the school board. Since his appointment Frederick Lauenstein has made personal sacrifices in his desire to promote the interest of the schools, giving a large part of his time to the various duties devolving upon him as a member of the board. He is repeating the career of his brother, the late Dr. Carl Lauenstein, who many years ago served the city in the same capacity with great honor and usefulness.

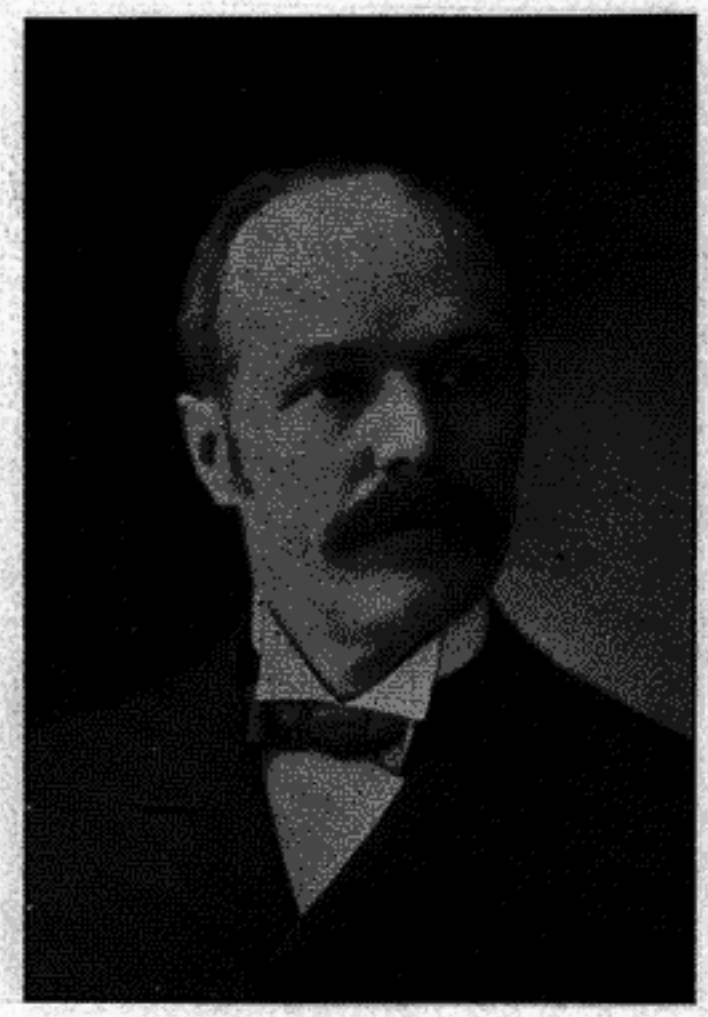
Frederick Lauenstein believes in the education of the masses, and is ready, as a citizen and a public servant, to do whatever lies in his power to that end. He believes in expenditures as liberal as the city's revenues will permit, but, with the prudence that goes with experience and good judgment, he is opposed to extravagance in every form. There should be no impediments in the pathway of knowledge which the schools are intended to provide for the youth of the city, but neither should there be burdens upon the taxpayers that can be avoided without lowering the standard of our schools by good management. He is willing to bear his share of the taxes and to perform his part of the work and in this way he has earned the gratitude and respect of those who know how important it is to have capable men on the school board.

CHARLES E. SCOVILLE

Charles E. Scoville is a man who is ever ready to perform his share of the duties which citizenship imposes. He is an Evansvillian by adoption, having been born and educated in the state of New York. But having to make a place in the world through his own efforts he came to Evansville soon after reaching his maturity, and his career has been wholly made in Evansville. It is a part of the city's history for the last thirty years; a place made in the list of those who have contributed most to the city's moral and intellectual as well as material growth.

The business firm with which the name of Charles E Scoville has long been associated conducts one of the largest wholesale grocery establishments in the city. Its trade extends for many hundreds of miles around Evansville and the character of the house is a symbol for enterprise and integrity. Parsons & Scoville have a prosperous business because their patrons understand that connections with this establishment cannot fail to be mutually agreeable and profitable.

In his public capacity Charles E. Scoville has served the federal government



C. E. SCOVILLE.

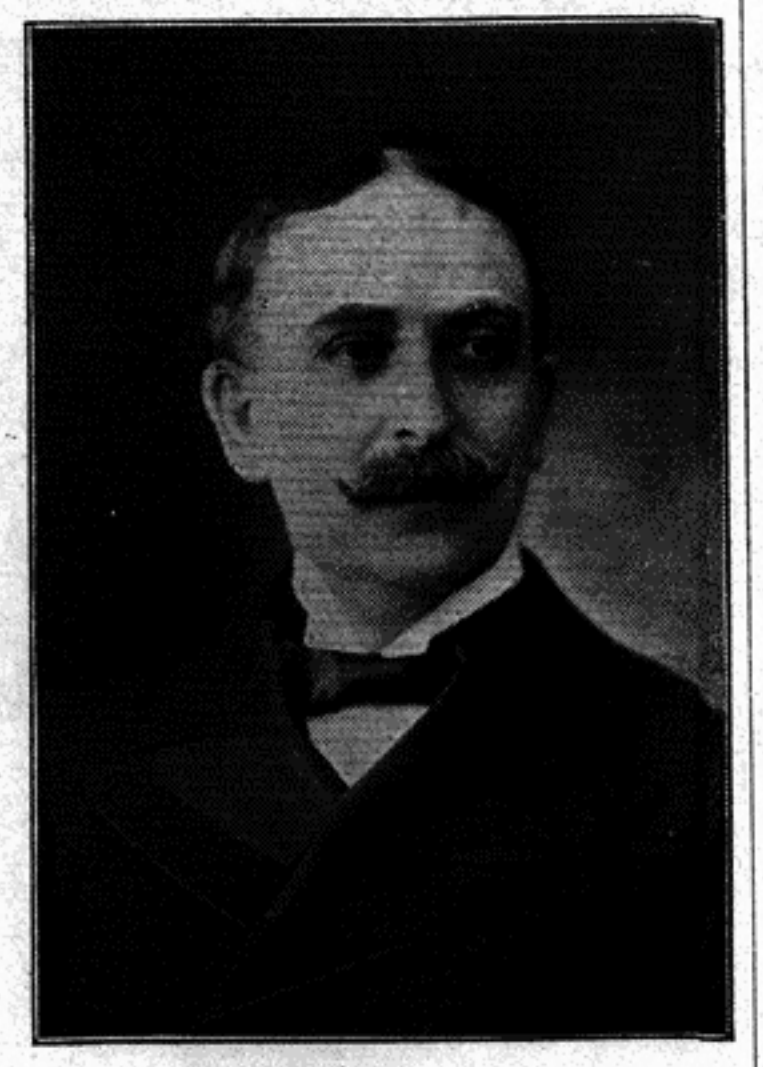
as collector of the port of Evansville and of which body he is now the president. During the years of his trusteeship the schools have been particularly prosperous and their present advanced position is largely due to the intelligent efforts he has given in their behalf. The progressive spirit which has controlled the board during the last few years has greatly improved the standard of Evansville's schools; no matter from what point of view they are considered they are in every way abreast of any schools in the country and it can be said without undue praise that Charles E. Scoville deserves much of the credit for this desirable conditions of affairs.

Successful in his personal business and useful in promtting the public interest, Charles E. Scoville's life has been one of exceptional benefit—a fact that is generally accepted and appreciated by his fellow citizens.

AARON M. WEIL

After graduating from the high school, Aaron M. Weil at once took up the active life which has been so useful and prominent in the affairs of Evansville, his native city. It was several years before he discovered the field to which he was best adapted, but his natural aptitude for details and matters of record finally landed him in the insurance business. He is now an acknowledged authority in this important science and has a clientage which is alike gratifying to himself and to the standard companies which he represents.

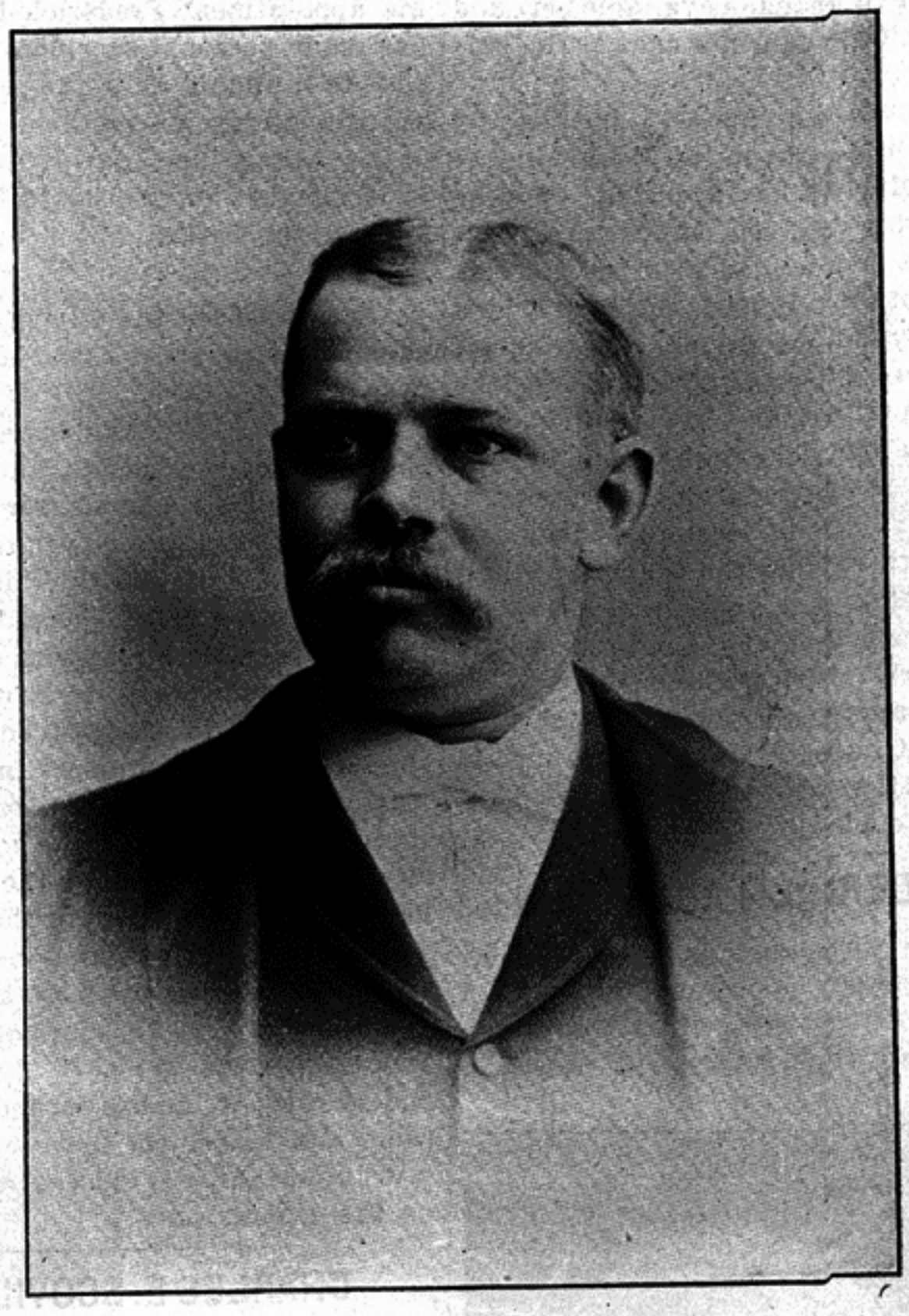
The man who leads a busy and suc-



A. M. WEIL.

cessful life in his private relation is the one whose services are generally most sought by the public. Aaron M. Weil has served the city as a member of the board of council and for the last two years has occupied a place on the board of school trustees. Having passed through all of the grades of the public schools he knows from experience how the course of study may be improved with a view to its immediate application to the practical business of life. It has been his objest since becoming a member of the school board to make such changes in the curriculum as were necessary to enable the youth of today to acquire a thorough education without any unnecessary waste of time. With this end in view he has favored the construction of additional school buildings wherever they are needed, not to the extent of involving the city in obligations that would be burdensome, but to the full reach of our financial resources. The chief cause of delay in finishing a common school course is the lack of house accommodations, thus compelling teachers to undertake more than they can accomplish effectively. There should be ample room for the children of every part of the city, and the number of teachers ought to be sufficient to prevent the necessity of their undertaking to teach more pupils than it is possible for them to teach well. The public generally will agree with Aaron M. Weil in this practical view of the case.

The earnest attention which Aaron M. Weil has given to the duties of his office, as a member of the school board, and his intelligent conceptions of what those duties are, prove that he is emphatically the right man in the right place.



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CITY COMPTROLLER RICHARDT

A man whose prominence in local politics has long been recognized is Andrew Richardt, the present comptroller of the city of Evansville. He is of German origin, and possesses the habits of frugality and industry characteristic of his race. His whole life has been spent in Evansville where his education was acquired in the public schools and in private and public offices. He became a competent accountant during his boyhood and this knowledge has served him a good purpose through life. The first public service in which he was engaged was as deputy sheriff of Vanderburg county, a position which he held for four years. He displayed great efficiency in this position and having extended his acquaintance widely throughout the country he became a candidate for sheriff in 1892; and, having received the nomination of his party, was elected. Serving one term in that office he was re-nominated in 1894, but met with the defeat which was the fate of all democratic candidates in that unfortunate campaign.

The long experience in the sheriff's office, as deputy and principal, added to his knowledge of official work, and when Mayor Akin was elected in 1897, he entered the office of city comptroller as deputy. For more than a year he occupied this position and was made comptroller on the resignation of Frances P. Byrnes, which occurred in September last. He continues to occupy this position of honor and responsibility, and it can be truly said of him that he enjoys the confidence, not only of his colleagues in the city building but of the public at large.

The success of Andrew Richardt is due to his strict attention to duty and to his natural intelligence and accommodating disposition. He does well whatever he undertakes and is never disturbed by the little annoyances inseparable from public office. No man in Evansville is better known and no one occupies a higher place in the popular heart. This has been the result of his meth-

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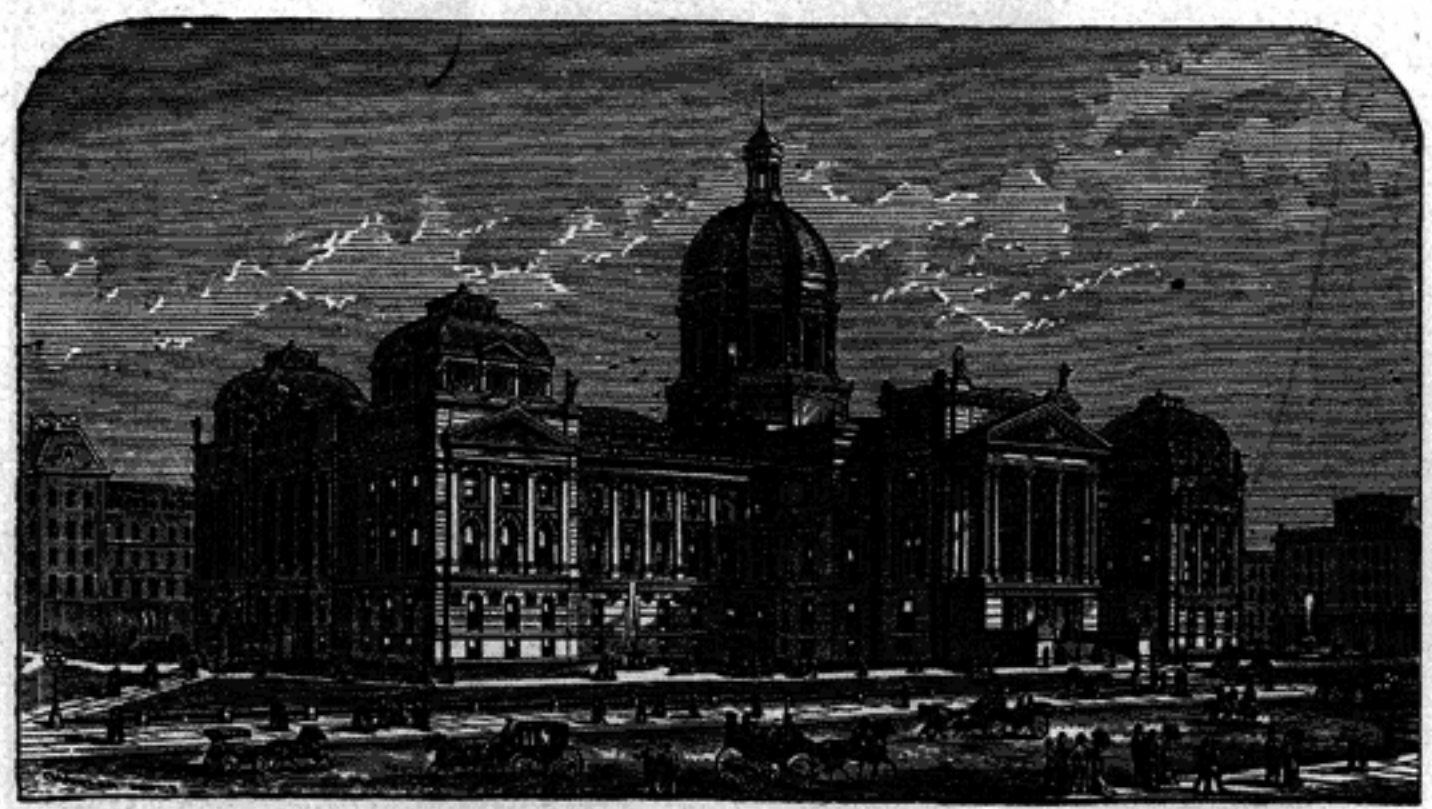


THE STATE CAPITOL, INDIANAPOLIS.

GOVERNOR JAMES A. MOUNT

In the list of native Indianians whose impress upon state affairs will be permanent and honorable, the name of James A. Mount occupies a conspicuous place. He was born on a farm in Montgomery county in 1843, and in the practical duties of farm life received his first lessons of usefulness and responsibility. The country schools afforded the opportunities for an elementary education, but the liberal knowledge which he has displayed in many directions was acquired by personal application to books and his native power of observation. While it is true that a collegiate course furnishes the most convenient pathway to education, the height of knowledge can be attained outside of the class room, where energy, intelligence and a conscientious desire to be of service to mankind are united. These qualities were happily blended in James A. Mount. From his boyhood he looked forward to the time when he might be of service to his state and country, and in this spirit he enlisted as a private soldier in company D, seventy-second Indiana volunteer infantry in 1862, cheerfully accepting the discipline and hardships of the camp and battlefield until the close of the civil war when he was mustered out with the rank of first sergeant. Happy over the triumph of our army and with the conscious satisfaction felt by every man who took part in the close struggle for the preservation of the union, he returned to the vocation to which he was born and to the advancement of which he has contributed so much during the years that have intervened.

gressive 1888 James A. Mount was elected selected n[illegible]resent the constituency composed [illegible]ounties of Boone, Clinton and ful service [illegible]ery in the upper branch of the general assembly. Although in the sessions of 1889 and 1891 he gave special attention to such legislation as was of peculiar interest to agriculture, he never permitted his judgment or action to be prejudiced by mere class considerations. He was a senator in every sense of the word, giving his best efforts to the service not only of his own constituency but of the state of Indiana. It was in this capacity that his public career may be said to have commenced. He made friends and admirers throughout Indiana by the ability and judgment he displayed in the legislation of those two sessions, and prophesies were made that he would be heard from again. In 1890 he was nominated for congress from the eighth district, but the tide was against his party that year and after a brilliant campaign, in which he added materially to his reputation as an orator and debator, he was defeated.

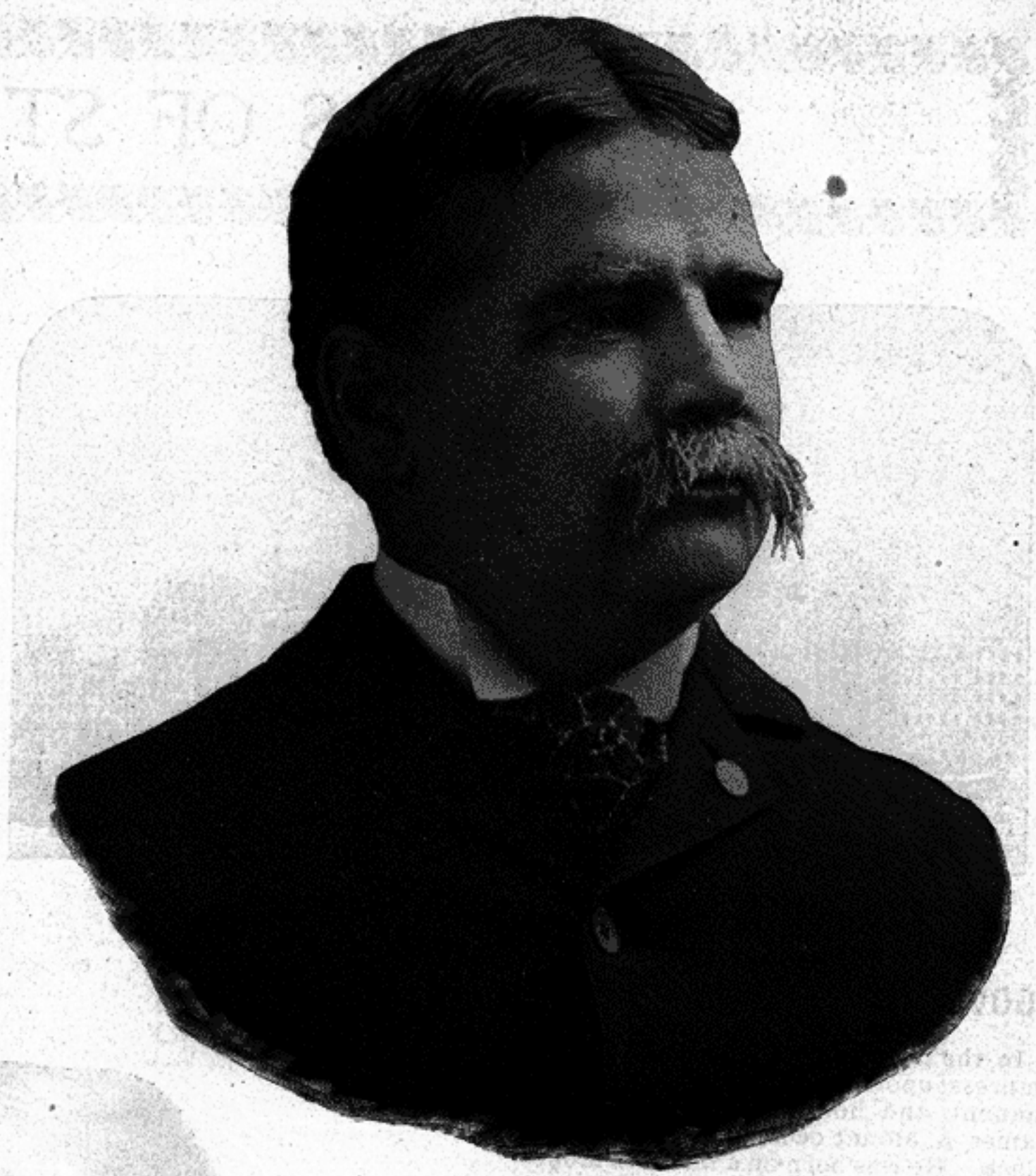
It often happens in the lives of public men that what seem misfortunes at the

GOVERNOR JAMES A. MOUNT.

moment prove of immense advantage in the subsequent stages of their career. If James A. Mount had been elected in 1890 he might have distinguished himself in congress it is true, but he would probably never have been governor of Indiana. The opportunity for reaching the highest distinction seldom comes to a man more than once in a lifetime. It came to James A. Mount in 1896, and not being embarrassed by any other public position he was free to accept the nomination for governor which was conferred upon him that year by his party convention. After a thorough canvass, in which he spoke to large audiences in almost every county of the state, he was triumphantly elected. During his administration the affairs of the government have been conducted in such a way as to win the approval of men of all shades of political opinion. He is now well advanced in the last half of his term of office and everything indicates that he will retire from the chair of the chief executive of Indiana with laurels as abundant as were ever gathered by any of his predecessors. What Governor Mount's future aspirations may be it would be impertinent to conjecture. But being still in his early prime and at the height of his popularity, it is not probable that his party will permit him to retire permanently to private life at the close of his term as governor of Indiana.

CAPT. W. H. HART,

Auditor of State.



CAPTAIN W. H. HART.

Southern Indiana takes special interest in the career of Auditor of State Hart, because he originally belonged here. A good deal more than a half century ago his father, the late Henry J. Hart, located in Evansville and is well remembered by many of the older class of residents as a man of intelligence and integrity. His children were born here and while he probably never anticipated the honors that awaited his son he knew that industry and integrity when combined with native ability were the surest aids to success, whether in public or private station. He inculcated correct principles in their minds and hearts, and they not only honored his teachings but one of them has reached an eminence which will give his name an indelible place in the history of Indiana.

Just how or why it was that W. H. Hart happened to remove to Frankfort is a matter of subordinate interest in the line of his successful record. He served in the war in the sixtieth Indiana and twenty-fifth battery, and while it may be assumed that he would have made a success anywhere he chose Frankfort as the stage upon which to play his part in the drama of life. Events have fully vindicated his judgment. He soon gained a place in the confidence and regard of the people of that city and there was no mark of approval of his citizenship that they were not always ready to bestow. He filled many local positions of trust and honor always adding something to the structure of character which has proven strong enough to have lasted him in his early prime in one of the highest and most responsible offices of his native state.

In 1889 President Harrison appointed him third auditor of the treasury, and in 1895 he was appointed deputy auditor of state by Americus C. Daily. He was familiar with the duties of the auditor's office by reason of his experience in a larger sense at Washington. He was the author of the "Mill Bill," which placed the auditing of state accounts on a strict basis of itemization and receipts.

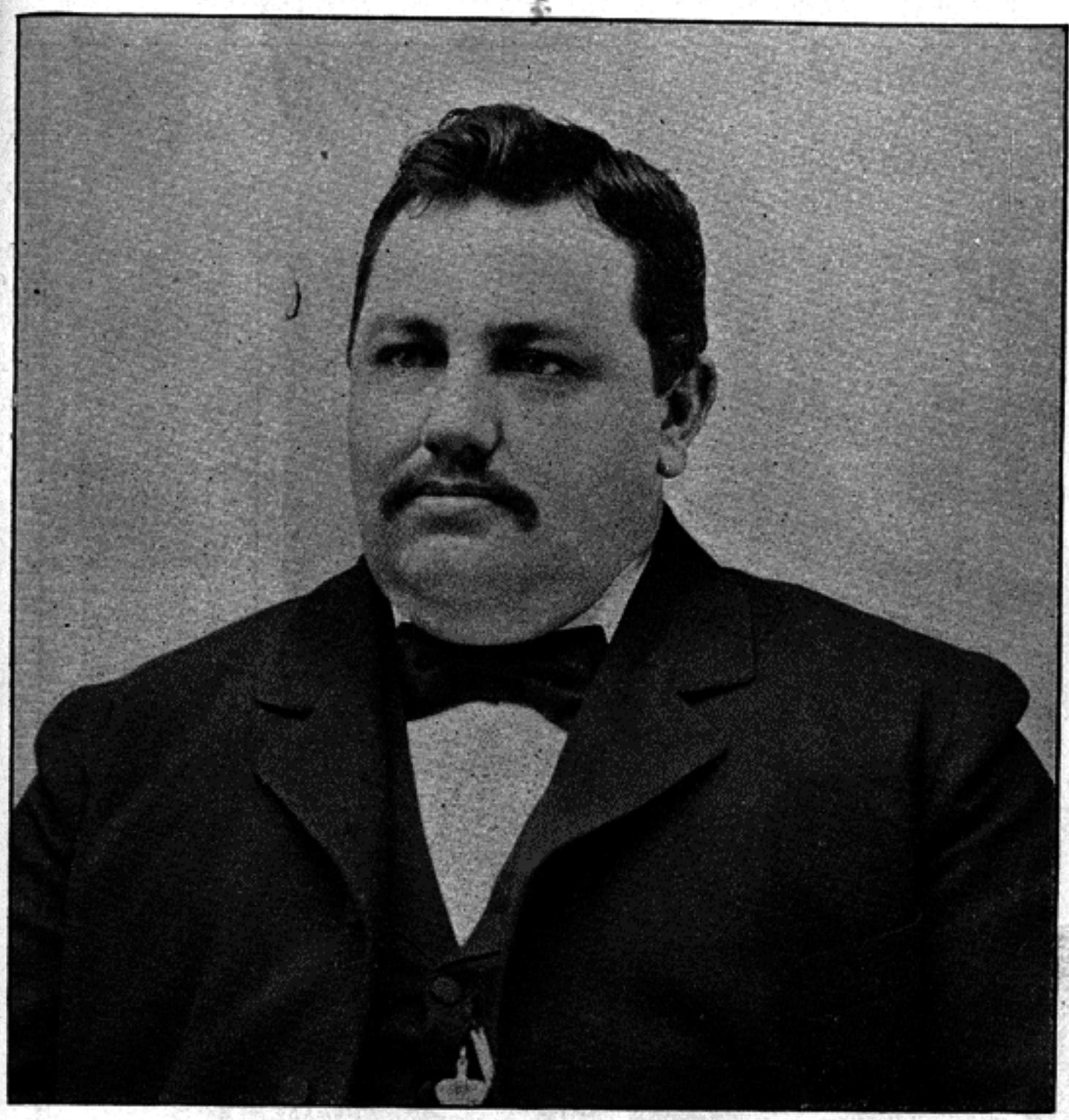
The state auditor's office has close relations with the offices of the various counties and Captain Hart soon found himself the center of a circle of political friends and admirers whose perimeter was the boundaries of Indiana. When the republican state convention assembled in 1898 it was plain that he was the favorite of a large majority of the delegates, and although a spirited contest ensued he was nominated by a flattering vote and the action of the convention was ratified by the people at the polls in the November following. Since his inauguration he has continued the careful attention to public duty which marked his course in the subordinate position.

Evansville takes pride in all of her sons who gain honorable places for themselves in the world of affairs and Captain Hart may be assured that he is no exception to this rule. We regret that we can no longer claim him as a citizen, but the vote that he received in this part of Indiana last November was an assurance that, "though lost to sight he is still to memory dear."

SECRETARY OF STATE UNION B. HUNT

Among the men of promise in Indiana today Union B. Hunt, secretary of state, is an interesting example. He is a native of Randolph county, where he was born in 1864 and has always resided. The education received in the public schools was soon put to practical purpose by employment in one of the mercantile houses of his county and in a manufacturing establishment in which he was engaged for sometime in a useful capacity. But the important period in his life was reached when he became editor of the Winchester Herald. It was here that he acquired a knowledge of public affairs and cultivated the art of expression which, whether in writing or speaking, is so essential to the man who aspires to the honors of state.

In 1888 Union B. Hunt began the practice of law, his knowledge of the science having been gained by careful study of the text books, under the guidance of the old members of the bar at Winches-



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ter. He made steady progress in his chosen profession, and although some of his leisure was devoted to political matters he never permitted the desire for public office to interfere with the duties of his profession. Having been appointed deputy prosecuting attorney for his county he discharged the functions of the position with credit to himself and this was the only public station he ever held until his election to the office of secretary of state.

Union B. Hunt has been a devoted member of the Knights of Pythias and has enjoyed the distinction of serving as grand chancellor of the order for Indiana. His wide acquaintance throughout the state made him a strong candidate before his party convention in 1896, and although a number of capable men entered the list as rivals, the choice of the convention in making him its nominee was fully vindicated at the polls. The canvass of the state was in every way creditable and he came out of the contest with a reputatnon that has been well sustained by his administration of the office of secretary of state.

If ability and personal popularity count for anything it may be assumed that Union B. Hunt's career will not terminate with his service in the office which he now holds.

FRANK L. JONES.

We have pleasure in presenting to our readers the portrait and a brief biographical sketch of Indiana's superintendent of public instruction.

Mr. Jones was a Howard county boy by birth and the elements of his education were received in the district and village schools of that county. After teaching three years in Howard and Porter counties he completed full courses of study at the Northern Indiana Normal and Indiana University. He has also done work as a student at Butler University and Chicago University.

His progress as a public school man may be traced by the following positions which he has held: Principal of the Greentown schools, teacher in the Kokomo high school, principal of one of the Kokomo ward schools, principal of the Noblesville high school, teacher in the Indianapolis industrial training school and during the last four years superintednet of the Tipton city schools. It is interesting to note that though the number of positions held is considerable yet through all the changes there was steady advancement.

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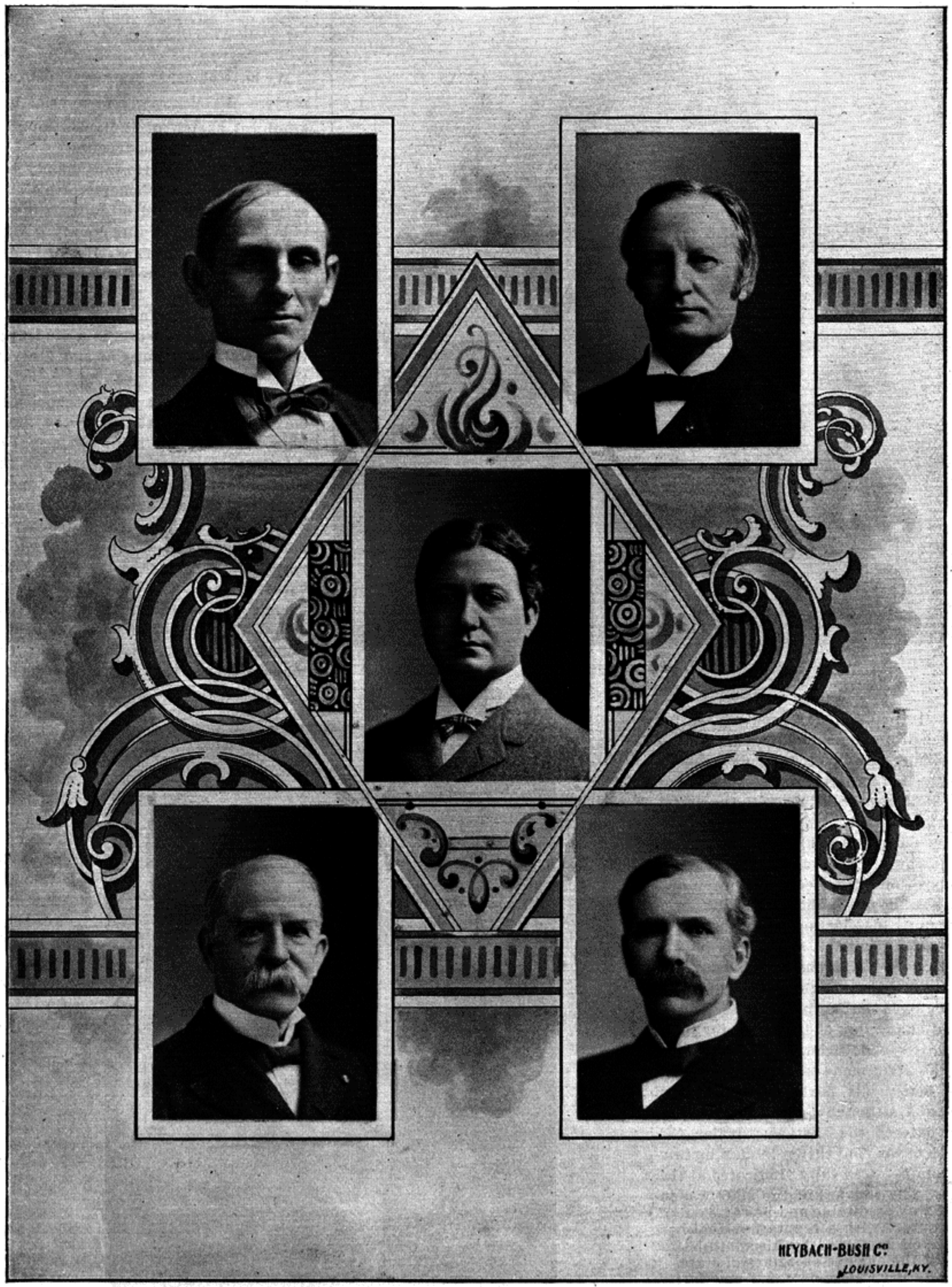

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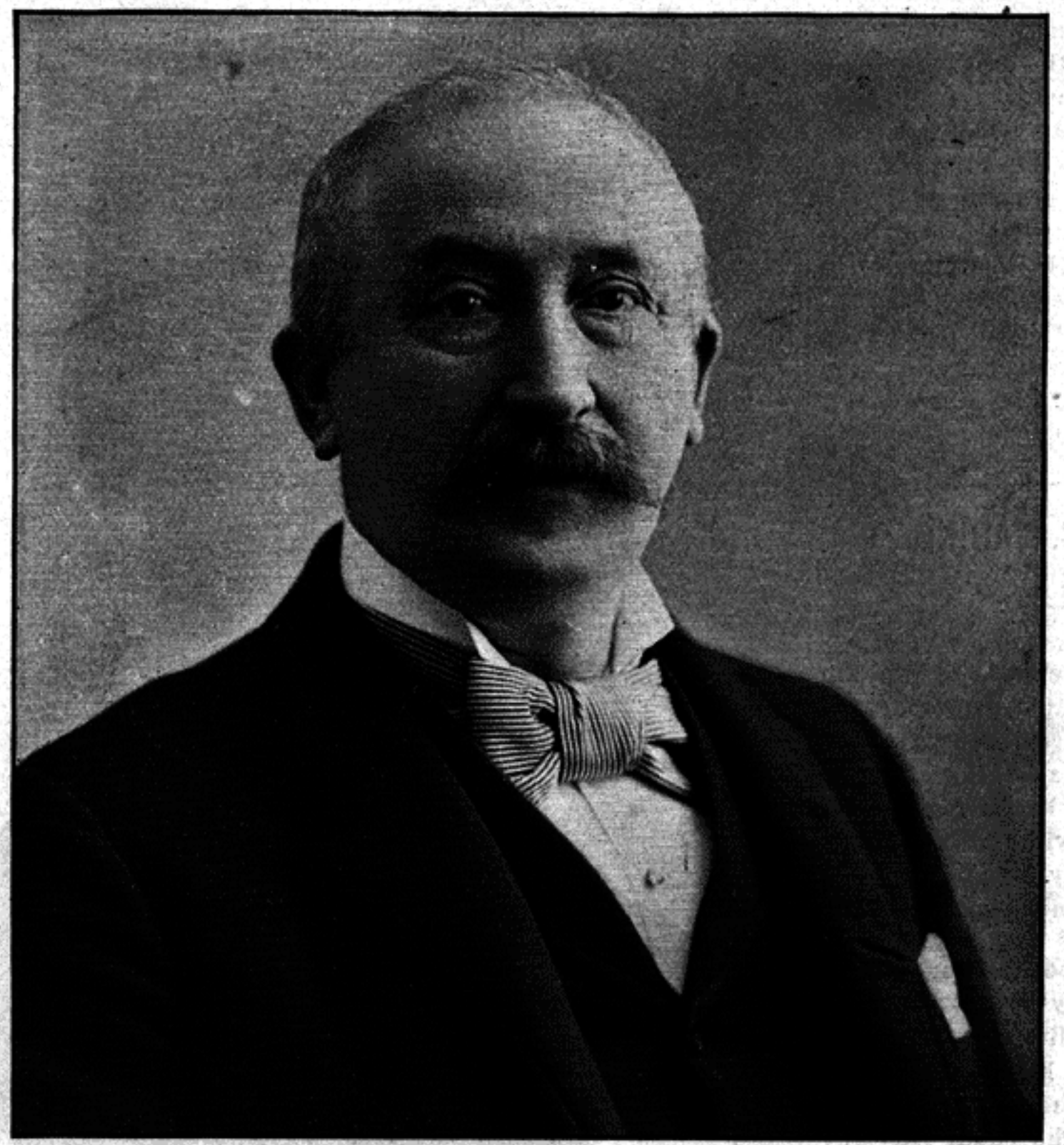

LEOPOLD LEVY, TREASURER OF STATE.

CHARLES F. REMY.

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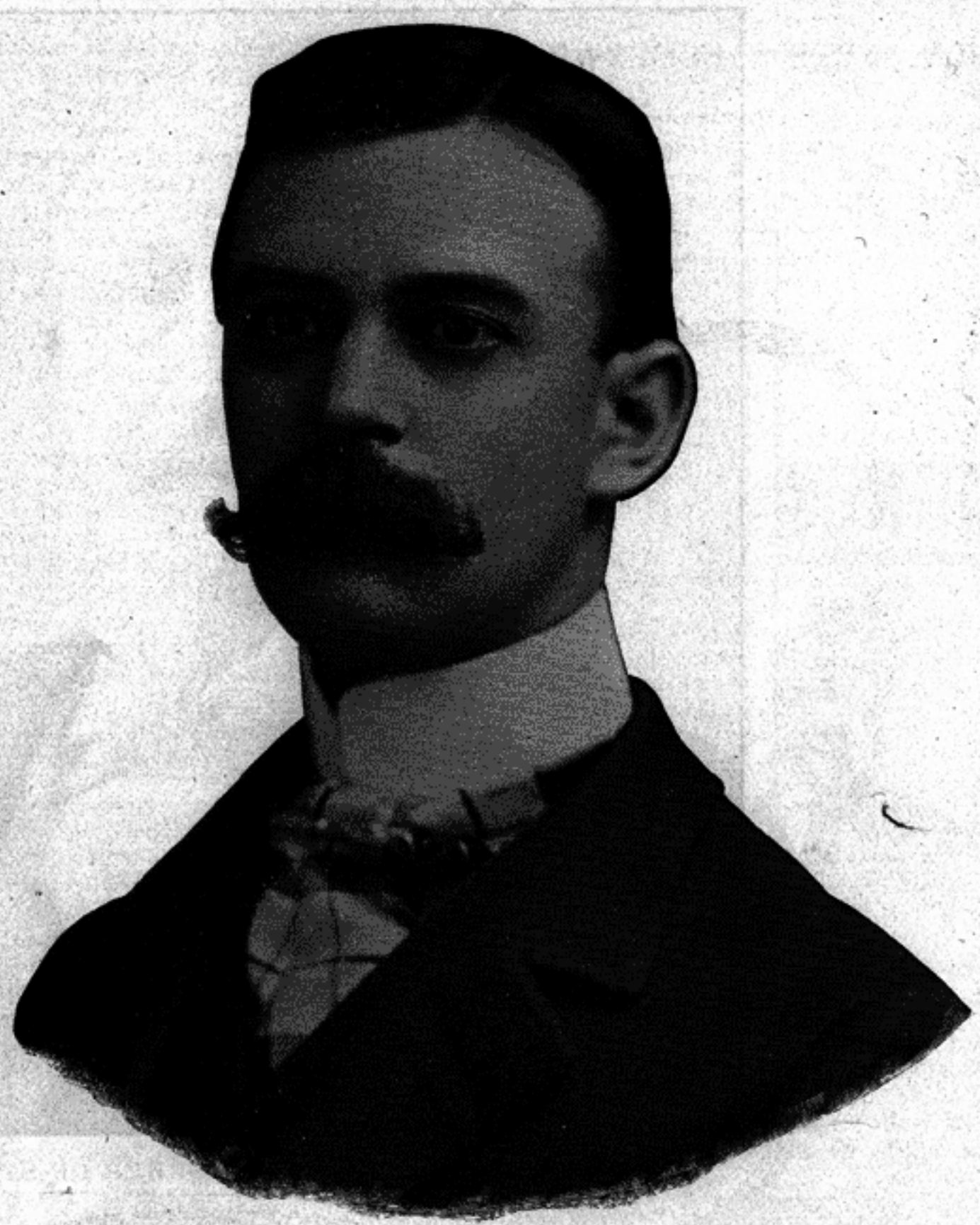
Charles Frederick Remy was born near Hope, Bartholomew county, Ind., on Feb. 25, 1860. His parents, Calvin J. Remy and Miranda Essex are natives of Indiana, the former was born in Franklin county and the latter in Batrholomew county. Charles obtained his early education at the district school, working on his father's farm in the summer and attending school during the winter. In 1879 he entered Franklin college, where he was graduated in 1884, receiving the degree of A. B. After graduating he taught Greek and mathematics in a Normal school in Lexington, N. C., for two years, when he began the study of law in the office of Hacker & Strickland at Columbus, Ind. In 1887 and 1888 he attended law school at the University of Michigan from which he graduated. Returning to Columbus he was admitted to the bar and entered into a partnership with Judge Marshall Hacker in the practice of law, succeeding Major Strickland of the firm of Hacker & Strickland, with whom he had studied law. After being admitted to the bar he soon took high rank as a lawyer. In 1894 he was

elected representative to the general assembly of the state, the first republican representative ever elected from Bartholomew county. In 1896 he was nominated by the republican state convention for the office of reporter of the supreme court and was elected, which office he still holds. He was married to Miss Debbie E. Henderson Nov. 25, 1891, and has one child, William Henderson Remy. Mr. Remy takes great interest in national and state politics and is an effective campaign speaker.

WILLIAM C. ZARING

The most noticeable traits of William C. Zaring, the state oil inspector, are his undaunted will and tireless energy. To these, more than to anything else, he owes what successes have come to him. A man of supreme will and confidence, activity and integrity, he sets out to do things and always ends by doing them. While Mr. Zaring has been a prominent figure in Indiana's politics for only a few years, the ability he has shown in this line and the political acumen displayed are proof that had he entered the arena of politics sooner, he today would weild an influence the equal of any young republican in the party. But Mr. Zaring's early inclinations were for a business life and for a dozen years these inclinations were followed.



WILLIAM C. ZARING.

William C. Zaring was born in Morgan county, Ind., thirty-six years ago. He is the son of Rev. William M. Zaring, who for forty-five years has been one of the leading ministers in Indiana Me thodism. Mr. Zaring was the oldest of five brothers. His education, as is the education of all Methodist ministers' children, was gathered from town to town, the finishing touches being put on at DePauw university. In 1883 Mr. Zaring accepted his first regular business employment with the Mackey-Nisbet company of this city. From this he went on the road for one of the largest mercantile houses in Cincinnati, Ohio.

At the age of 25 Mr. Zaring turned to New York City and engaged in the importing business with Edward Bullock, his brother-in-law and returned consul to Germany. The same success that attended him in Evansville and Cincinnati was with him in New York. But Mr. Zaring was western bred and could not rid himself of his fondness for Indiana so in the spring of 1890 he returned to the Hoosier state and immediately began traveling.

In 1895 he was made deputy treasurer of state. Two years later he resigned to accept the position of deputy oil inspector, with headquarters in Evansville. In the last campaign Mr. Zaring took an active part in the nomination of Willis S. Blatchley for state geologist and had the pleasure of seeing him chosen by an overwhelming majority and later lead the state republican ticket. Mr. Blatchley appointed Mr. Zaring to the office of state oil inspector. From every standpoint the office is an important one, especially from that of politics, carrying with it a large amount of patronage. Mr. Zaring has been in the office but a few months but has already instituted several reforms that have met with favor by both the press and his party.

In 1889 Mr. Zaring married Miss Ella Cooper, daughter of Elder Cooper, the well known capitalist of this city. Their Evansville home is at 505 Washinton avenue. They have four children, two sons and two daughters. Reared in a Methodist home, Mr. Zaring had principles of rugged honesty and integrity instilled into him. These principles were not thrown away when he entered politics, but by them has he refuted the fallacy that nothing but trickery will win in politics.

R. A. BROWN,
Clerk Supreme Court.

HON. JAMES A. HEMENWAY.

Although the Honorable James A. Hemenway, representative in congress from the first district, has not escaped the criticism which every public man must expect to meet he enjoys the unique distinction of being the only re-

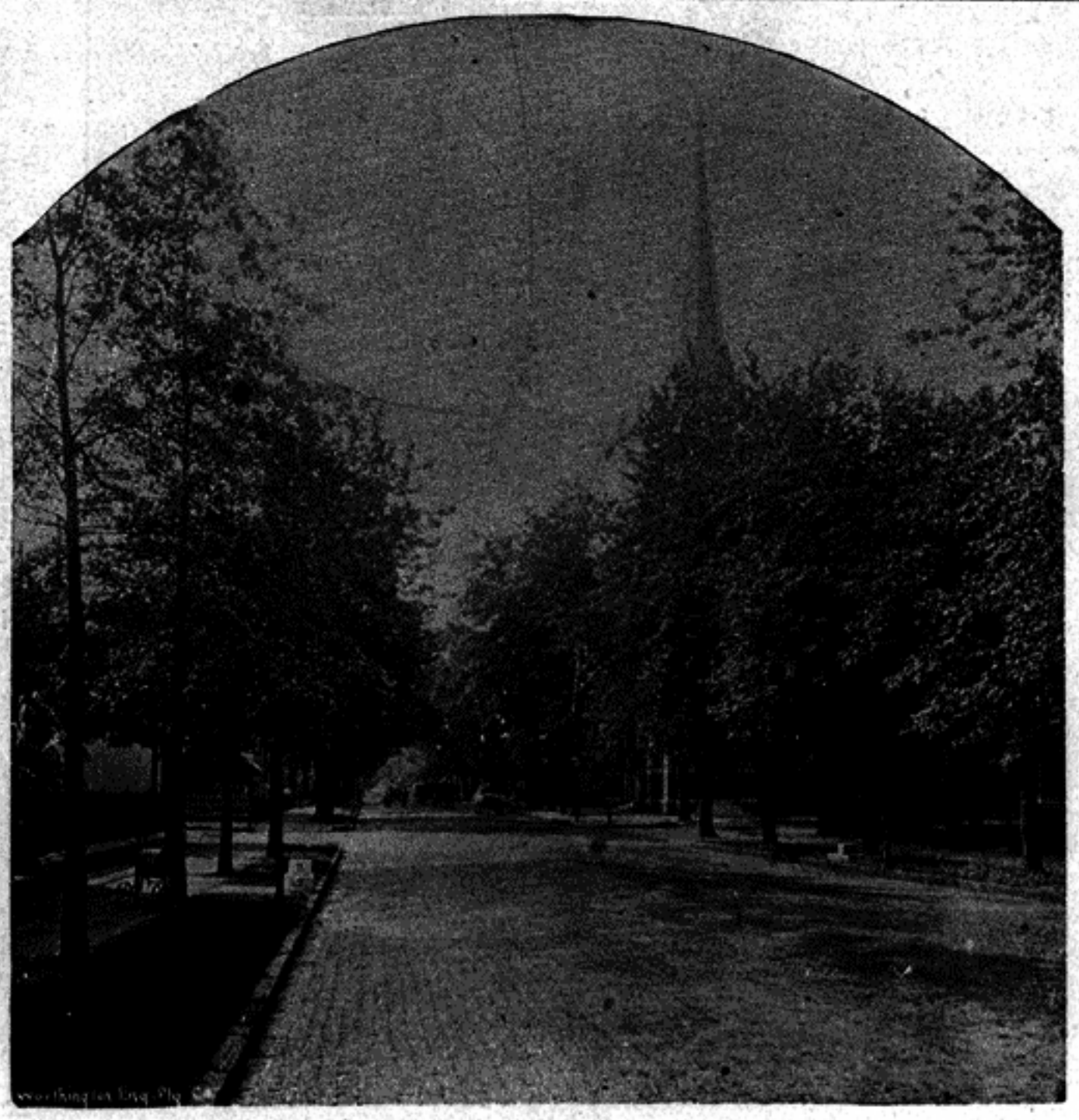
HON. JAMES A. HEMENWAY.

publican candidate for congress who has ever carried the first district three times in succession in the history of the state. The bare statement is in itself a sufficient answer to any challenge that might be made as to his ability or integrity. Indeed, no such invidious questions have ever been raised. The only fault finders are his political opponents, or those of his own party whose aspirations to federal appointments he has not been able to satisfy. Having encountered a change of administration in his second term he was met with the disadvantage of having to disappoint many applicants for office who seemed to have claims upon him. The distribution of patronage is one of the most painful and embarrassing duties that a representative in congress has to perform. It is simply impossible to satisfy everybody because there are not enough offices to go around, and as every applicant naturally considers his own claim superior to others he is disappointed and revengeful if it is not honored. Congressman Hemenway has gone through this ordeal, and that he was able to come out successful in a district supposed to be normally democratic must be accepted as an evidence not only that he is strong in the public confidence but is a politician of remarkable ability.

The life of James A. Hemenway presents an interesting instance of the possibilities of success even where circumstances are unfriendly. He had neither fortune nor influence as his birthright, but from early boyhood was compelled to fight his own battle in the world. The Courier remembers when, as a young law student, he added to his scanty weekly stipend by acting as its correspondent and agent at the town of Boonville, where he still resides. He was a plucky youth with a clear head and a brave heart; but few who knew him then were prepared for the honors which were subsequently opened up to him. It was not until his election as prosecuting attorney that his capabilities became apparent. In that position he gained reputation rapidly and in 1894 he was ready to enter the list as a candidate for congress. Although a number of the ablest and most popular men in his party were his competitors he received the nomination, and, after a spirited campaign, was elected.

Contrary to the usual custom Speaker Reed placed him on the committee on appropriations, an honor never before accorded a member of congress during his first term of service. His performances during two terms installed him in the good opinion of his party and especially of Speaker Reed, and it is doubtful if any man of his age now in congress has a stronger influence in promoting legislation than James A. Hemenway. His re-election to a third term a year ago was the crowning event in his career and places him easily among the foremost leaders of his party in Indiana.

In the forecast of political probabilities for the year 1900 the name of James A. Hemenway is frequently mentioned in connection with the nomination for governor. He has frankly admitted to his friends that he was entirely satisfied with his position in congress. But to be governor of one's native state is an honor which no man could easily decline, and it will not be surprising if, considering his brilliant successes thus far, his party shall turn to him as the man best qualified to lead the fight in 1900 as its candidate for governor.



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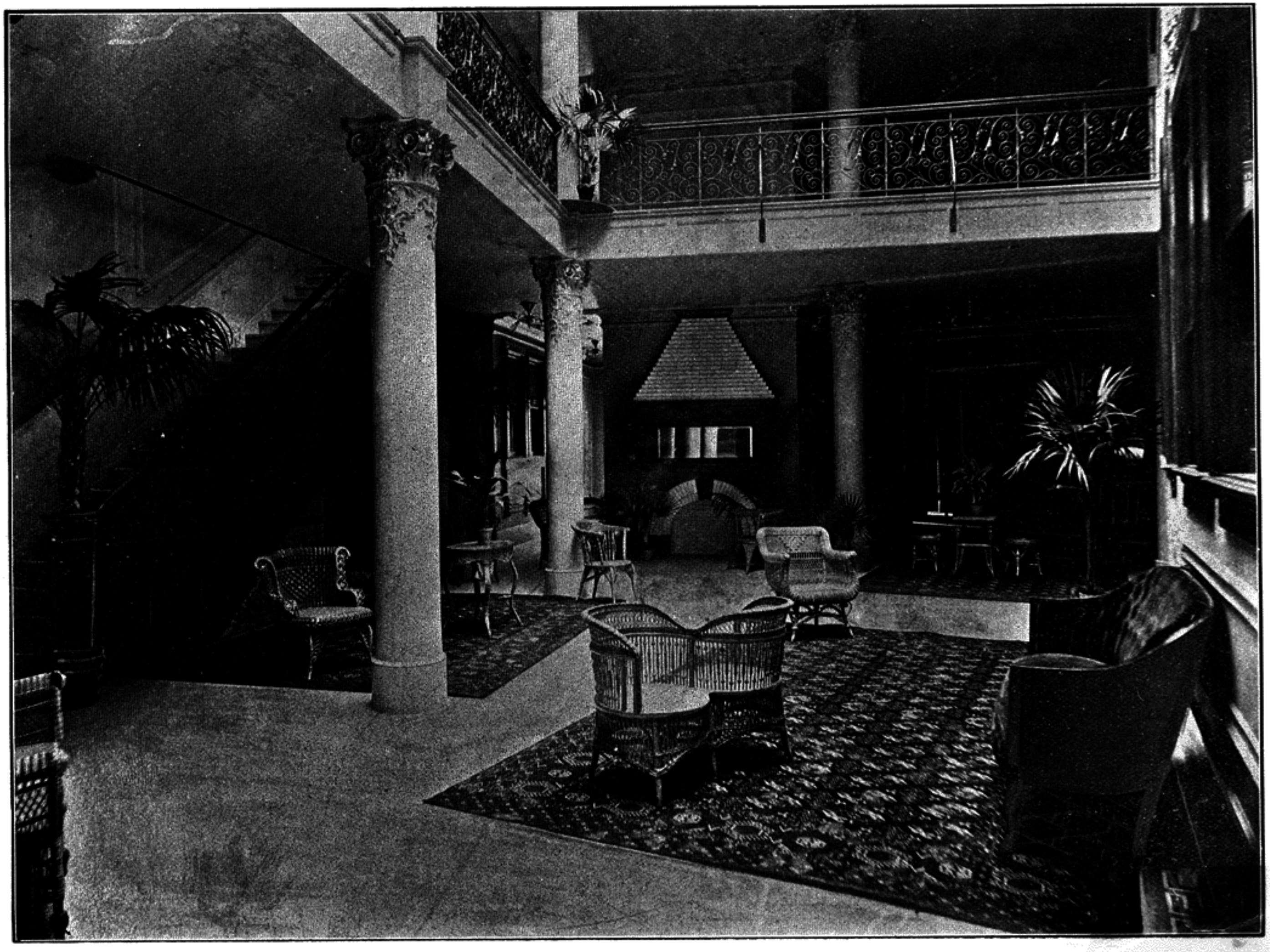

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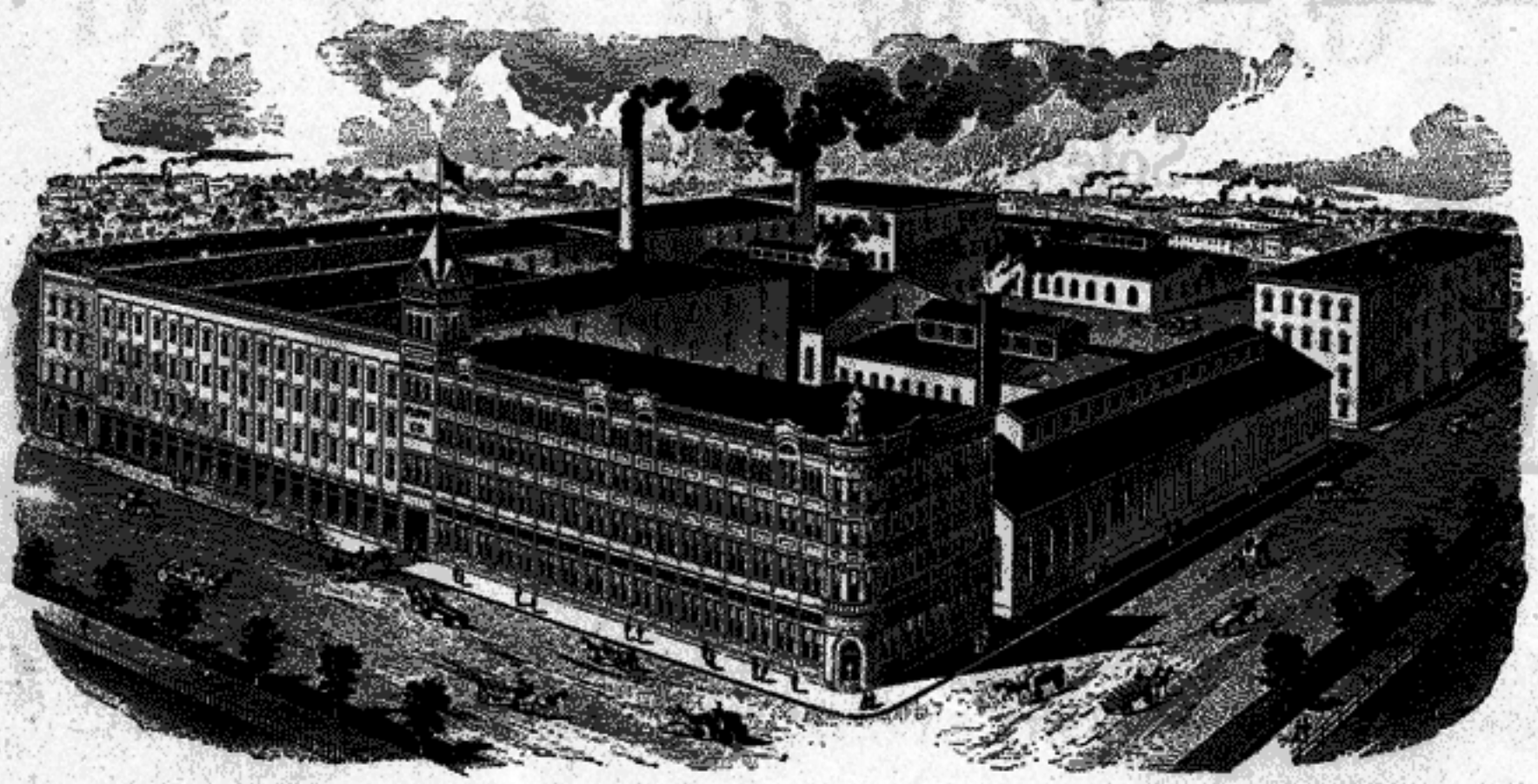

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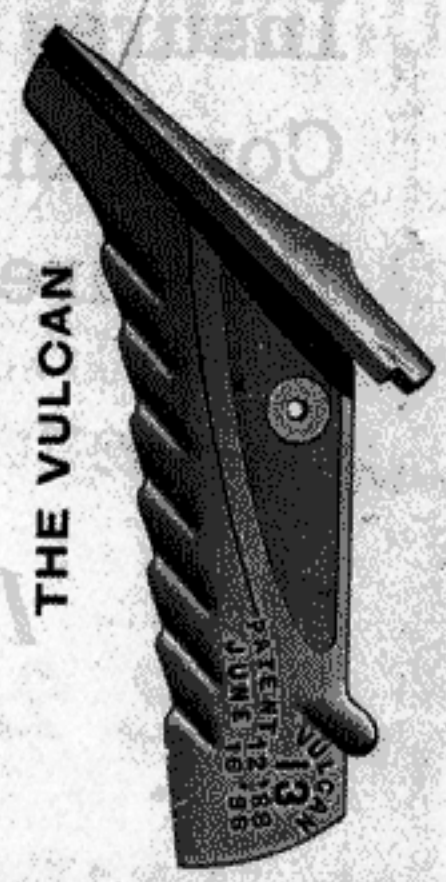

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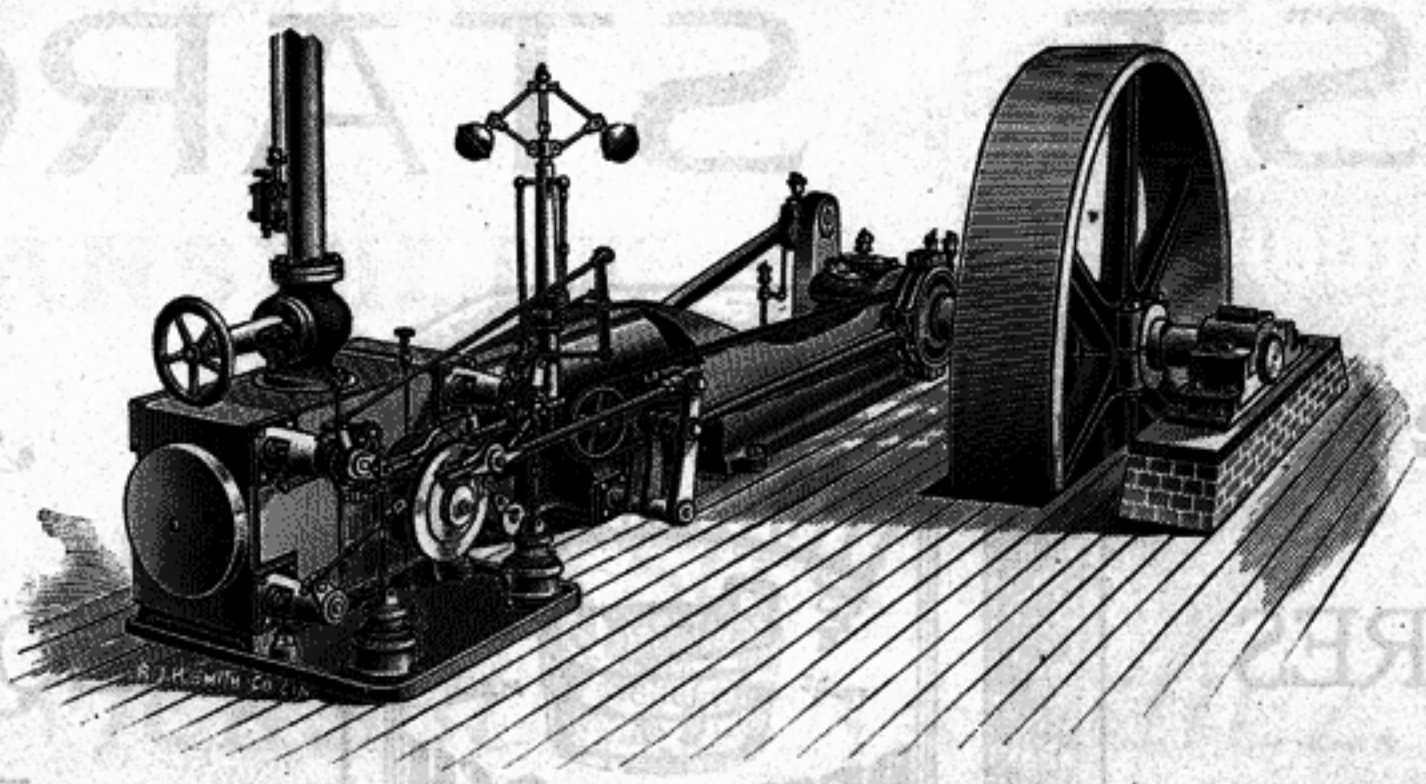

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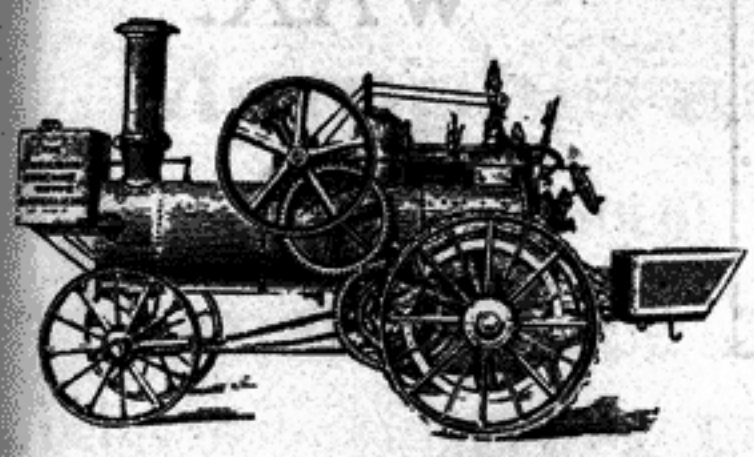

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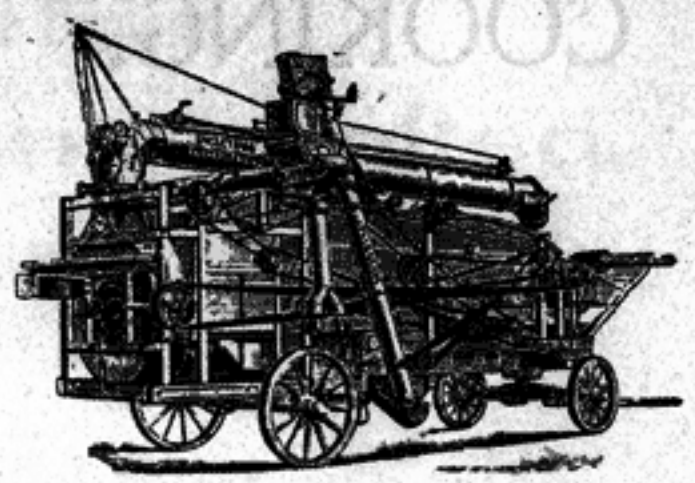

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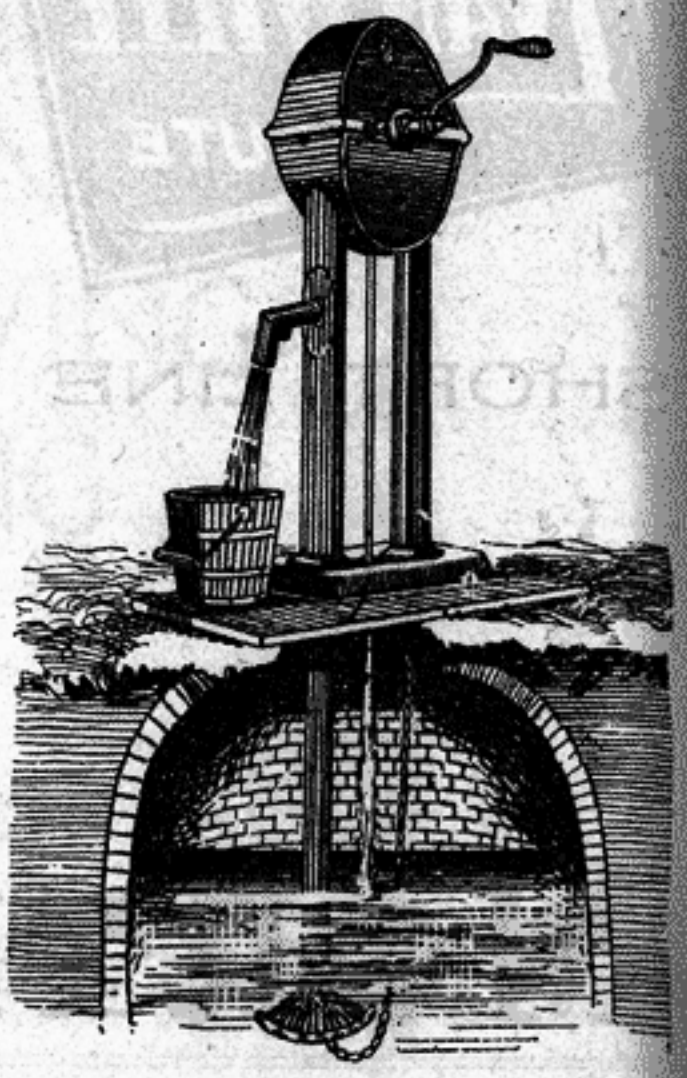

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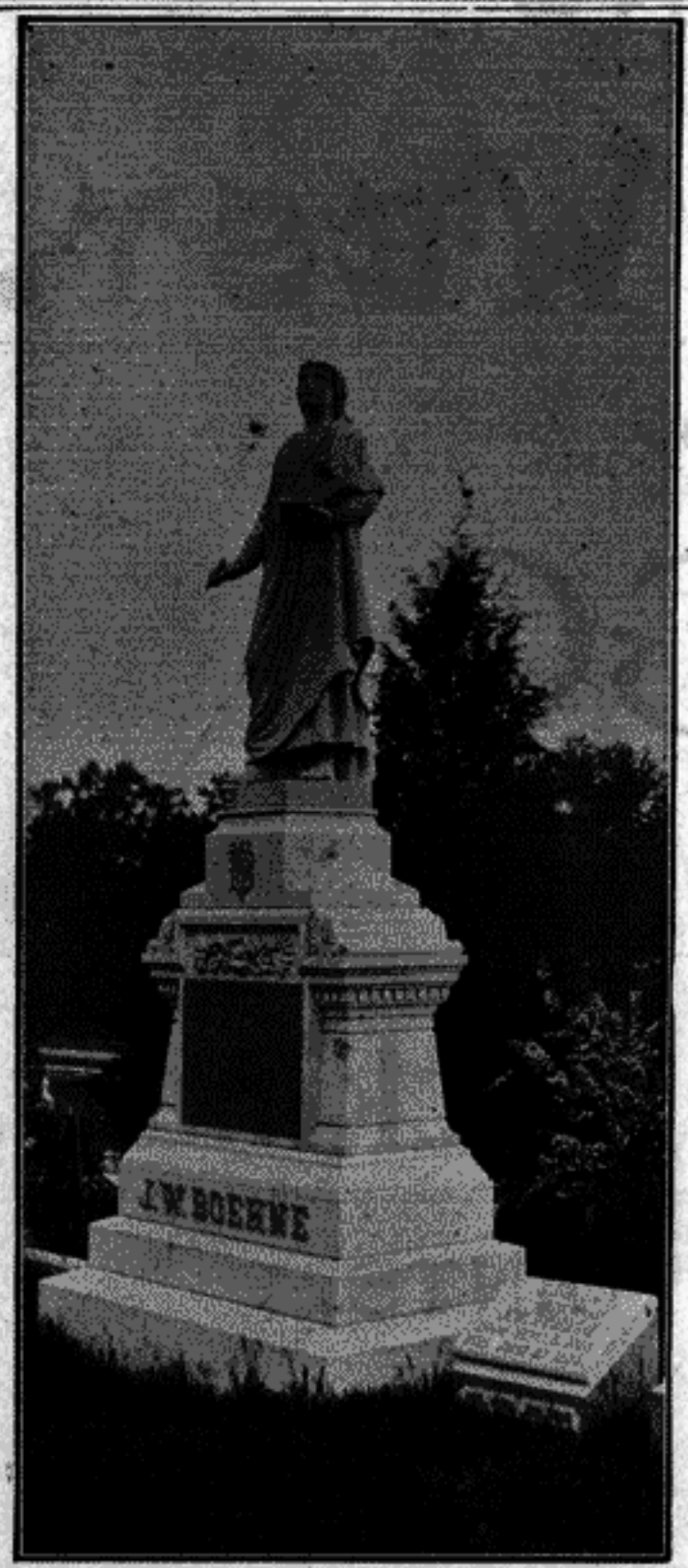

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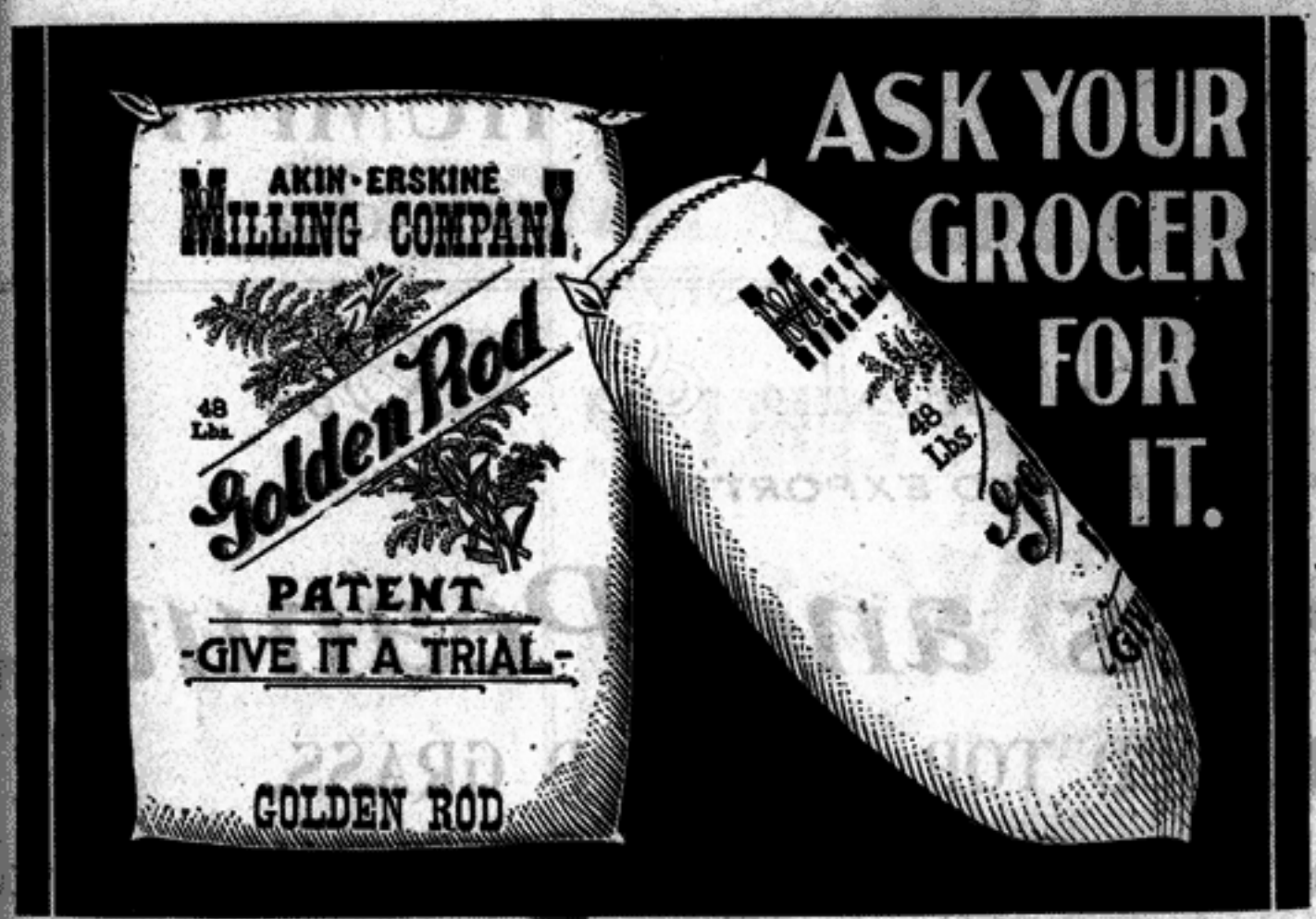

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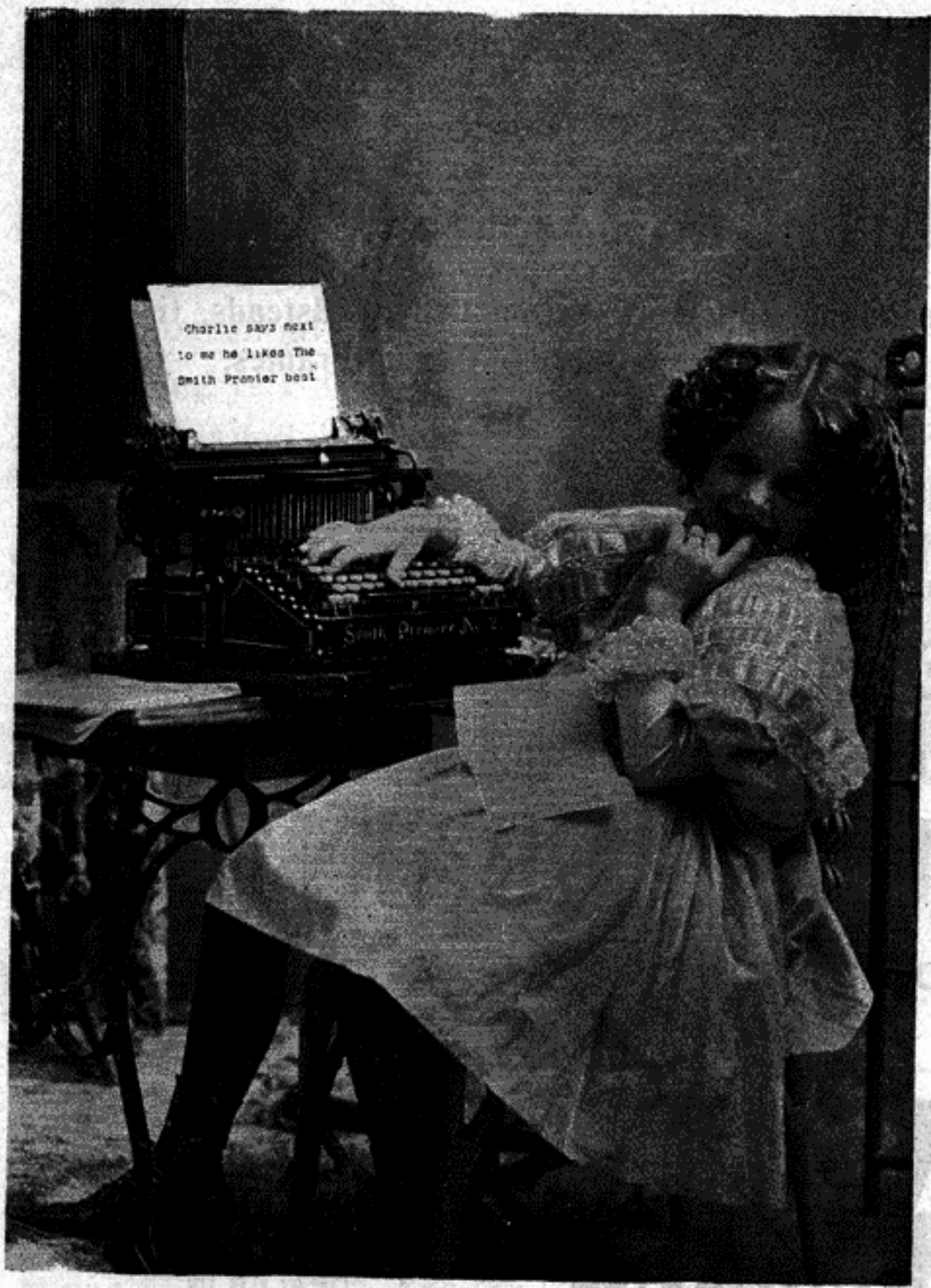

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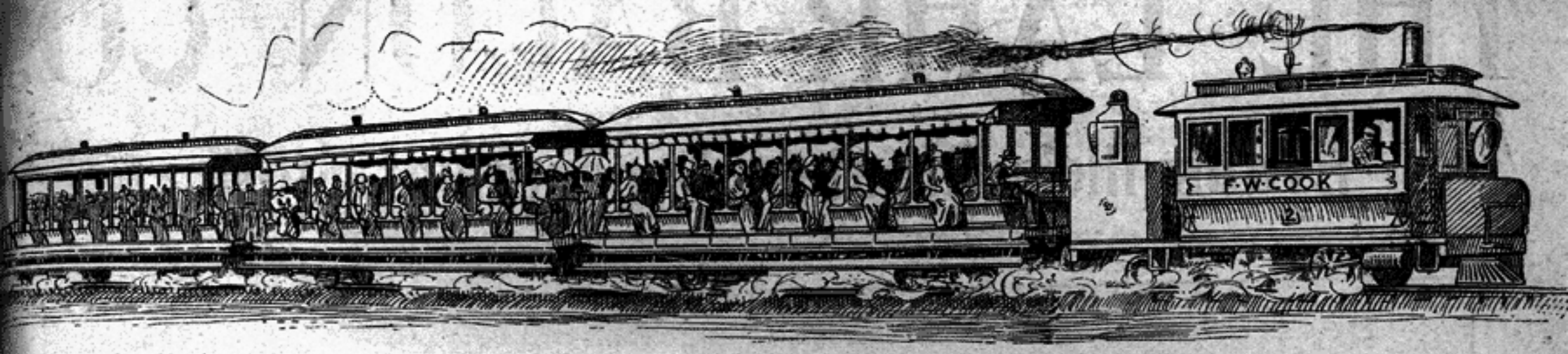

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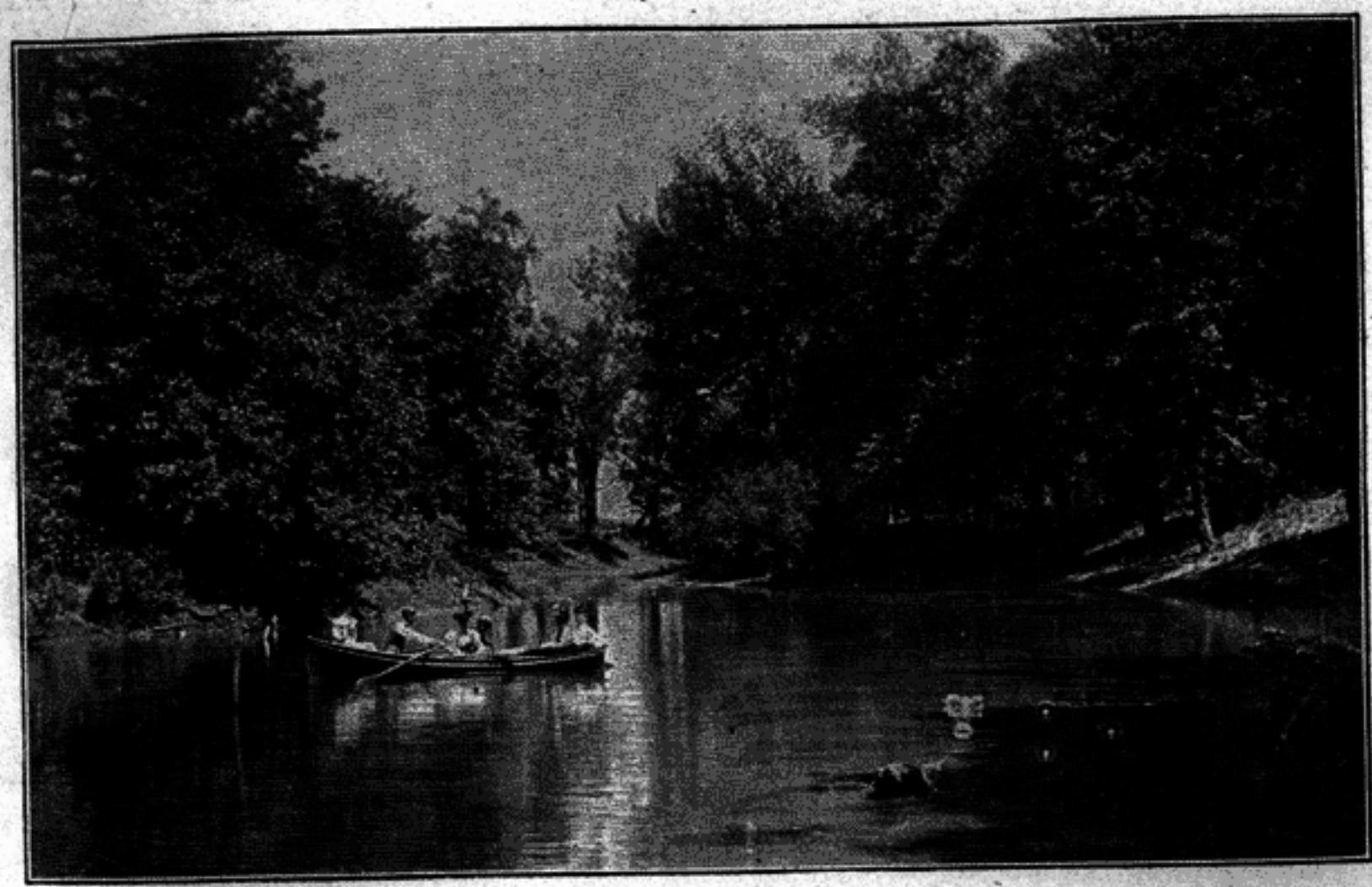

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