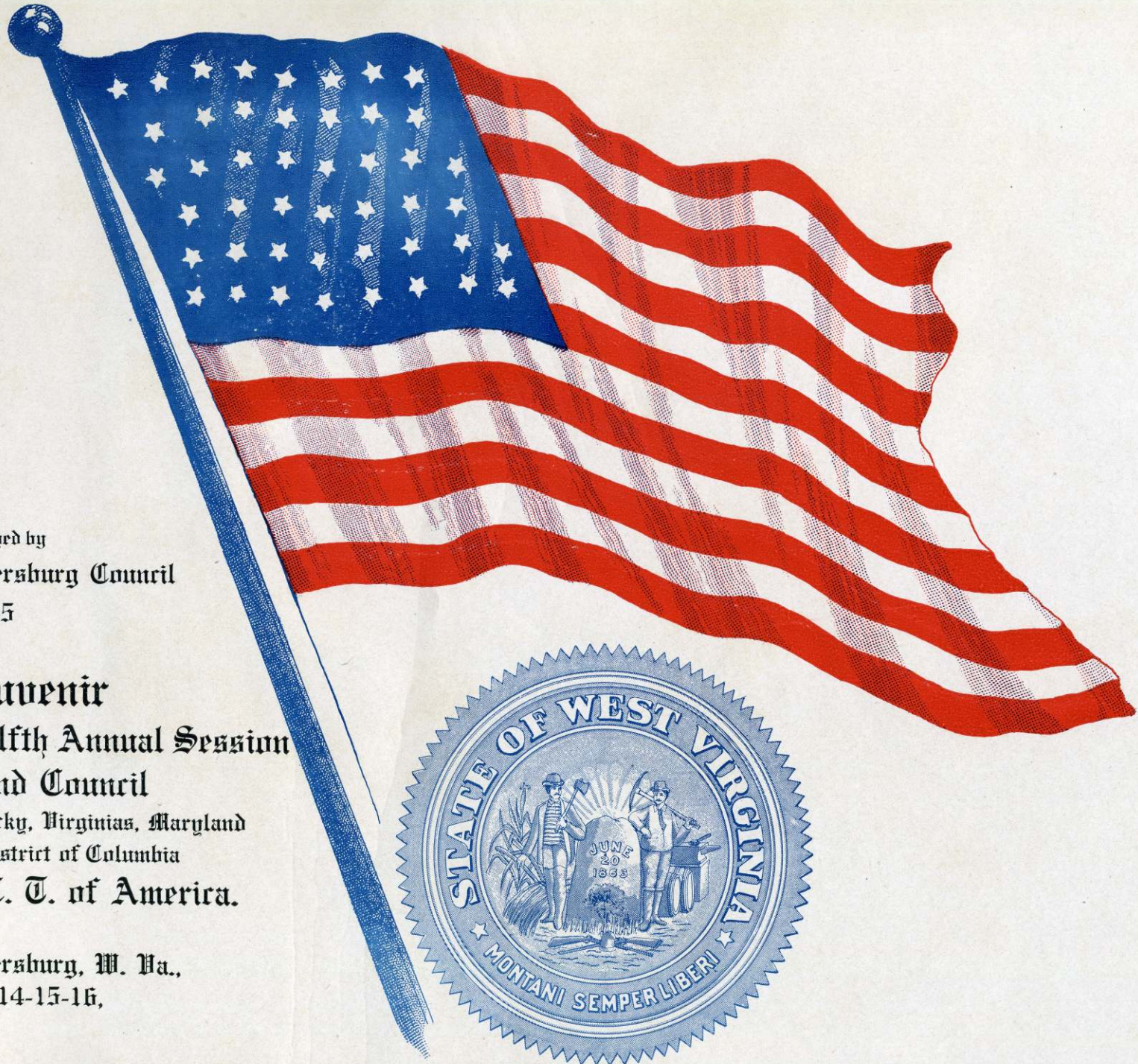




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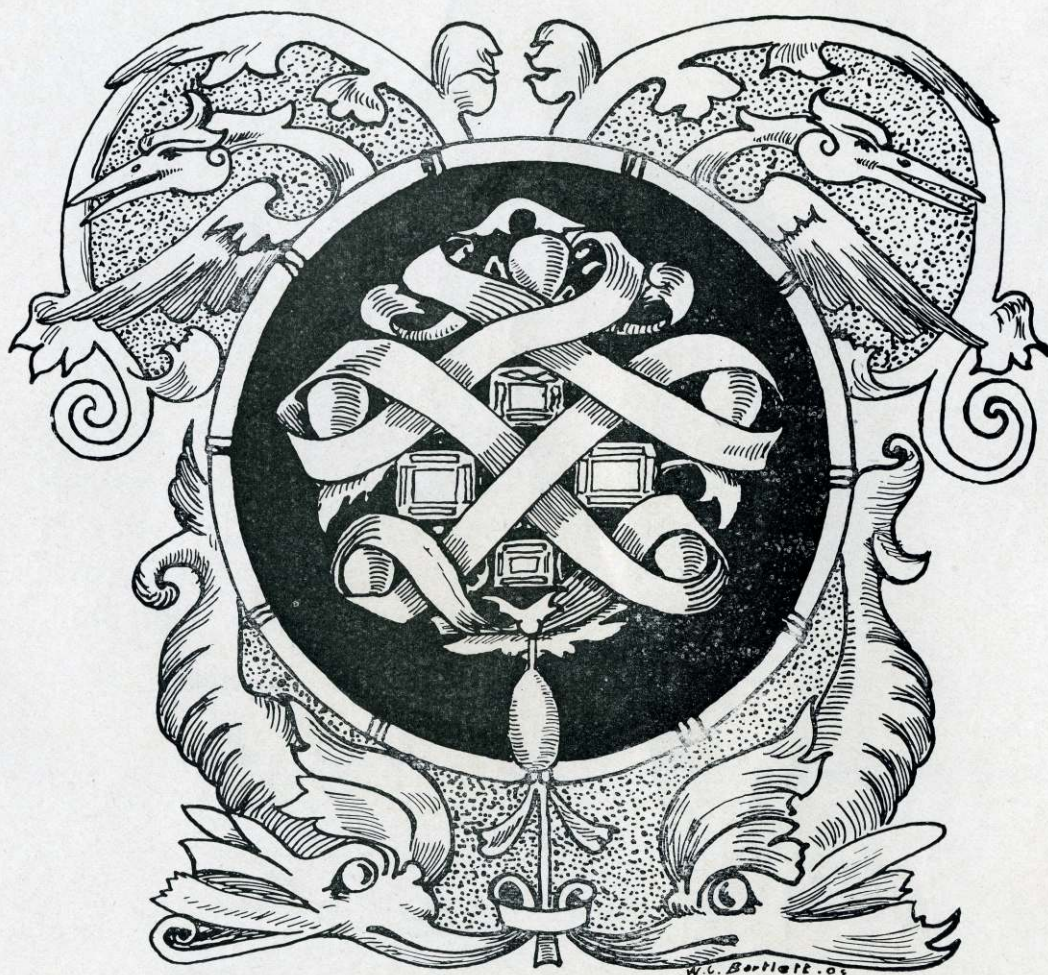


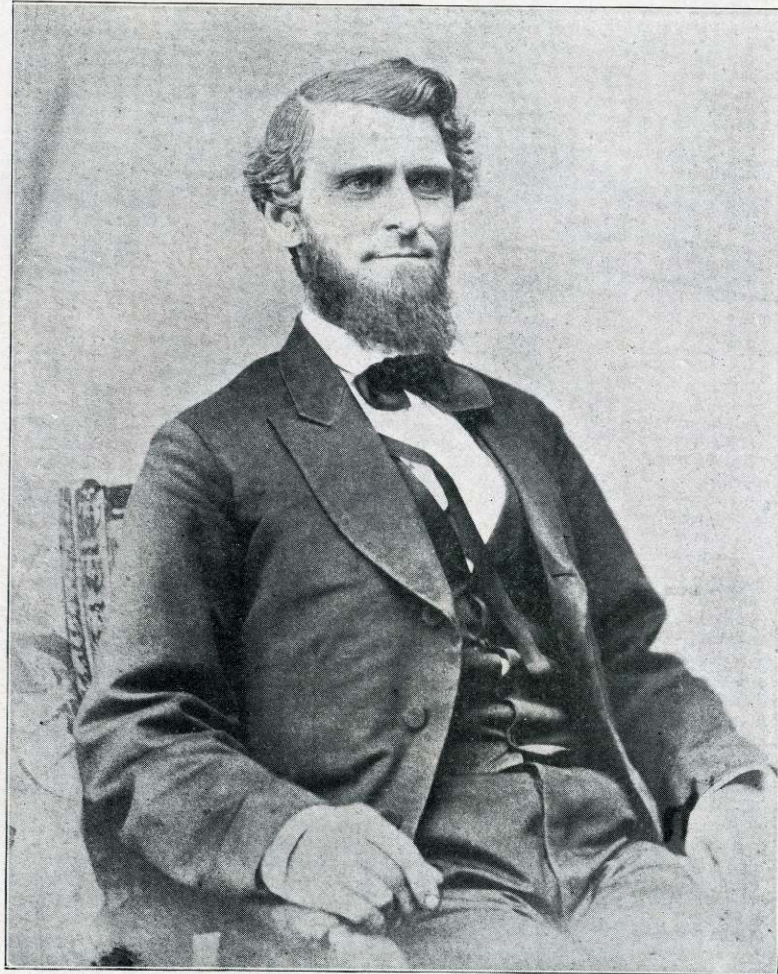
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To the members of the Noble Order of United Commercial Travelers and their friends, we wish you a hearty welcome.

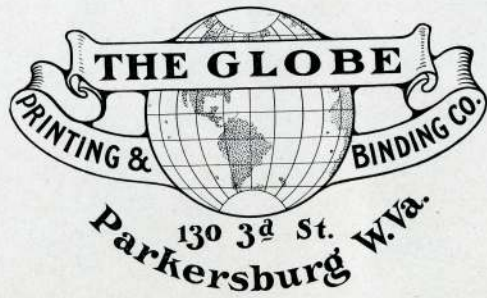
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OF

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ORDER OF UNITED COMMERCIAL TRAVELERS
PARKERSBURG, W. VA.
MAY 14-15-16, 1908.

PROGRAMME.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13th.

8 P. M.—Meeting of Ancient Mystic Order of Bagman, U.
C. T. Hall, Odd Fellows Temple, Fifth Street.

THURSDAY, MAY 14th.

10 A. M.—Opening Exercises, Camden Theatre.

Music-----Citizens Band Orchestra
 Invocation-----Rev. M. F. Compton, D. D
 Introductory---Oscar Jenkins, P. C., Chairman Reception Com
 Address of Welcome--Hon. W. B. Pedigo, Mayor Parkersburg
 Response--Grand Counselor W. E. Connell, Charleston, W. Va
 Vocal Solo-----Mr. E. J. Jones
 Announcements
 National Songs-----By Germania Maennerchor
 Address-----By J. C. Hunt, Sup. Counselor, Lexington, Ky
 National Songs-----By Germania Maennerchor
 Closing Remarks and Benediction--Rev. S. Scolly Moore, D. D
 Star Spangled Banner-----Germania Maennerchor,
 Lousian Meyere, Director
 Orchestra-----Selection

2 P. M.—Meeting Grand Council U. C. T. Hall, Odd Fellows
Temple Reception and Visit to Graham-Bumgarner
Shoe Factory.

3 P. M.—Ladies' Trolley Ride to Points of Interest about the
City. Boat Ride to Blennerhassett Island.

8 P. M.—Band Concert and Dancing at Terrapin Park.

FRIDAY, MAY 15th.

9:00 A. M.—Meeting of Grand Council, Odd Fellows' Temple

10:30 A. M.—Grand Parade,

2:30 P. M.—Base Ball Contest, Silver Loving Cup; City Park

8:30 P. M.—Reception for U. C. T. and Ladies at the Elks
Club.

8:30 P. M.—Reception for U. C. T. and Ladies at the Country
Club.
Music, Dancing, Refreshments.

SATURDAY, MAY 16th.

9:30 A. M.—Trolley Ride to Marietta. Trip through Fenton
Art Glass Works, Williamstown, W. Va.

8:00 P. M.—Council Meeting. Initiation and Smoker, U. C.
T. Hall. Parkersburg Council No. 35, Odd Fel-
lows Temple.

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Historical Sketch of The Order of United Commercial Travelers of America



THE Order of United Commercial Travelers of America was founded in the year 1887 and chartered under the laws of the State of Ohio, January 16, 1888.

The man who first conceived the idea of a secret fraternity made up exclusively of commercial travelers, was Levi C. Pease, who, previous to his determination to found a new organization, made persistent efforts to get his idea adopted by some of the commercial travelers' organizations then already established. The plan, while entertained by the organization, was not given recognition, much to the disappointment of Mr. Pease.

In his travels selling collars and cuffs, Mr. Pease met a young man who had been but recently assigned to Ohio territory by a Men's Furnishings house in Chicago and was making his home in Columbus. This man was Charles Benton Flagg. Both Mr. Pease and Mr. Flagg were identified with the Ohio Division of the Traveler's Protective Association as it then existed, and before the reorganization of that association, and

being thrown together frequently upon their business travels, they discussed the possibility of an organization of commercial travelers built upon the lines of the standard fraternal Orders.

At that time, however, neither Mr. Pease or Mr. Flagg were familiar with the detailed workings of secret orders and they realized that if their plans were to come to anything, it would be necessary to interest some one who was not only a secret society man, but one possessing ability as a ritualist. A near neighbor of Mr. Flagg at that time was John C. Fenimore, who was known to be a commercial traveler well up in secret society affairs and was moreover a writer of marked ability. Mr. Pease was not personally acquainted with Mr. Fenimore, but at his suggestion, Mr. Flagg approached him, and so far succeeded in interesting him in the plan, that at a chance meeting of Mr. Pease and Mr. Fenimore on the train, the proposed organization was discussed between them, and before they had parted, it was agreed that Mr. Fenimore would draw up a list of officers, define their duties and draft a ritual. Mr. Pease in the meantime was to prepare a draft of a

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constitution and by-laws, which would embody his original plan of organization.

When this work had been completed, which was during the holiday season of 1887, a meeting of about a dozen of the best known commercial travelers of Columbus was called at a hotel. Besides Mr. Pease and Mr. Fenimore only five attended that meeting. The full purpose of the founders had not been explained to those invited to be present, but at that meeting the ground plan of the future Order of United Commercial Travelers of America was explained, and heartily approved of by every one present. Before they adjourned, each man put up his initiation fee and was enrolled as a member. At a later date, a second meeting was held, at which the constitution and by-laws were formally adopted.

It should be remembered that all of the men interested were actively engaged in road work, so that it was not until the 14th day of January, 1888, over a year after the first conference, that an application was made to the State of Ohio for a charter, the charter being granted under date of January 16, with the following incorporators: John C. Fenimore, L. C. Pease, Chas. B. Flagg, F. A. Sells, John Dickey, S. H. Strayer, W. B. Carpenter, C. S. Ammel.

On January 25, the Supreme Council was organized with a total membership of 8, and a cash balance of \$60, divided as follows: Indemnity Fund, \$16; Indemnity Expense Fund, \$4; General Expense Fund, \$40.

The first officers of the Supreme Council were:
Supreme Counselor, John C. Fenimore.

Supreme Junior Counselor, John Dickey.

Supreme Past Counselor, Levi C. Pease.

Supreme Secretary, Chas. B. Flagg.

Supreme Treasurer, Willis B. Carpenter.

Supreme Couductor, C. S. Ammel.

Supreme Page, F. A. Sells.

Supreme Sentinel, S. H. Strayer.

Supreme Executive Committee, John Dickey, S. H. Strayer, F. A. Sells and L. C. Pease. The same men make up this committee to-day.

The order had come into existence as an organization, but there yet remained many obstacles to be overcome in the way of getting it successfully launched. In the first place, no organization of a similar character was then in existence and the promoters were put to the necessity of devising at first hand all blanks and forms required to carry on its business. The organization was without sufficient funds of its own and the incorporators were forced to pledge their individual credit to secure needed supplies.

Columbus Council No. 1 the first Subordinate Council of the Order, was granted a charter direct from the Supreme Council on February 24, 1888 and all of the incorporators attached themselves to that council. For an anxious period of some months Columbus Council remained the only Subordinate council. Before the close of the year 1888, however, Council No. 2 was organized at Cincinnati, O., Council No. 3 at Dayton, O., and Council No. 5 at Cleveland, O. The first Subordinate council outside of the State of Ohio was Council No. 4 at Indianapolis, Ind. The second outside council was

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Council No. 7 at Buffalo, N. Y.

The first Subordinate council in the present Grand Jurisdiction of Kentucky-Virginias-Maryland-District of Columbia, was Louisville Council No. 8, which was organized Dec. 21, 1889.

Thus a little more than 20 years ago was started this Order which now numbers practically 50,000 members embraced in an organization that covers forty-five States and four Canadian Provinces and which during the year 1907 added nearly ten thousand men to its membership, while its council fires burn in more than 425 commercial centers of this fair domain.

Charles Benton Flagg

FIRST SUPREME SECRETARY OF THE ORDER.

On the testimony of the founders, it was to Chas. Benton Flagg more than to any other one man, that the success of the Order of United Commercial Travelers of America depended in the days of its formative period. During the first years of the Order's existence, Charles Benton Flagg, the First Supreme Secretary, carried the Supreme Office with him on the road in his grip and after he had sold goods all day, worked until far into the night with accounts and correspondence, entirely without compensation. Eventually, when the details became too much of a tax upon his time to make it possible for him to continue work as a salesman, he opened an office in room 13, on the top floor of an office building in Columbus and with the assistance of one stenographer, began his twelve years

service as Supreme Secretary, during which he devoted all his time to the work of that office. In this service, and as the result in a large measure of his personal devotion to the work, he saw the Order grow to a membership of about 15,000 before his death which occurred April 9, 1901. Although since that time, the membership of the Order has more than doubled, it was the first thousands of the membership that were the hardest to get, retain and interest, in order that the present thousands could be added to them and the structure be reared upon a sound and substantial foundation.

To such unselfish labor as this, Charles Benton Flagg gave the best and ripest years of his all too short a life, and it was to honor him for this that members of the Order in all parts of the country gave their individual contributions, and councils of the Order donated from their funds to erect to him the beautiful symbolic Memorial that stands to-day in Goodale Park, Columbus, Ohio, so far as known the first and only Memorial ever erected to a Commercial Traveler on public ground. As was said of him by Former Supreme Attorney, Judge John E. Sater, on the occasion of the beautiful but simple and impressive ceremonies of dedication of this Memorial, June 30, 1907, "Charles Benton Flagg was a hero in one of the common walks of life."

Charles Curtis Daniel

THE SECOND SUPREME SECRETARY.

Chas. C. Daniel, the present Supreme Secretary of the Order, is only the second man in the history of

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the Order to hold that important office. He was initiated in Concordia Council No. 36, Concordia, Kansas, on December 5, 1894. He was promptly put into the council harness by being elected to the office of Page of his council before he had been a member one year. At the election of officers in 1896 he was chosen Secretary and was four times re-elected to that office. Upon entering the Grand Council of Kansas in 1899 he was made Grand Secretary, and during the following three years he was both Grand Secretary and Secretary of his Subordinate Council, performing an amount of work that was astonishing, besides traveling every day and attending to his regular business. He was serving in those two offices when he was appointed Supreme Secretary by the Supreme Executive Committee, a few months after the death of the late Charles Benton Flagg. Six times since his appointment, he has been elected to the Supreme Council and his great capacity for work shows no abatement. Before devoting all of his time to the work of the Order, which he has seen grow to more than double its membership under his able and conscientious administration, Chas. C. Daniel was a grocery salesman and traveled Kansas and Nebraska. It is said that it took two men to cover his old territory after his resignation. Besides his great capacity for protracted effort, the Supreme Secretary has a wonderful head for minute detail, which makes him a highly valuable man in an office where the details are as bewildering as they are at Supreme Headquarters.

J. Clay Hunt

SUPREME COUNSELOR OF THE ORDER

J. Clay Hunt, of Lexington, Ky., is the first man in the present Grand Jurisdiction of Kentucky-Virginias-Maryland-District of Columbia, to reach the exalted office of Supreme Counselor. He became affiliated with the Order as the tenth man on the charter list of Blue Grass Council No. 89, when that council was instituted in his native city, March 7, 1896. In the first list of officers, he was made Junior Counselor, becoming a Past Senior Counselor in 1899. The same year he was elected Grand Sentinel and jumped to the office of Grand Conductor in 1900. The second year of his service as a representative to the Supreme Council, he was elected Supreme Sentinel and his progress through the chairs of the national body has been uninterrupted. Supreme Counselor Hunt, has given the Order a careful, wise and harmonious administration and has won for himself a host of warm friends in all of the twenty-five Grand Jurisdictions. The Supreme Counselor comes from the first families of the famous Blue Grass region of Kentucky, and numbers among his forebears many of the noted statesmen and warriors of his native state. He is junior member of the wholesale grocery firm of Bryan Goodwin & Hunt, of Lexington, and until very recently, traveled in the interest of his firm. The Supreme Counselor has an ideal home life, with his charming young wife who was Miss Scott, of Lexington.



Charles Benton Flagg—
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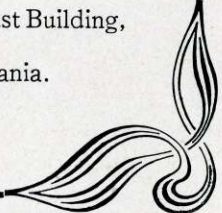

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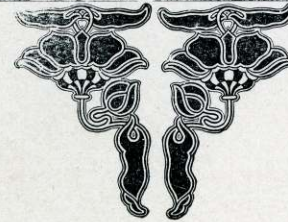


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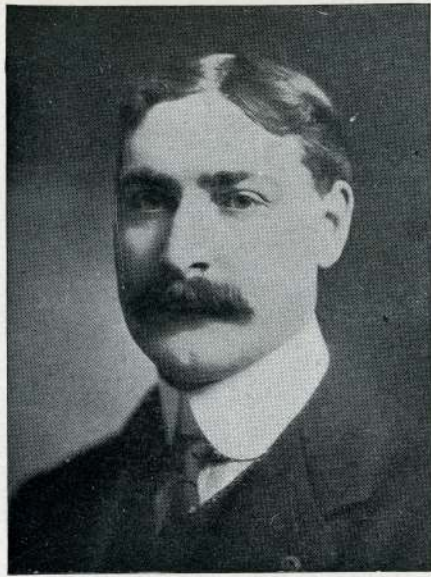


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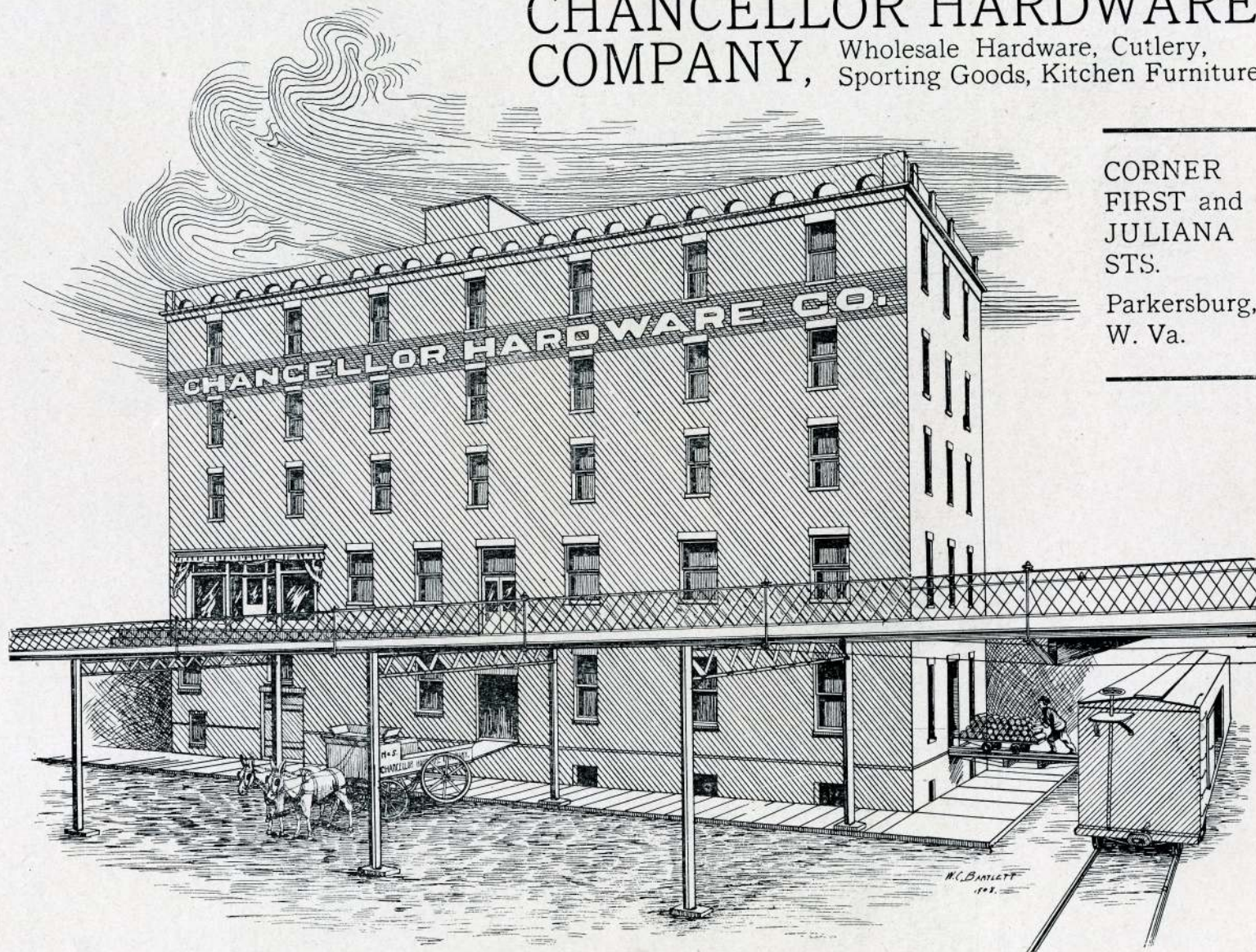


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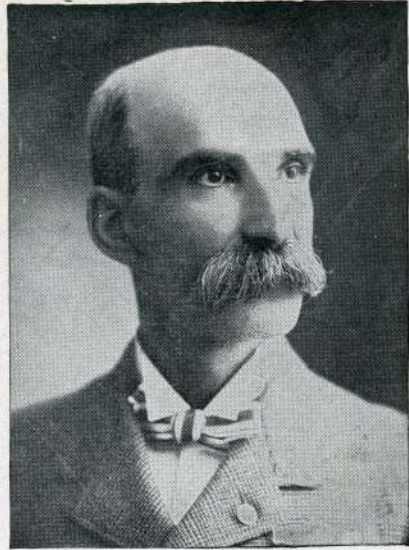
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Overdrafts.....	2,489.58
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation.....	100,000.00
Other Bonds.....	3,750.00
Banking House.....	77,729.65
Other Real Estate.....	2,180.00
Due From Banks.....	335,331.96
Cash.....	129,110.63
5 per cent. Fund.....	5,000.00
Total.....	\$1,663,664.65

LIABILITIES	
Capital.....	\$ 100,000.00
Surplus.....	200,000.00
Undivided Profits.....	11,415.57
Outstanding Circulation.....	98,300.00
Deposits.....	1,253,949.08
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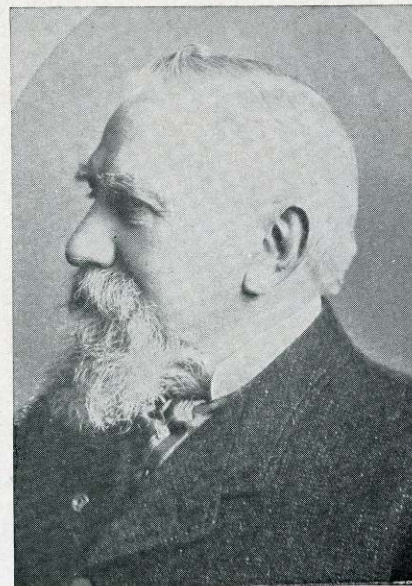
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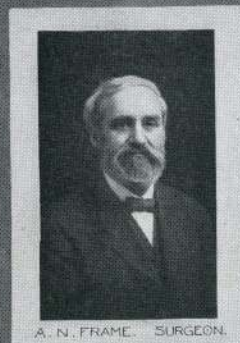
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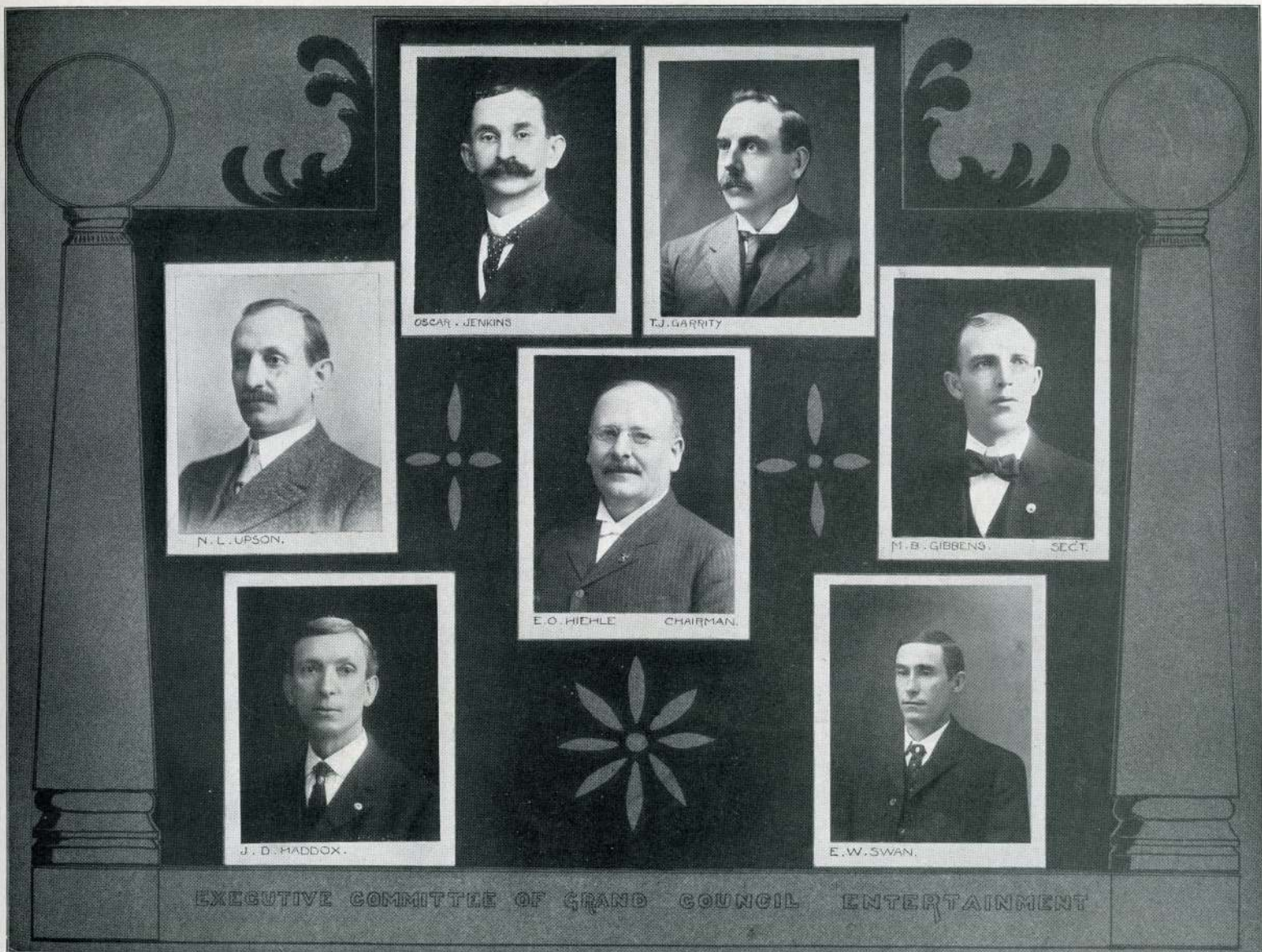
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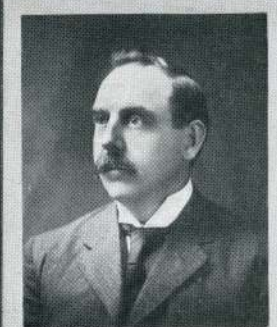
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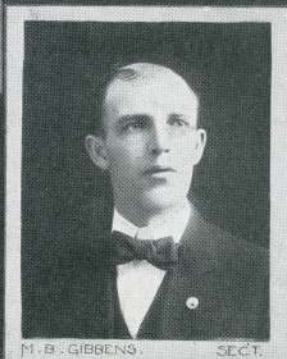
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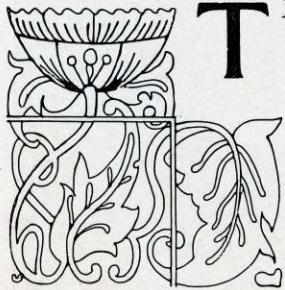
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THE Shawnee branch of the six nations, far back in the distant past, established a village at the mouth of the Little Kanawha river which was known in their traditions by the name of Wenonga, which was also the Indian name of the island a short distance up the Ohio, now known as Neale's island. The early French voyagers, particularly La Salle and De Celleron, saw the remains of this village, referred to it in their records, gave the name of Grenoble to the hill on the south bank, now known as Fort Boreman, and spoke of the site of the village as a beautiful and healthful spot for the location of a city.

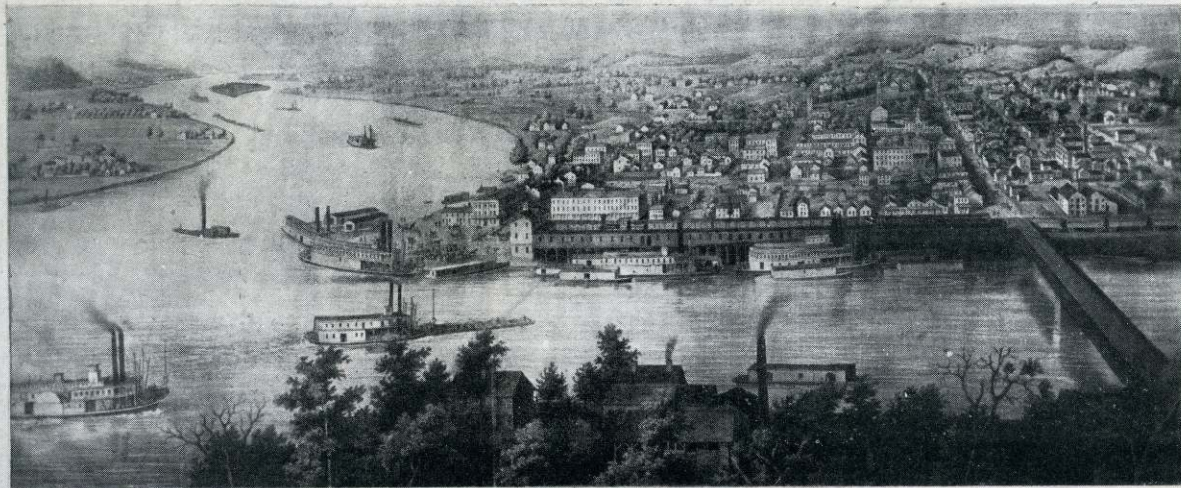
Parkersburg really had its beginning with the location of a settlement at the mouth of the Little Kanawha as early as 1773. In that year Robert Thornton, of Pennsylvania, obtained a settlement title to 400 acres of land at this point. In 1783 this title was confirmed to him. In December of 1783, the lands were surveyed for Alexander Parker, of Pennsylvania, assignee of Thornton, and in July, 1787, his title was confirmed by the State, and a patent issued by Beverly Randolph, Governor of Virginia. Parker died in 1800 and the land descended to his daughter, Mary, and, the title, being disputed, a suit followed, which continued until 1809, when the Parker heirs gained possession, and December 11, 1810, the town was laid out and

named Parkersburg in honor of Alexander Parker. It was incorporated by the State Legislature, January 22, 1820. From that time until the fifties, Parkersburg grew slowly and was one of the small river villages.

In 1840 a branch of the Northwestern Bank of Virginia was established in Parkersburg, which flourished and prospered for twenty-five years, until it was merged into the Parkersburg National Bank in 1865. The establishment of this bank in Parkersburg gave to this section superior banking facilities and added much to the trading importance of the place. The Ohio River was the main source of trade, though the Northwestern and Staunton turnpikes did much passenger, freight and express business. The first steamboat that reached Little Kanawha was mainly by barges and canoes.

The first great development in the history of the town was the building and completion of the railroad from Grafton to Parkersburg. It was commenced late in December, 1852, and opened to Parkersburg, May 1, 1857, giving Parkersburg a direct rail outlet to the east. In the early seventies the bridge across the Ohio River was built and a direct rail line opened to Cincinnati.

The discovery of petroleum in Wirt County in 1860 was the next great event in the history of Parkersburg, and a wonderful influx of capital and people followed. The breaking out of the late war checked, to a great extent the growth of Parkersburg, but with the return of peace, came the development of the oil fields, the building of refineries, and the building of industries.



PARKERSBURG in 1862 and 1908.

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Parkersburg steadily surged to the front and in the early seventies had attained a growth and standing in the State second only to Wheeling in importance.

The history of the city from 1860 has been one of continual expansion. The building of the Ohio River Railroad in 1884 gave the town still greater impulse and development.

Parkersburg's high standing has been brought about by splendid advantages which are destined to operate for all time for the future advancement and up-building of the city. The manufacturer and business man seeking a location could find no finer advantages than here in Parkersburg. Then may be summarized as follows:

Cheap and abundant fuel both coal and natural gas.

Unexcelled shipping facilities by rivers and railroads.

A good market at her door, with easy access to the great markets of the country.

Close proximity to a great supply of raw material.

Abundance of good labor, skilled and unskilled.

A low tax rate which encourages new enterprises and invites new capital.

Few cities can point with such pride to their facilities for shipping. Situated at the crossing of two great water ways, with navigation open to the Great Lakes, the markets of the North, East, South and West are at her command both by rail and water. Freight can be shipped from and to Parkersburg in four different directions by water and in six different directions by railway. By Ohio River, north to upper Ohio Valley and Monongahela and Allegheny Rivers, south to all points on the lower Ohio and the Mississ-

ippi Rivers and their tributaries; by the Little Kanawha, east to interior of West Virginia (this is a free river, its locks and dams being operated by the United States government); by the Muskingum River, west to interior of Ohio and by connecting canal nearing completion, through water connection with Cleveland and the Great Lakes; by the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, east through line to Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York, northwest to Chicago and lake cities; by the Ohio River Division of the B. & O., south to junction with Kanawha and Michigan, Chesapeake & Ohio, and Norfolk & Western Railroads, north to Pittsburg; by the Baltimore & Ohio South-Western, southwest to Cincinnati, Louisville and St. Louis; by the Little Kanawha railroad, southeast to interior of West Virginia. Water competition makes freight rates extremely reasonable and fixes them for all time on a reasonable basis.

Iron ore and cokeing coal can be assembled here at less cost than any other point in the United States, her proximity to the great forests of West Virginia make it the best location in the Ohio Valley for manufacturing enterprises, and it is now one of the Valley's principal manufacturing cities. Within reach of the city, there is a world of wealth in minerals, the finest grade of coal in inexhaustible quantities and abundant gas that has not failed a day since its introduction thirteen years ago. Parkersburg is in the heart of this gas supply, her greatest industries are using it for power and find it cheap and efficient. The magnificent and almost inexhaustible timber regions of West Virginia are reached by water and rail in many directions. Parkersburg maintains a commanding position, and

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its place as a commercial and industrial center can be disputed by none and never will be.

Every city is measured in the end by the strength of her monetary institutions. Parkersburg has ten banks all in a flourishing condition with \$5,000,000.00 in deposits in round numbers and resources aggregating \$8,000,000.00. Three building and loan associations with over \$2,000,000.00 in resources and other financial organizations that count for much in the make-up of city affairs. These banks and loan companies rank among the soundest in the State and their magnificent record speaks volumes for Parkersburg's progress and prosperity. The average deposit per capita is \$232.00, while in the United States the average is about \$85.00. This is a fair illustration of the comfort of its citizens. Parkersburg is not handicapped for money in any effort that is worthy. When the promoters and executive officers put their heads together and decide that this or that is best for Parkersburg they suit the action to the word, press the button and the vault flies open.

Water is a question to consider because fine drinking and river water for every purpose is handled with carefulness and discretion, giving the people all that pure water and plenty of it count for. The city has one of the best electric lines in the country; it has four different routes giving a good street car service through the principal streets of the city, and a suburban road running for twenty miles through some of the most beautiful scenery on the Ohio and Muskingum Rivers. Parkersburg has well paved streets, water works, electric lighting system, cheap natural gas for fuel and an excellent fire and police department.

Court House, Third and Market Streets.

Municipal Building, Fifth and Market Streets.

Government Building and Post-Office, Fifth and

Juliana Streets,

Public Library, Eighth and Green Streets.

High School, Seventh and Green Streets.

Elks Club, Juliana Street between Fifth and Sixth Streets.

Blennerhassett Club, Fourth and Juliana Streets.

Union Trust Building, Seventh and Market Streets.

The Chancellor Hotel, Seventh and Market Streets.

The Blennerhassett Hotel, Fourth and Market Streets.

Camden Theatre, Market Street above Seventh Street.

City Park, Park Avenue and Seventeenth Street.

Terrapin Park, 24th Street and Dudley Avenue.

Blennerhassett Island—Ohio River, one mile from hotels.

Driving Park, South Parkersburg.

Parkersburg has three up-to-date daily papers—State Journal, evening, (Republican); The Sentinel, evening, (Democratic); The Dispatch-News, morning, (Republican). There are also a number of semi-weekly, weekly, and monthly publications.

Parkersburg has the finest public school system in the State and many large and beautiful school buildings. An old, well-endowed college is located within one hour's trolley ride from the center of the city.

Parkersburg has twenty church buildings, some of them very large and beautiful structures. Amongst the denominations represented are Catholic, Episcopalian, Presbyterian, Methodist Episcopal, Methodist Episcopal South, Methodist Protestant, Christian

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Science, Lutheran, Christian, Baptist and United Brethren.

The present year shows a great increase in the interest taken by the citizens of Parkersburg in industrial enterprises. Growing out of this interest, the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce is constantly asked for information as to the number of employes in the various industrial plants in Parkersburg.

The chief industries at Parkersburg are the wood working plants. These are:

West Virginia Veneer Door Company, manufacture doors; employ 40.

Bentley & Gerwig Furniture Company, desks and wardrobes, employ 110.

Parkersburg Mill Company, lumber, etc., 250, to be rebuilt at once.

West Virginia Mantel Company, mantels, 30.

Citizens Lumber Company, lumber, 20.

Logan Carriage Company, carriages and wagons, 40.

Oil Well Supply Company, rigs, 50.

Parkersburg Chair Company, chairs, 150.

J. T. Cribbens, wagons 5.

Parkersburg Rig and Reel Company oil well machinery and tanks, 97.

National Sucker Rod Company, sucker rods, 8.

Ohio Valley Bending Company, bent hickory, 44.

Nicolette Lumber Company, lumber, 100.

Standard Cooper Shops, oil barrels, 30.

H. Wilson & Son, lumber, 30.

William Kirk, lumber, 8.

Parkersburg Dock Company, boat builders, 50.

H. H. Carr, lumber, 5.

Total employes in wood working plants, 1,067.

The above list does not include any of the employes of the twenty-nine wood working contractors and builders doing business in this city who do not operate manufacturing plants of their own. Neither does it include any of the employes of the fourteen lumber firms and corporations who have their principal offices in Parkersburg, but whose chief operations are outside of the city and its suburbs. Some of these firms and corporations have hundreds of people on their pay rolls many of whom reside at Parkersburg.

Next in order to the wood working are the steel and iron industries. These are:

Oakley & Jansen Machine Company, sanding machines, employ 9.

Oil Well Supply Company, oil well supplies, etc., 18.

Kesselman & Company, oil well supplies, etc., 23.

Spence, Smith & Kootz, oil well supplies, etc., 23.

Acme Fishing Tool Company, oil well supplies, etc., 50.

Parkersburg Machine Company, oil well supplies, etc., 25.

J. J. Crotty & Company, oil well supplies, etc., 30.

Stiles Foundry & Supply Company, castings, oil well supplies, etc., 40.

Bosbury Bros., galvanized cornish, 15.

Kelley's Foundry, castings 7.

U. S. Engine Company, engines, 150.

Parkersburg Iron & Steel Company, sheet steel products, 463.

Mountain State Boiler Works, boiler supplies, 10.

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Total employes in Iron and Steel industries, 863.

Outside of the wood working and iron and steel industries, Parkersburg has no other large group of kindred industries, but her other chief industries are:

Parkersburg Brick Works, brick, 40.

Parkersburg Soap Company, soap, 5.

Parkersburg Ice Company, ice, 30.

Parkersburg Upholstering Company, upholstering, 20.

H. C. Jackson Electric Company, electrical signs.

U. S. Roofing Tile Company, roofing tile, 30.

Parkersburg Bottling Works, mineral waters, 12.

Springdale Ice Company, ice, 16.

J. N. Murdoch Co., pharmaceutical preparations, 22.

Parkersburg Transfer Co., harness, etc., 6.

Vienna Bakery, 14.

Globe Printing and Binding Company, blank books, etc., 25.

E. W. Grimm, mineral waters, 6.

Case Manufacturing Company, shirts, etc., 60.

Graham-Bumgarner Co., shoes, 100.

W. A. Hersch, men's clothing, 60.

H. F. Harnish & Co., harness, 5.

Standard Bottling Works, mineral water, 4.

Citizens Concrete Co., concrete block, 15.

National Plaster & Supply Company, plaster, 8.

M. W. Mullen, cigars, 7.

Peerless Milling Company, flour, etc., 40.

Woodward Manufacturing Company, harness, etc., 9.

Standard Oil Company, refined oil, 300.

Parkersburg Artificial Stone Company, cement block, 30.

Parkersburg Brewing Company, beer, 42.

Beechwood Chemical Company, chemicals, 4.

Citizens Fibre Company, fibre, 14.

Parkersburg Excelsior Company, excelsior.

Copen Brick Works, brick, 22.

Parkersburg Mattress Company, mattresses, 16.

Ohio Valley Brick Company, brick, 24.

Elletson-Carver Company, blank books, etc., 25.

S. Keenan, sawed stone, 10.

Industrial workers in above list not including steel, iron or wood working industries, 1,019..

Parkersburg is the home of small industries and outside of the larger industries above listed there are 90 other small industries doing business in this city and employing on an average of about five people each. An itemized list of these plants would take up too much space for an article of this character, but the reader should not forget that these small industries are vital to the prosperity of an industrial town.

The total employes of the industrial plants in this city and its immediate suburbs as above cited are three thousand three hundred and seventy nine. This does not include any of the employes of the steam or electric railroads or the employes of the many river craft operated from this point. Nor does the above include any of the employes of the seventy-four contractors doing business in this city but not operating factories of their own.

The capital invested in the wood working industries above mentioned is \$1,345,000.

In the steel and iron industries, \$1,176,000.

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In the other industries itemized, \$1,883,000.

In the industries not itemized above, \$150,000.

Total capital employed in Parkersburg manufacturing industries, \$4,554,000.00.

The Meyercord-Carter Company's works up the Inter-Urban, are now completed and employ 250 men to start with. This will be one of the great industries of the city.





BLENNERHASSETT ISLAND.

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ON the bosom of the longest river of smoothest current in the world lies its most beautiful island. The blue Danube of the old world has its iron gate, so grandly described by Jokai. So the Ohio has its granite gate, eloquently described by many writers. The Iron Gate has a history of two thousand years. Four nations—Romans, Turks, Roumanians and Hungarians, have each in turn given it a different name. The Granite Gate has a history of two centuries, and four nations—English, French, Spanish and Indian have each given it a name. But here it is only necessary to write down that at the entrance to the granite gate appears Blennerhassett Island.

In full view of the city of Parkersburg, looking southwest down the Ohio, is seen this historic spot, the granite gate here swinging wide to allow the beholder to gaze upon one of the romantic scenes on the American continent. It rests like a gem of beauty on the fair bosom of the current, while the parting waters, radiant at morn and golden at evening, welcomes the shimmering sunlight as it falls over river, hill and vale.

Tradition has it that Washington, when he made his tour down the Ohio in 1770, marked this island for entry and claimed it in his own right. But the sanguinary events of the Revolution washed out this tomahawk entry, and Washington never appears thereafter

as the owner of Blennerhassett.

Hildreth, a pioneer historian, asserts that Colonel Philip Devoll located it, along with that tract above the mouth of the Muskingum, in his own name in 1774, and sold it to Elijah Backus, who gave the first name to the island as it was recorded in early navigation maps.

It appears to have been first surveyed in 1784, on a land warrant issued in 1780, and a patent made out by Patrick Henry, Governor of Virginia, 1786, to Alexander Nelson, of Richmond, who was a member of a mercantile firm in Philadelphia. By a bill in chancery of the High Court of Virginia, procured by Blennerhassett to perfect his title, it appears that Elijah Backus, of Norwich Connecticut, bought of James Heron, of Norfolk, in the year 1792, two islands in the Ohio river, the principal one being that lying about two miles below the mouth of the Little Kanawha river, then in Monongalia county. The acreage was stated at 297 and the purchase consideration 250 pounds in Virginia currency, or about \$883.33.

Elijah Backus was a lawyer, editor of the Ohio Gazette and the Territorial and Virginia Herald, of Marietta, 7th December, 1801; elected to State Senate of Ohio in 1803, and removed to Pittsburg and there died in 1807 or 1808. He was once named by the Justices of Wood County for membership in their court, but not having decided to locate on the Virginia side the commission was never made out.

In March, 1798, Harman Blennerhassett verbally agreed to purchase of Elijah Backus 170 acres of the

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Blennerhassett Island From Fort Boreman.

upper portion of the island for \$4500, and moved with wife and one child, soon after, upon it, using as his residence the old block-house about a half mile away from the upper end of the island, which building had been erected in the time of the Indian war by Captain James. Here he lived until the completion of his memorable mansion in 1800. In the primitive log-defense, afterwards, Daniel Fisher, who had landed on the island on New Year's day 1800, lived a few years, and then bought in Belpre. He was father of ten children. That building long ago suffered demolition.

At the period specified huge sycamores and other

kingly forest trees guarded and graced the head of the isle, and the wild-grape, trumpet-vine and creepers, thick and matted, interlaced the shores and touched the willows that encircled the wilderness isle on every side.

Though the son of a distinguished Irish family, Harman Blennerhassett was born at Hampshire, England, while his parents were on a visit there, in 1767. His family residence was Castle Conway, Ireland, and to these estates he succeeded, on the death of an elder brother.

His wife was Margaret Agnew, daughter of the

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Lovers' Lane, Blennerhassett Island.

Lieut-Governor of the Isle of Man, and granddaughter of the famous general of that name who fell at the battle of Germantown, Pennsylvania, and after her arrival in America she erected a monument to his memory.

While it is stated that he supplied himself with extensive literary and philosophical apparatus in London and embarked for New York in 1797, yet in his subsequent declaration, March 7, 1803, seeking citizenship, he made oath that he "had resided in the United States between the 29th of January, 1795, and 18th of June, 1798, and had then been in the State of Virginia one year."

He lingered in New York for awhile to study the people and the geography of the land he was to adopt as his own.

Over the rough, narrow paths of the Allegheny barriers, with his wife and child, he passed in the fall of 1797, and at Pittsburg embarked in a keel-boat down the Ohio, seeking a place for his castle. Landing at Marietta he spent the entire winter in a pleasant way among a refined citizenship, and prospecting by repeated excursions into adjacent hills and vales for a site for his residence. He had almost decided to locate upon an eminence in the rear of the village, but the

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All that Remains of the Old Mansion on Blennerhassett Island.

steepness of the approaches and the discovery in time of the captivating island in Virginia, below the Little Kanawha, decided his purchase and his destiny, and in March, 1798, out of a fortune of little less than \$100,000 he secured the main part of the island and fixed his abode.

The next two years was spent in supervising personally the erection of a palatial home, which he was ambitious should surpass any other private mansion west of the mountains, and in clearing the grounds of the dense timber and under growth, and in beautifying the approaches and lawns. To this accomplishment

many hands were requisite, in addition to the contractors, house-carpenters and the laborers, the ten negro servants he had purchased as grooms, waiters and watermen. Forest trees, the growth of years innumerable were uprooted, boughs and trunks burned or conveyed away, and the inequalities of ground surface were smoothed and changed in accordance with artistic taste. The giant trees, save here and there reserved ones, together with underbrush which might obstruct delightful view to the traveler descending Ohio's current, were removed from the broad front of the upper portion of the sand-pebbled gently-sloping head

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The Old Well, Blennerhassett Island.

of the island. Elms, sycamores, and cottonwoods were sacrificed 'neath the strokes of the woodman's axe, that better, grander view might be had of the palatial mansion, which he had painted an alabaster whiteness.

Col. Joseph Barker, of Marietta, who, a few years after, in 1803, built a brigatine and named it *Dominic*, for Blennerhassett's oldest son, was the principal architect of this uniquely planned residence of costly beauty.

The furniture, of the best, latest and richest, for every room, was brought from the East by wagon, through to Pittsburg, and thence down the Ohio by

barge.

Here in this mansion—almost a baronial castle when contrasted with its cabins, wilderness and pioneer neighbors, on both sides of the grand river—the rich Irish barrister and his accomplished wife and children, spent nearly six years of delightful existence. His retinue of employes and servants was large, and while the house was in process of erection and the improvements of lawns and farm progressing, afforded sustenance to many in those years of hardships and scarcity. His gardener, Peter Taylor, had been brought from England. Thomas Neale, a pioneer of Virginia, was

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The Hollow Sycamore Tree on Blennerhassett Island.

long his dairyman and farm superintendent.

The self-exiled Blennerhassett, when seeking relaxation or change from his library, pictures, violincello and chemical laboratory, spent the hours in the village of Newport on the Virginia shore, or at Belleville settlement, at Farmer's Castle in Belpre, or the Harmar fort, chatting socially with those congenial pioneers. When at social gatherings, he invariably appeared in the prescribed outfit of an English gentleman.

His wife, Lady Margaret, was properly the mistress of a refined home. Both were hospitable, fond of party and dance, and often broke the isolation of

their water-encircled home by invitations to her drawing room of the youth and beauty of the villages on both sides, she being the very center and magnet of an animated circle.

An early historian of Wood county, says that "In conversation Mrs. Blennerhassett was ready, versatile and engaging being well read in the general literature of the day. Her conversational powers were great, showing clearness of perception and critically edifying. Her writings show a mind of deep sensibilities, in which the genius of thought gives finish and force to her sentences. There was a finish and beauty of ex-

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perience interwoven with the subject on which she wrote, which created a corresponding sympathy in the mind of the reader." Elsewhere, as pertaining to sorrows of after days, is quoted one of her poems, indited while at Montreal, Canada. She wrote and subsequently published a volume entitled, "Widow of the Rock."

A friend of the family with opportunity to traditionally know, states that "Mrs. Blennerhassett introduced vaccination in the West. During frequent visits to New York her children were vaccinated. She preserved the virus, invited parents to send their little ones to the island, and successfully performed the operation. One of the children long recollected the beautiful Mrs. Blennerhassett. Admiration, love and respect and sympathy are felt for her as we follow her changing life from happy gaiety to lonely death in a New York garret."

Edenic was the delightful home and domestic happiness, and quiet roseate surroundings of the Blennerhassett family, and such a portrayal of their appearance and character till the dawn of the year 1805.

In Newark, New Jersey, fifth November 1756, was born Aaron Burr, whose combination with the owner of the historic island, within the domain of our territory, brings his biography in brief into our volume at this point.

He entered Princeton College at 12 years of age and was graduated in 1772; studied theology with a clergyman in Connecticut; entered the Continental army in 1775; distinguished himself at Quebec, Mon-

mouth, New Haven, and resigned, owing to ill health tenth March, 1779; studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1782; began practice at Albany, and in 1783 removed to New York; was a member of the State House of Representatives in 1784 and 1798; Attorney General of New York in 1789 and 1790; Commissioner of Revolutionary Claims in 1791; a Democratic U. S. Senator from New York, twenty-fourth Oct., 1791, to third March, 1797. At the Presidential election of 1801, Burr and Jefferson had each 73 electoral votes, and the House of Representatives on the thirtieth ballot chose Jefferson President and Burr, Vice-President. In 1804 he was the Democratic candidate for Governor of New York and was defeated by Morgan Lewis by 8000 majority; mortally wounded Hamilton in a duel at Weehawken, July 12, 1804; after endeavoring to revolutionize the Mississippi Valley, he was arrested and brought to Richmond, where he was tried in August, 1807, on a charge of treason and acquitted; to escape prosecution and his creditors, he went abroad in 1808; returning to New York City in 1812, he resumed law practice, and died on Staten island, at Port Richmond, Sept. 14, 1836.

On the 10th of April, 1805, Burr started West, and arrived at Pittsburg during that month. On the 5th of May, he arrived at Marietta. Hearing of the princely home of Blennerhassett, Burr visited the island. The owner was absent, but Mrs. Blennerhassett extended the hospitalities of her home. Burr left without seeing Blennerhassett, but in December of that year wrote him a letter, cautiously showing the seeds of his great conspiracy, that of establishing an Empire

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in the south—other correspondence followed, and in August, 1806, with his accomplished and fascinating daughter, Theodosia, wife of Gov. Joseph Alson, of South Carolina, he visited a second time the island.

Father and daughter had embarked, with her infant son, at Pittsburg, and near the close of the month on their descent the voyagers reached Marietta. It was General Muster Day, and as an honored guest Burr interviewed the militia and put them through a few evolutions to the satisfaction of admiring spectators. In the eve they attended a ball and completely conquered all, he by courtly grace and manners, and Theodosia, by the magnetism of her beauty and the flash of her feminine witticisms.

Theodosia, with womanly tact, won her way, and with her father's desire for adventure and an imperial elevation, infused the same spirit and hopes into the heart of Margaret, and they were dreamers together, and constructed their castles while active preparations began in earnest for the fitting out of some mysterious expedition.

The month of September was full of activity, ardor and preparation for the great consumation of something yet not distinctly revealed. Burr and Blennerhasset proceeded to the counting house of Dudley, Woodbridge & Co., of Marietta, in which firm Blennerhasset was a partner, and ordered the building of boats and purchase of a quantity of provisions. The batteaux were to be 15, ten of which were to be 40 feet long and five of 50 feet length, and all 10 feet wide and 2½ feet deep, and after the Schenectedy model, such as were in use on the Mohawk river. The conveyance capacity of this flotilla was to be 500 men.

A separate keel-boat, 60 feet long was to be constructed for arms, ammunition and provisions. One of the larger boats was to be fitted up in better style for the family of the leaders. It was to have separate rooms, fire place and glass windows at the sides. The provisions were to cost \$2,000 and the boats a like sum.

The contract to build, at his boat-yard, seven miles above the mouth of the Muskingum, was given to Col. Jos. Barker, who had erected the island mansion. They were to be delivered 9th December. The expedition provisions were to be pork, bacon, flour, kiln-dried meal, whiskey and smaller articles.

While these operations were going on under the direction of Blennerhasset, Burr, for enlisting recruits and the perfection of the general plans, went to Chillicothe, Cincinnati, Kentucky and Nashville. At the latter town he contracted to build six boats, on the Cumberland, and deposited \$4,000 with General Jackson to pay for them. He also contracted to purchase 4,000 acres of land on the Washita, a branch of the Red river, for \$40,000, and paid thereon \$5,000. The settlement of a colony upon these lands was represented to be the sole object of the proposed expedition.

Then Comfort Taylor, of New York, was recruiting men and collecting supplies at Pittsburg, with which he was to embark upon several boats at that point and join the Blennerhasset fleet at the island. Daniel Floyd, of Indiana Territory, was similarly employed near the Falls of the Ohio, and was to connect with the fleet when it came down.

In October Theodosia was joined by her husband, the Governor of South Carolina, who was drifting into the enterprise, and they with Blennerhasset left the

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island in charge of Margaret and visited Lexington, Kentucky.

The arrangement was to rendezvous November 1st; to leave the Ohio Falls by the 15th with 500 to 1,000 men; to be in Natchez, Miss., from the 5th to the middle of December to meet General Wilkinson.

In 1787, then a citizen of the Kentucky section of Virginia, Wilkinson had loaded a boat with flour and tobacco and descended the Ohio and Mississippi rivers with the "ostensible purpose of making arrangements with the Spanish authorities by which to secure to the inhabitants of the upper country a free navigation of the Mississippi and a market for their produce."

Early in October, 1806, there was held a mass meeting of the citizens of Wood county, expressive of alarm for the safety of the country by accumulating evidence against the designs of Burr and Blennerhassett.

The situation was exceedingly alarming and instant action is incumbent. Hostility to peace and good order was being manifested, and it is for you, gentlemen of the new county, to determine a course of procedure.

On motion, it was, without dissent, resolved, that a committee be appointed to draft and to report forthwith resolutions expressive of strong disapprobation to the plain laid down by many ambitious characters, and that a volunteer company be raised to protect our county.

The chair selected Alexander Henderson, James Wilson, Jacob Beeson, Hugh Phelps, George Creel, Jr., John G. Henderson, Robert Kincheloe, James G. Laidley; Thomas Tavenner, Reece Woolf, William Beau-

champ, George Creel and James H. Neal.

While the gentlemen selected were in council discussing a course of action and framing proper wording, speeches were made by various persons present. Great diversity of opinion was had as to extent of guilt of those suspected, and the object of the movements on the island, yet there was unanimity as to necessity for a prompt and military course.

On the 27th of November, 1806, President issued his proclamation in regard to the conspiracy. Then follows the escape of Blennerhassett, the destruction of his palatial home, and the departure soon after of Mrs. Blennerhassett and her two children.

Early in January the family was reunited at Bayou Pierre on the Mississippi.

Neither the purpose of this history or allotted space in this volume, will permit a detail of events in the unhappy destiny or subsequent lives of the alleged conspirators.

Briefly, the expedition was a failure; arrests followed the leaders, and both Burr and Blennerhassett were indicted at Richmond Virginia, in the U. S. Circuit Court before Chief Justice Marshall, each on two charges, one for treason, the other for misdemeanor.

Burr was arrested on the Tombigbee river, in Washington county, Alabama, conducted to Fort Stoddart, was a prisoner there three weeks, and then, on horseback with guard of 9 men, under command of Perkins, started to Washington City. On the way President Jefferson dispatched at Fredericksburg a conveyance to Richmond, Va. Blennerhassett was arrested, tried and acquitted at Natchez by the territorial authorities, who censured, as did the sympa-

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thizing people, Jefferson and the Administration, for their fear and misconception.

After this discharge from custody he located his family at Natchez, Mississippi, and in June following left that place on horse, to return to his island, and look after his affairs. When he reached Lexington, Ky., he was arrested for treason, and under guard conveyed to Richmond. Others of Burr's confederates who had means returned to the Eastern States, and forgot their dream of glory in the pursuit of civil life. Others remained in the Territory, supplying it with school teachers, music teachers, and dancing masters. These events, narrated in the papers of the day, drew the attention of thousands to the Western States from the east as emigrants.

So great effect had this alleged Burr conspiracy upon the U. S. that in 1818 it carried the National Road over the Alleghany barriers to bridge a possible chasm to sever the Mississippi from the Union. Hence to meet this rival line, Virginia, 27 Feb. 1827, gave authority to construct a road from Staunton over the mountains to the Ohio river, the Staunton Pike.

Within one year from leaving the island, Blennerhassett returned to find it desolate, his property seized for debt, many articles, among which was Robin a favorite horse, stolen slaves sold or escaped, and house gutted of its contents. The prospect was in no wise encouraging, and it is not to be wondered that his naturally timid heart almost failed him.

The boats fitted up on the Muskingum had been modified for transports to carry United States troops from Marietta to St. Louis. Under orders of the President, the meal and one hundred barrels of pork stored

for the expedition, had been sold and the funds appropriated. Ransom Read, the best slave, for a debt of thirty-five dollars and costs, had been cried off at a public sale.

Negligence of tenants, river freshets, and the rudeness of those in charge who viewed it as public property, had rendered the building and surroundings pitiable to behold. Window casings had been torn out to procure the leaden weights by which the sashes were poised. The stone roller used to level his lawn and grounds, was broken to obtain the iron axles on which it ran. Hemp and cordage machinery took the place of flowers and shrubbery.

He sadly looked upon the ruins of his once bright home, and returned to Natchez, purchased a plantation of 1,000 acres, at St. Catherine, near Port Gibson, Claiborne county, Mississippi, on it placed twenty-two slaves, and there, upon about two hundred acres of it, began the culture of cotten. The war with Great Britian, in 1812-15, occassioned an embargo and reduction in values, and the enterprise was abandoned. He sold the plant for \$27,000 which scarcely satisfied his creditors.

The Blennerhassetts spent ten years on their cotton plantation, enjoying the society of a few choice friends. Harman, however, seemed to have dropped hope and muscular energy. During this period another son and a daughter were added to the home circle. Lady Margaret with her characteristic industry rose at early dawn, mounted her horse, and rode over the grounds, examining each field, and giving directions to the overseer as to the work to be done that day, or any alteration to be made in the plans,

which circumstances required.

He removed to New York, and attempted the practice of law. Not succeeding, he went to Canada in 1819, and there also failed in his purpose. Then he visited Ireland, his native heath, to prosecute a rever- sionary claim, but was barred by statute of limitations. During this absence of her husband, Mrs. Blenner- hassett found a home in New York, and was financially assisted by the Emmets. She went then to Pennsyl- vania, where at Wilkesbarre, her sister, Mrs. Dow, resided. She next joined her husband in Montreal, and while there, in 1824, wrote for publication a volume entitled, "Widow of the Rock and Other Poems." Among the productions of her pen while in Canada was the pathetic one named:

THE DESERTED ISLE.

Like Mournful echo, from the silent tomb,
That pines away upon the midnight air,
Whilst the pale moon breaks, out, with fitful gloom;
Fond memory turns with sad, but welcome care,
To scenes of desolation and despair;
Once bright with all that beauty could bestow,
That peace could shed, or youthful fancy know.

To the fair isle, reverts the pleasing dream;
Again thou risest, in thy green attire,
Fresh, as at first; thy blooming graces seem:—
Thy groves, thy fields, their wonted sweets respire;
Again thou'rt all my heart could e'er desire.
Oh! Why, dear isle, art thou not still my own?
Thy charms could then for all my griefs atone.

The stranger that descends Ohio's stream,
Charmed with the beauteous prospects that arise,
Marks the soft isles that 'neath the glittering beam,
Dance with the wave and mingle with the skies;
Sees, also, one that now in ruin lies,
Which erst, like fairy queen, towered o'er the rest.
In every native charm by culture dressed.

There rose the seat, where once, in pride of life,
My eye could mark the queenly river's flow,
In summer's calmness, or in winter's strife,
Swollen with rains, or battling with the snow.
Never, again, my heart such joy shall know.
Havoc, and ruin, rampant war, have passed
Over that isle, with their destroying blast.

The black'ning fire has swept throughout her halls,
The winds fly whistling o'er them, and the wave
No more, in spring floods, o'er the sand beach crawls,
But furious drowns in one o'er whelming grave,
Thy hallow'd haunts it watered as a slave,
Drive, on, destructive flood! and ne'er again,
On that devoted isle let man remain.

Too many blissful moments there I've known;
Too many hopes have there met their decay;
Too many feelings now forever gone,
To wish that thou could'st e'er again display
The joyful coloring of thy prime array;
Buried with thee, let them remain a blot,
With thee, their sweets, their bitterness forgot.

And, oh! that I could wholly wipe away
The memory of the ills that worked thy fall;
The memory of that all-eventful day,
When I returned, and found my own fair hall
Held by the infuriate populace in thrall;—
My own fireside blockaded by a band
That once found food and shelter of my hand.

My children (oh! a mother's pangs forbear;
Nor strike again that arrow to my soul:)
Clasping the ruffians in suppliant prayer;
To free their mother from unjust control,
While with false crimes and imprecations foul,
The wretched, vilest of the earth,
Mock jurisdiction held around my hearth.

Sweet isle! methinks I see thy bosom torn;
Again behold the ruthless rabble throng,
That rought destruction taste must ever mourn.
Alas! I see thee now—shall see thee long;
But ne'er shall bitter feelings urge the wrong,
That to a mob, would give the censure, due
To those that armed the plunder-greedy crew.

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Thy shore are warmed by bounteous suns in vain,
Columbia!—if spite and envy spring,
To blot the beauty of mild natures reign:
The European stranger, who would fling,
O'er tangled woods, refinement's polishing,
May find expanded every plan of taste,
His works by ruffians rendered doubly waste.

After a brief stay the family embarked for Bath, England, to reside with his maiden sister at Cottage Crescent. Thence for health they went to St. Aubin, on the isle of Jersey, to be with his sister Avis. Thence they removed to Port Prerie, upon the Island of Guernsey, where February 1, 1831, on the bosom of his devoted Margaret, whom thirty-four years before he had married, he passed away, within requiem murmur of the never ceasing waves.

In 1842 his widow visited the United States to seek relief from the government, which had prosecuted relentlessly and almost inexcusably despoiled. She asked damages for acts of the Virginia militia, in a statement made out by Dudley & Woodbridge, of Marietta who well could estimate its extent.

Henry Clay, with sincerity and ardor, urged its passage before the proper committee, but while pending therein, she died, worn out and mortified with toil and privation, attended only by her son Harman, and Mary, a black servant, who, her former slave, would not desert her even in the depths. This negress remained with Harman, the son, till his death, and subsequently burned to death.

Mrs. Blennerhassett was a member of the Episcopal church, and buried by their beautiful ritual, in the family vault of Thomaas Addis Emmett, the friend of other days. At the funeral were both Robert Emmett,

the father and his son. Watched during her illness by her devoted Harman, and the faithful Mary, she sank peacefully to rest. The "Marble Cemetery" of repose is a small, plain enclosure on Second street in New York, with no shrubbery or flowers, but strewn with vaults, amid the rush of a busy world around.

Of their children it may be said:

1. Dominick, born in 1799, the eldest son was dissipated. In 1822 he sailed for Savannah; in 1823 he enlisted as surgeon-mate, drank heavily and was discharged. In New York he turned up destitute, and by intervention of friends of his father was made assistant apothecary in a hospital. Subsequently he lost his position and went to St. Louis, Mo.

2. Harman, Jr., born in 1801, was an invalid, became a portrait painter, succeeded poorly, and was eventually taken to the alms house on Blackwell's island, Nov. 10, 1854, and there in his illness was attended by the family servant and the ladies of the "Old Bowery Mission." He died August 18th of that year, and was buried beside his mother.

3. Joseph Lewis, the youngest, moved to Missouri, where he married and practiced law, in Troy, Lincoln county; was an officer in the Confederacy, and died soon after the close of the war, and left descendants in St. Louis.

The other children, daughters, died with fever in Mississippi.

Theodosia Alston, the fascinating child of the gifted conspirator, with her maid and physician, Dec. 30, 1812, set sail from Charleston, on the Carolina coast, in a small schooner, the "Patriot," to go to her father in



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MRS. HARMAN BLENNERHASSETT



AARON BURR



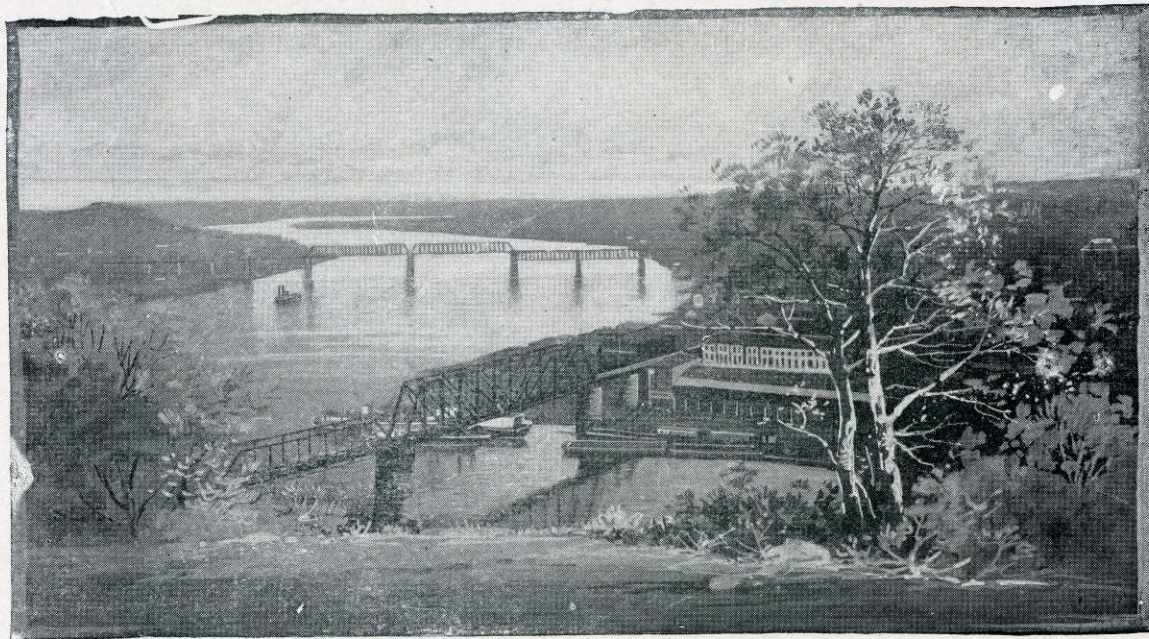
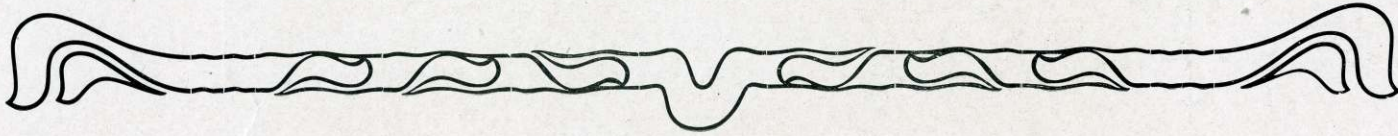
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New York. The vessel was noted for her sailing qualities, was commanded by an experienced captain, had a pilot of skill and courage, and was expected to make the voyage within six days.

Neither vessel, crew or passengers were ever heard of afterwards, and their fate is still locked up in

the arcana of the great ocean. Burr, who idolized his daughter, as she did him, ever after the sad event declared himself "severed from the human race"; and there he stands, reincarnated in the statue of liberty, looking out over the waters forever in a vain search of the ocean's expanse for the ship that never returned.





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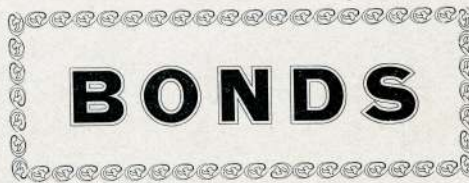
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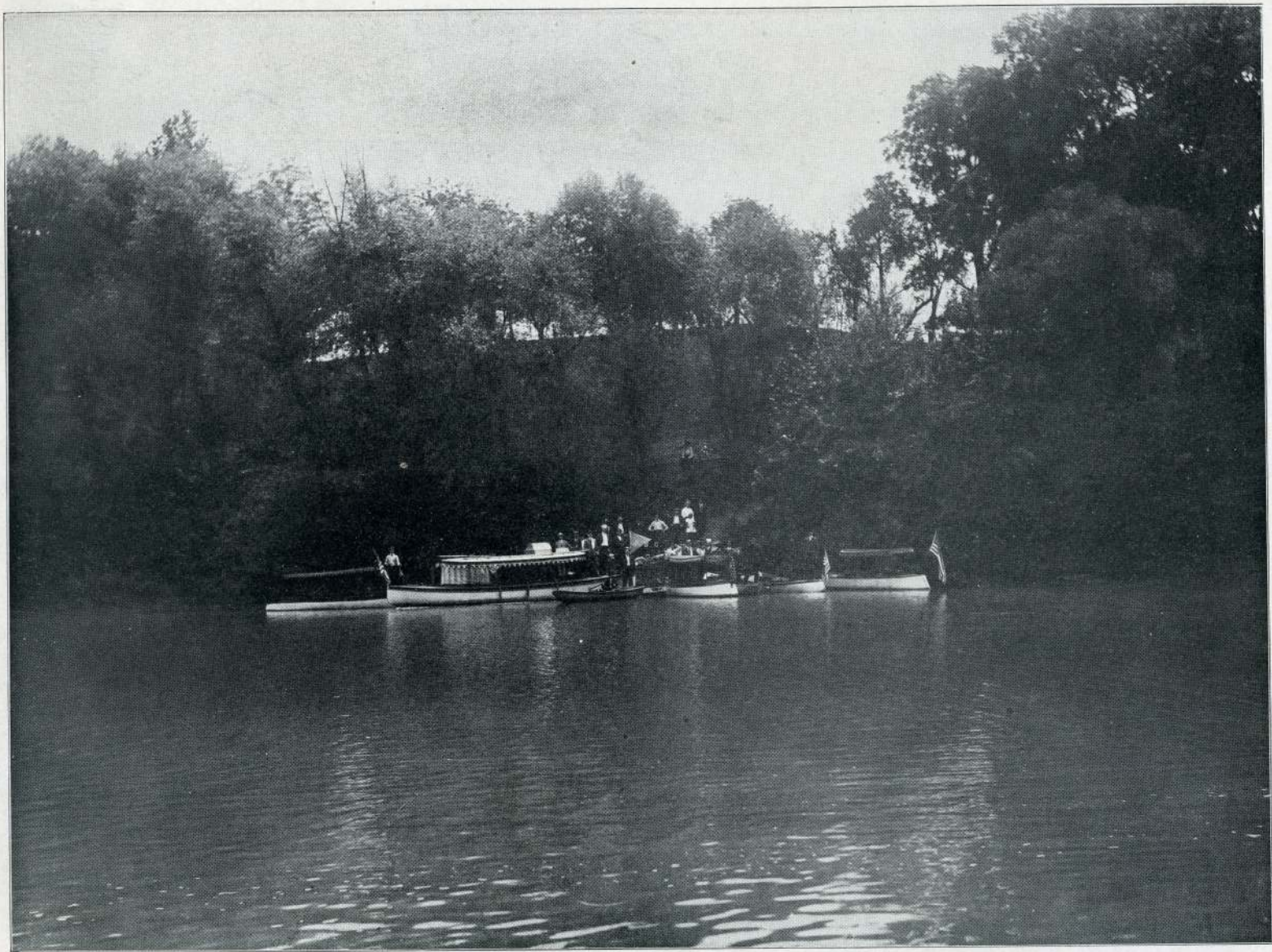
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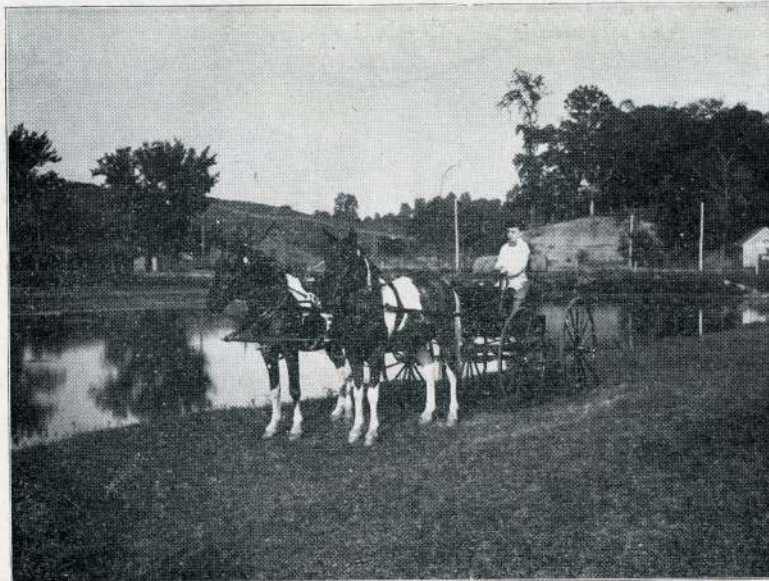
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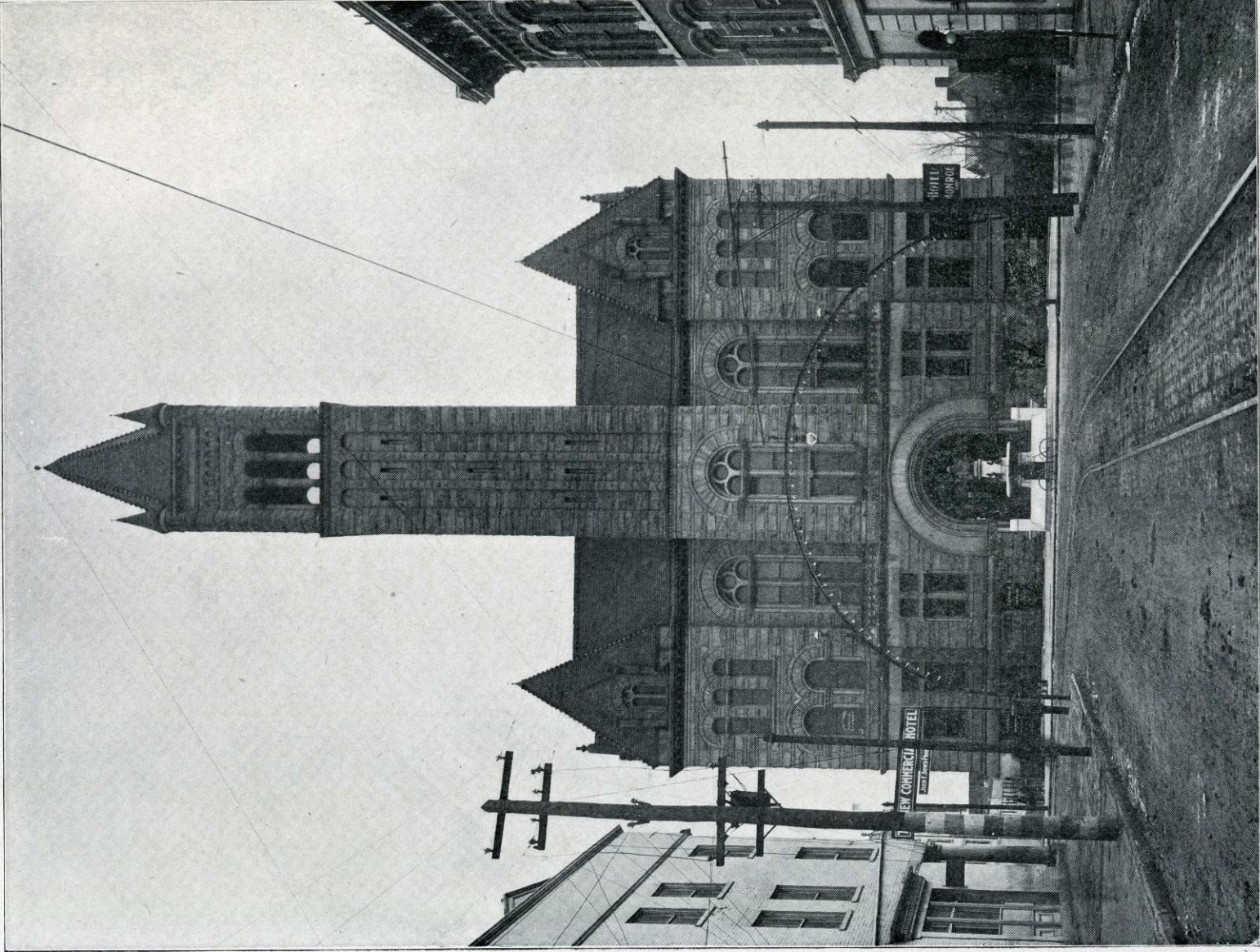
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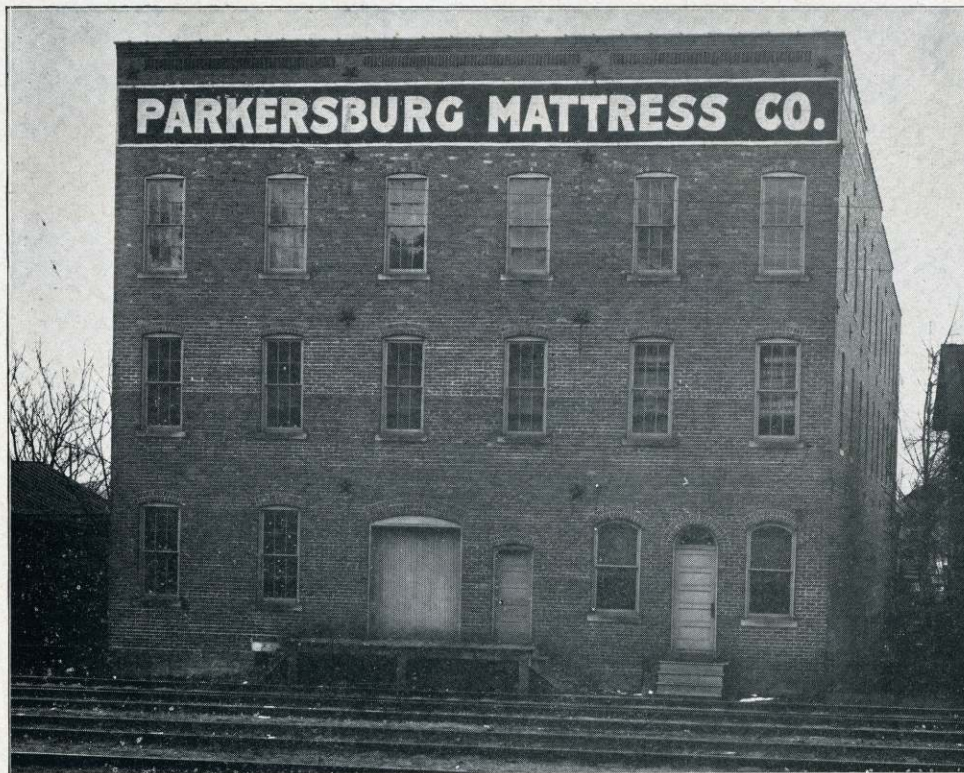
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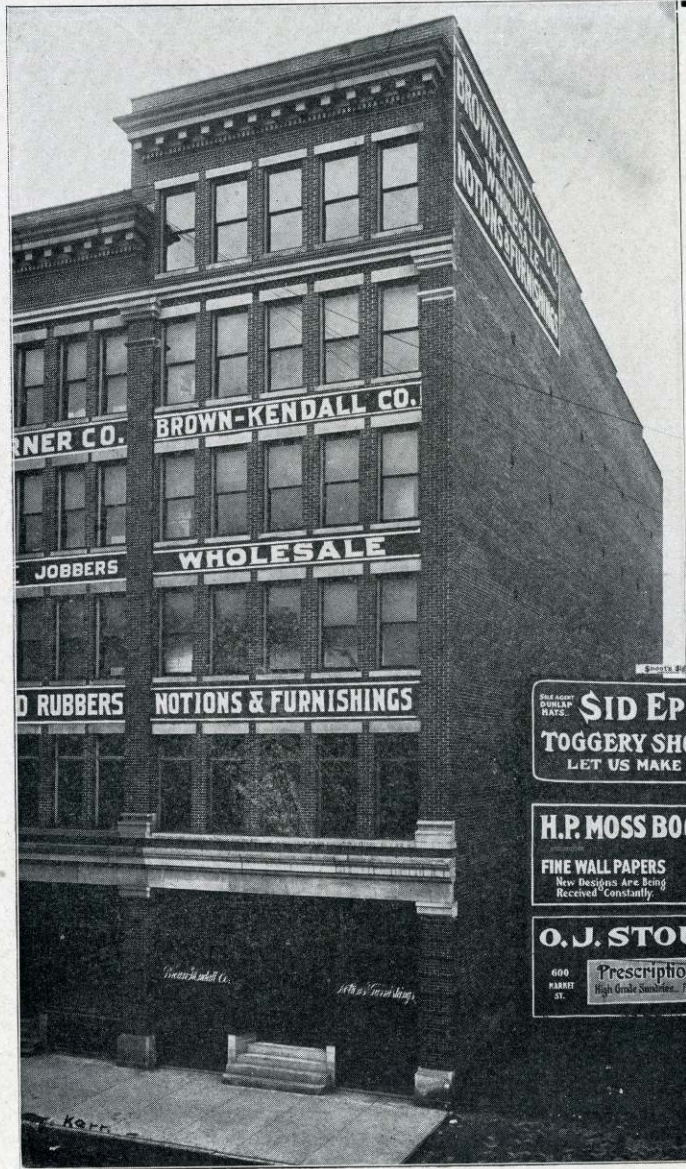
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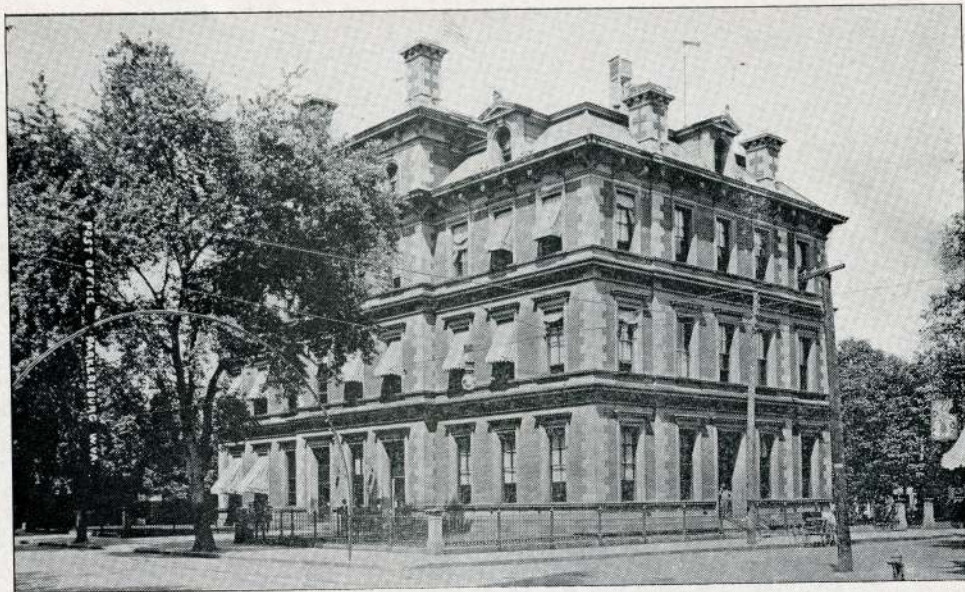
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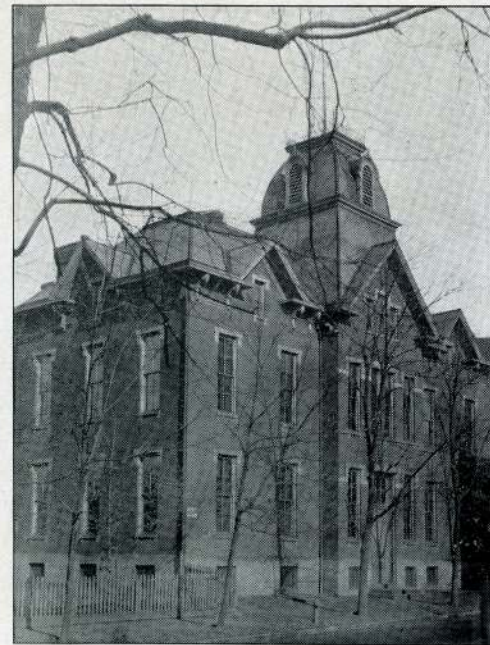
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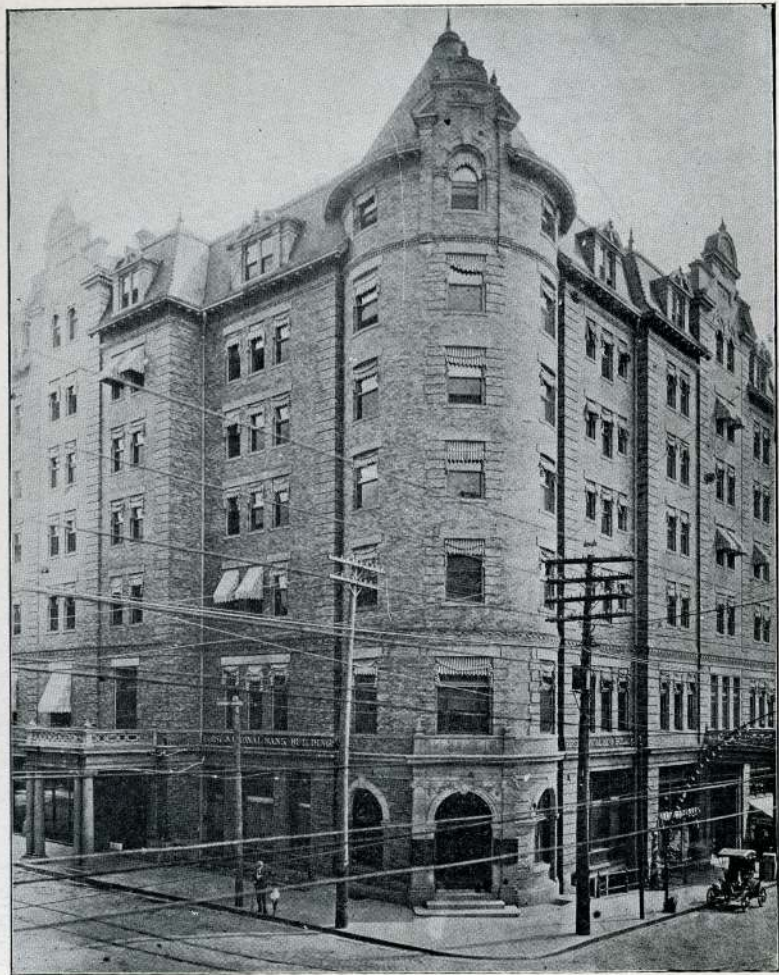
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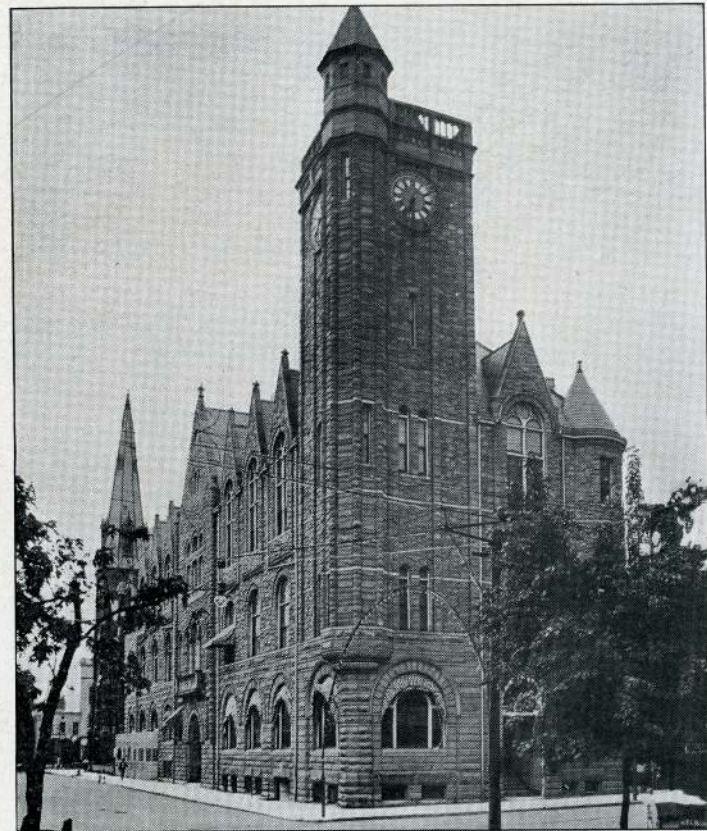
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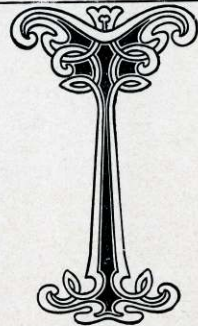
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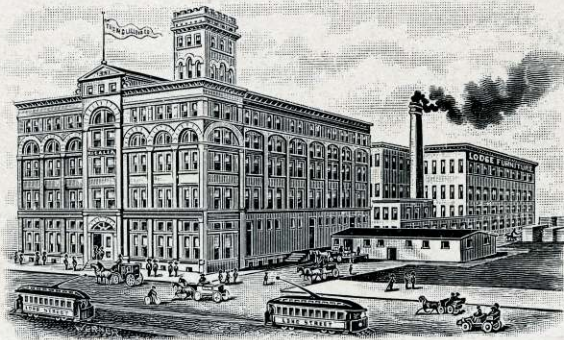
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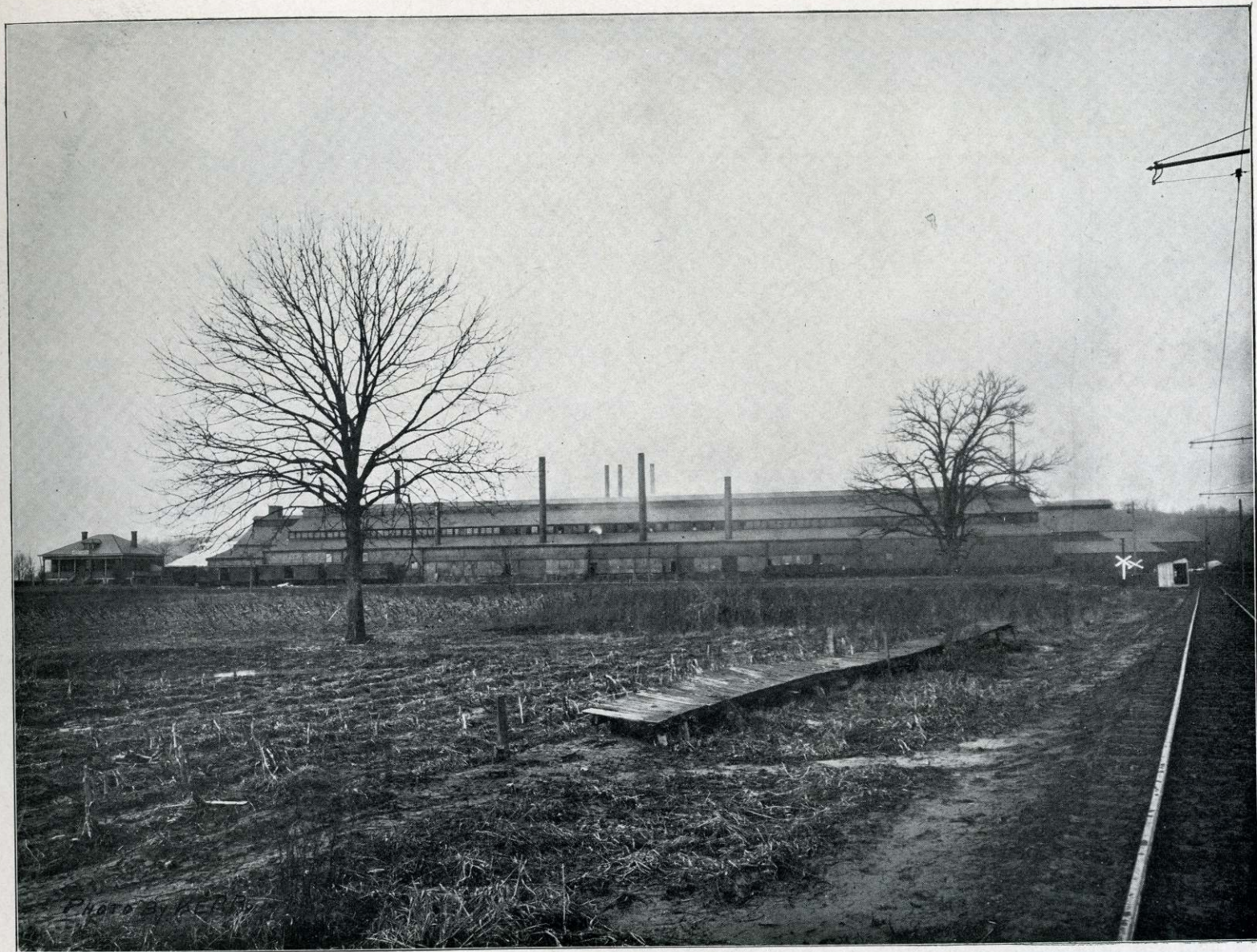
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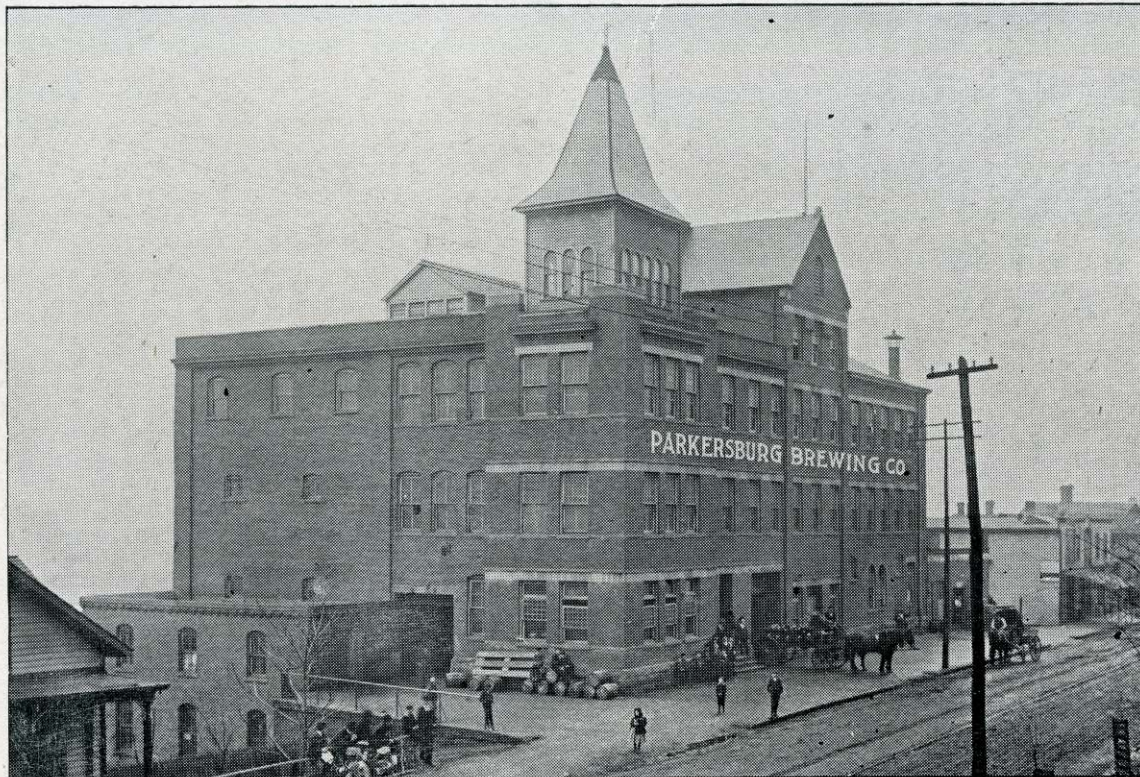
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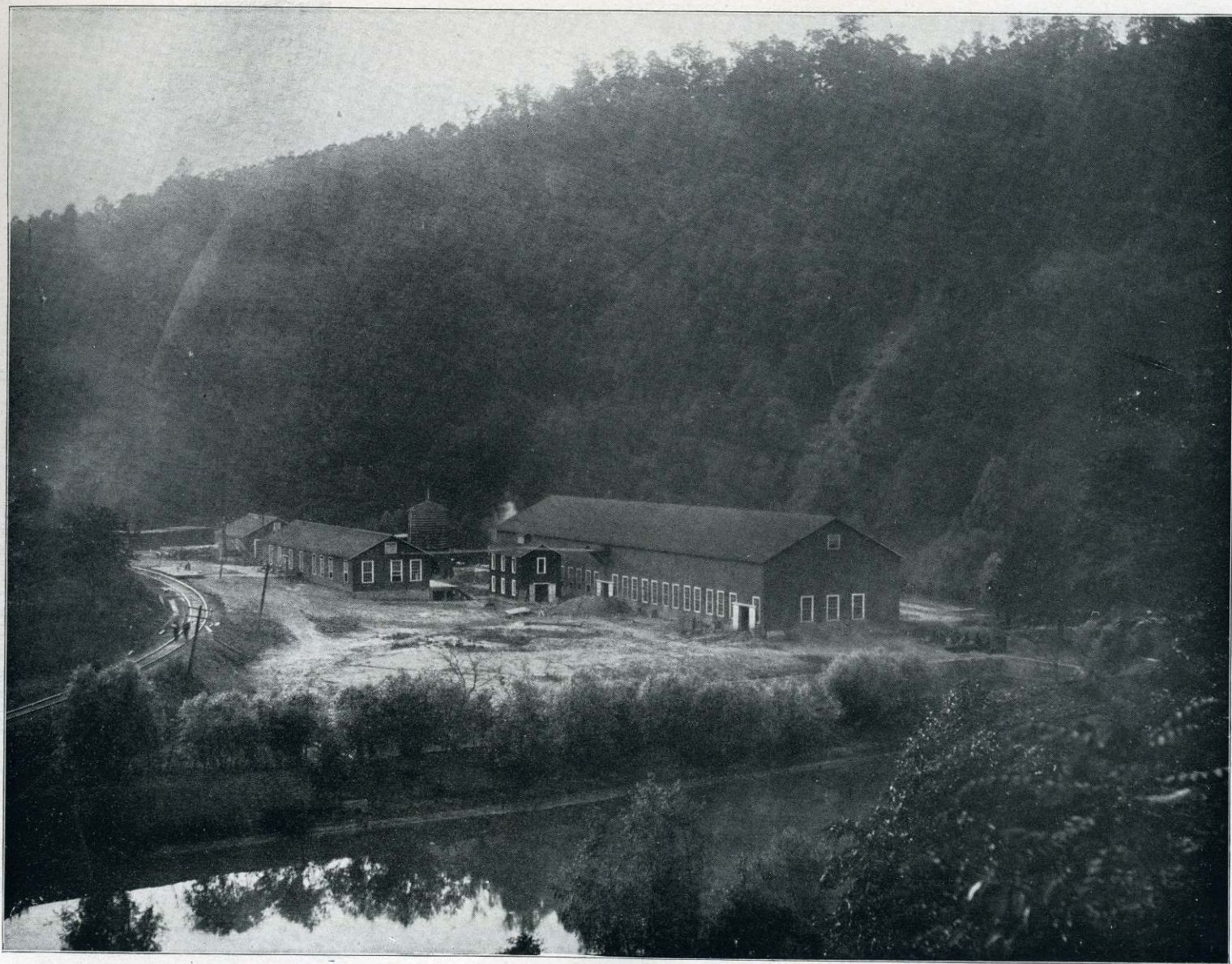
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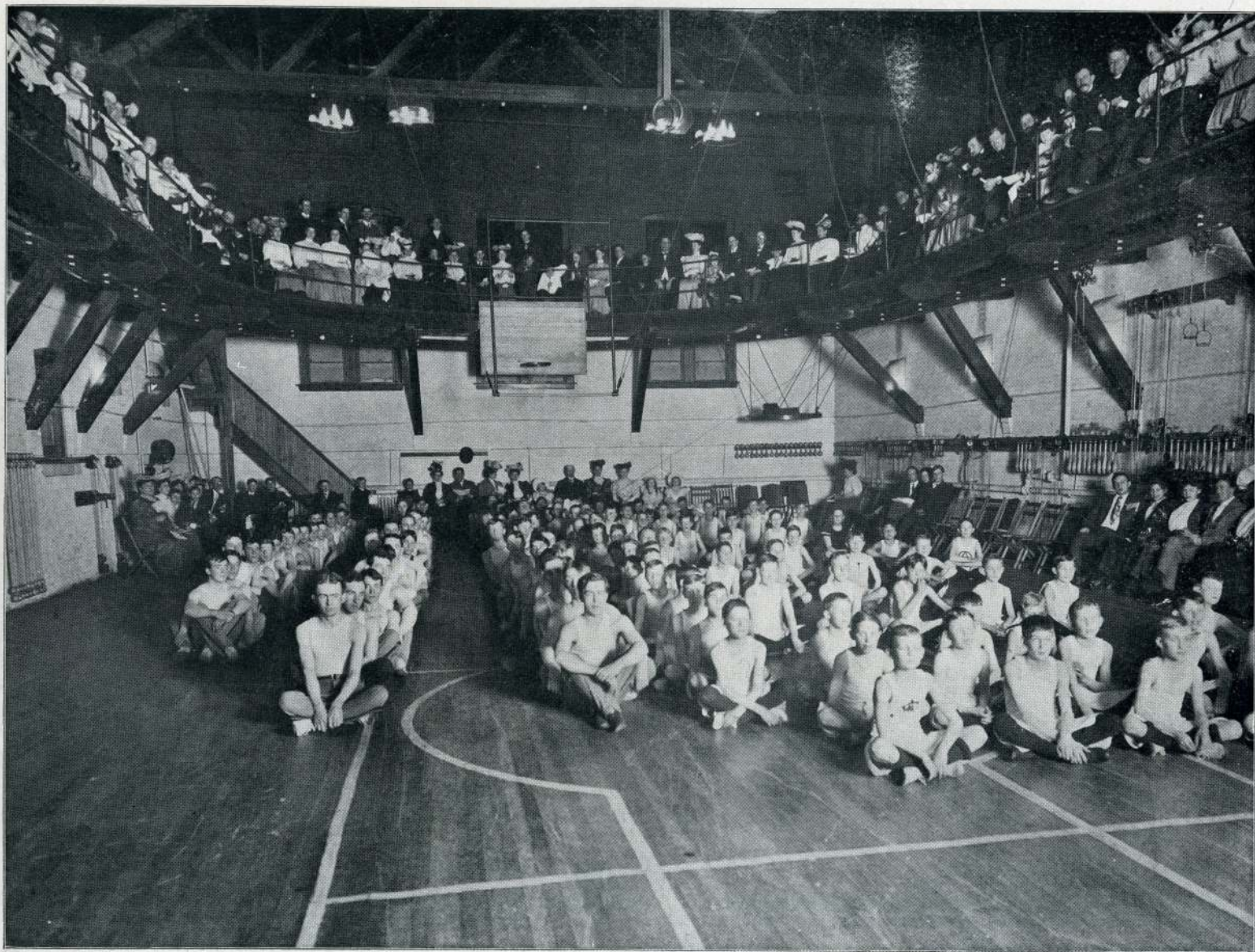
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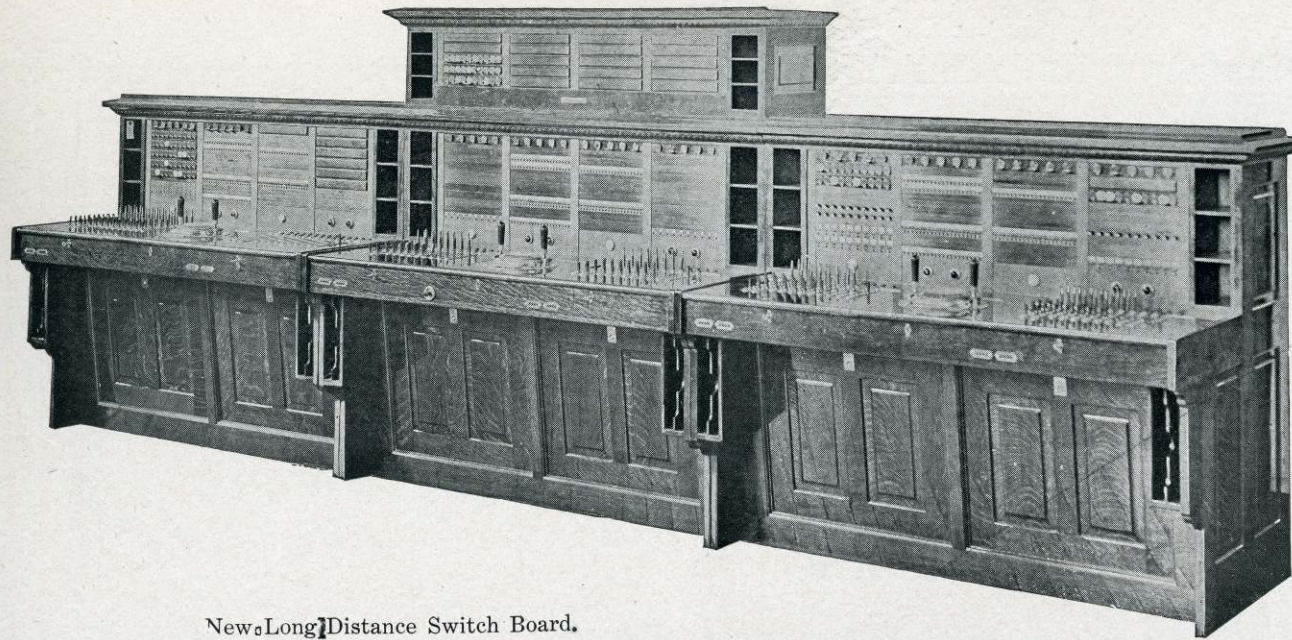
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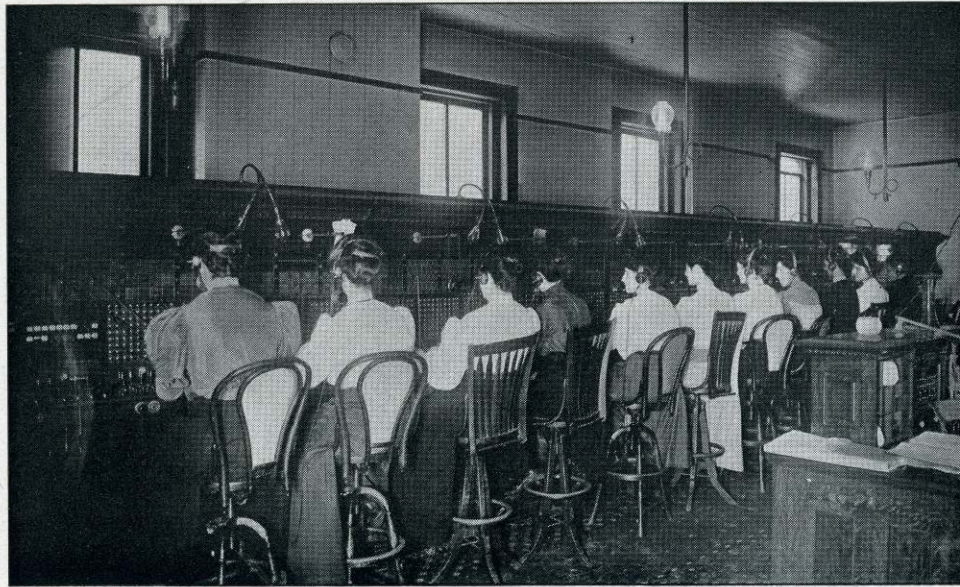
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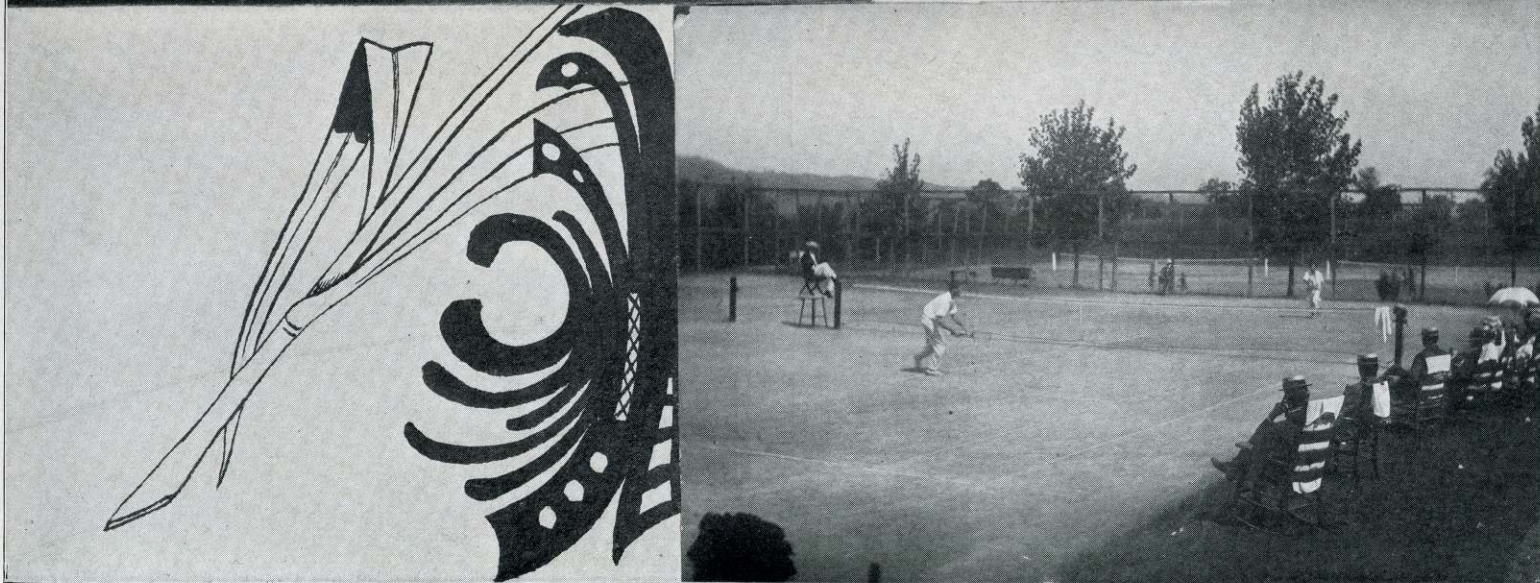
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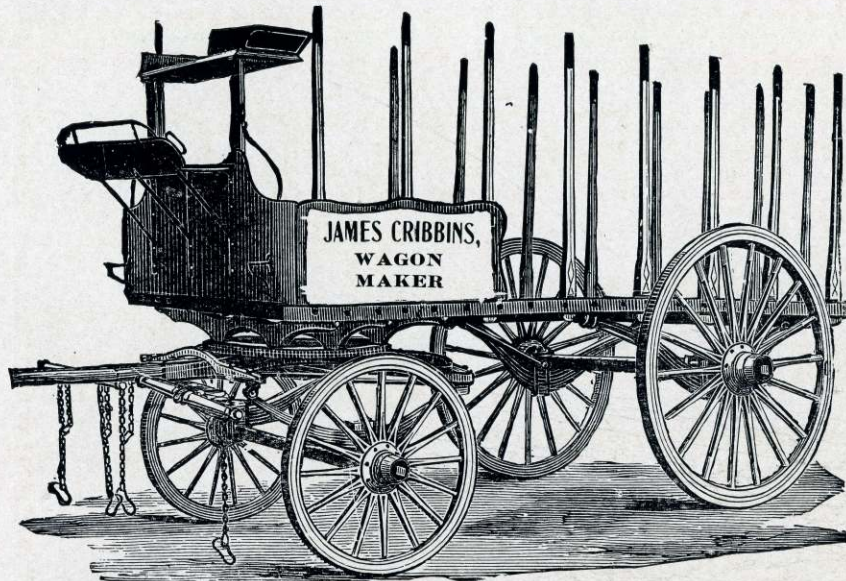
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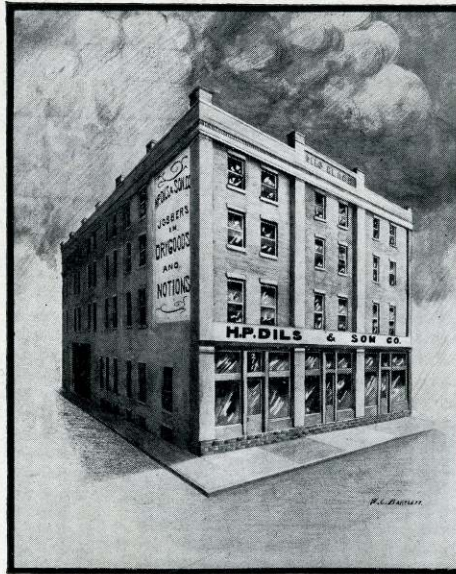
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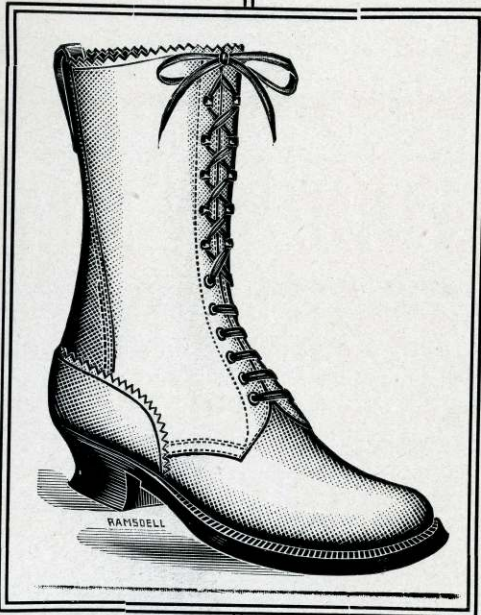
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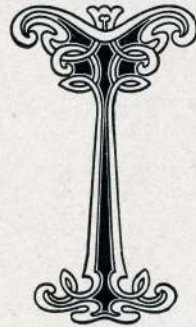
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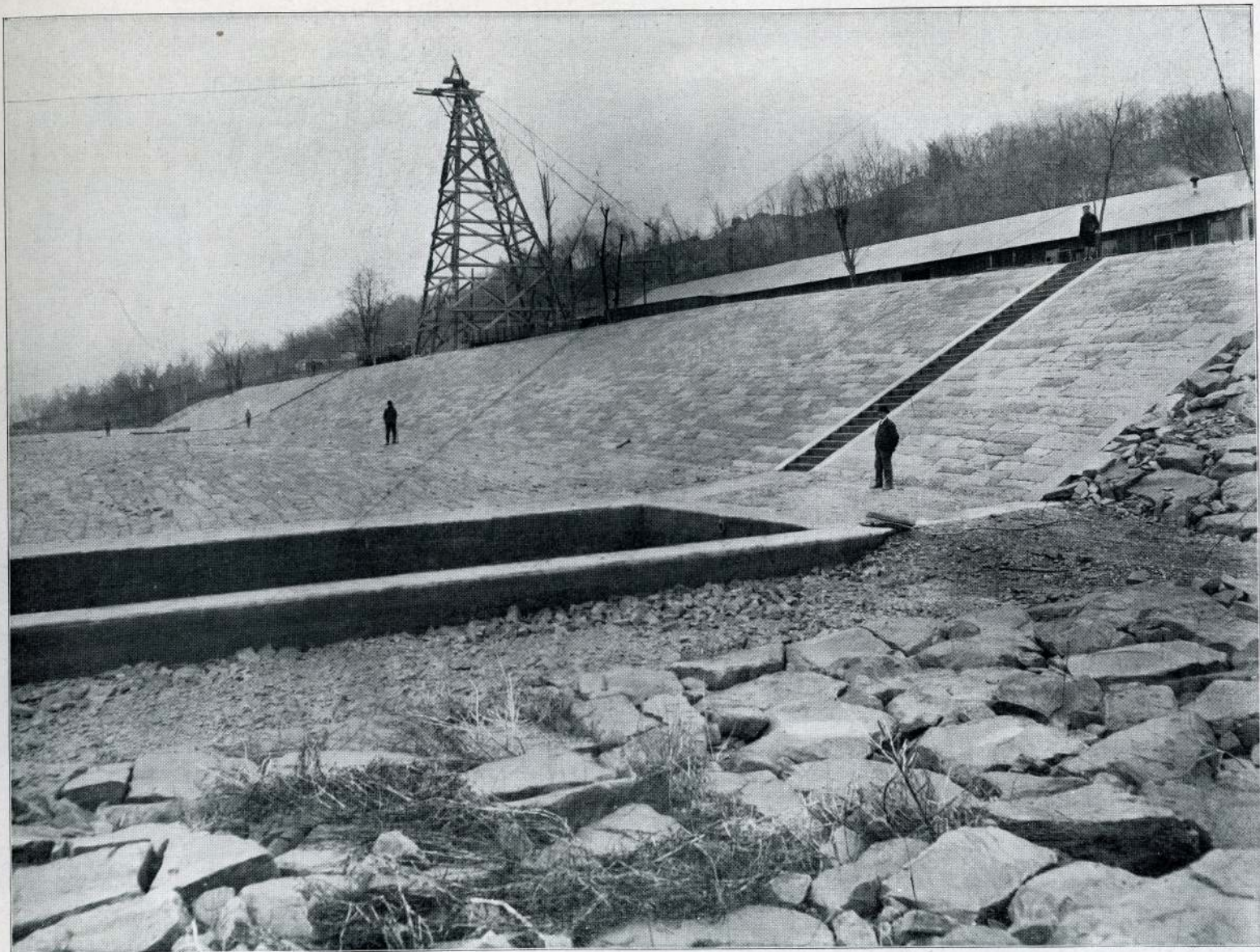
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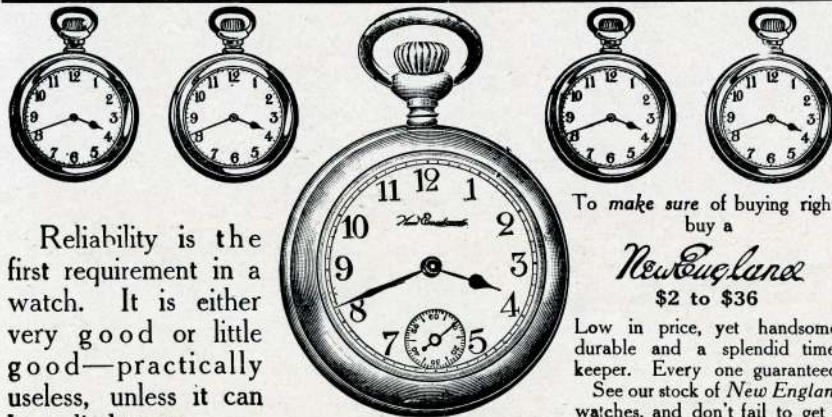
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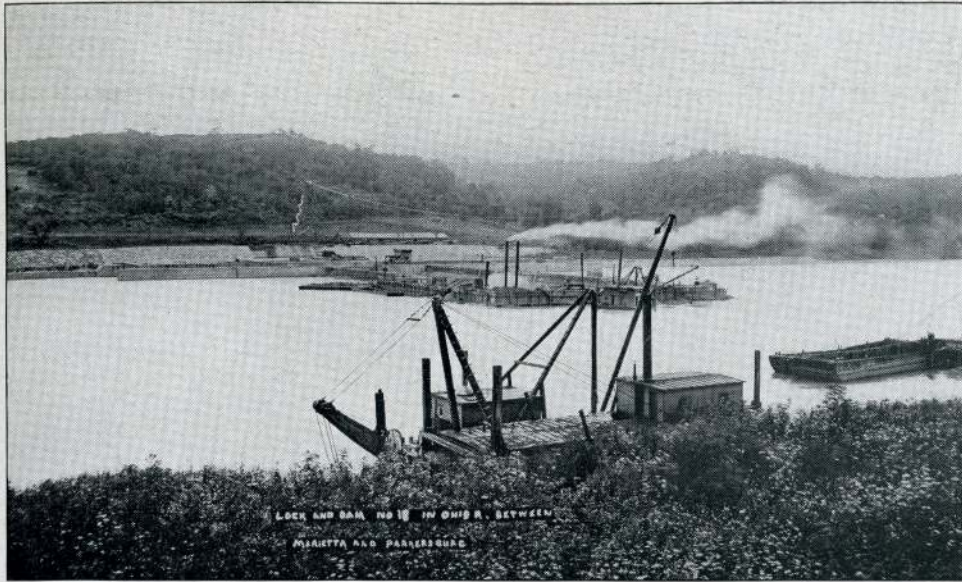
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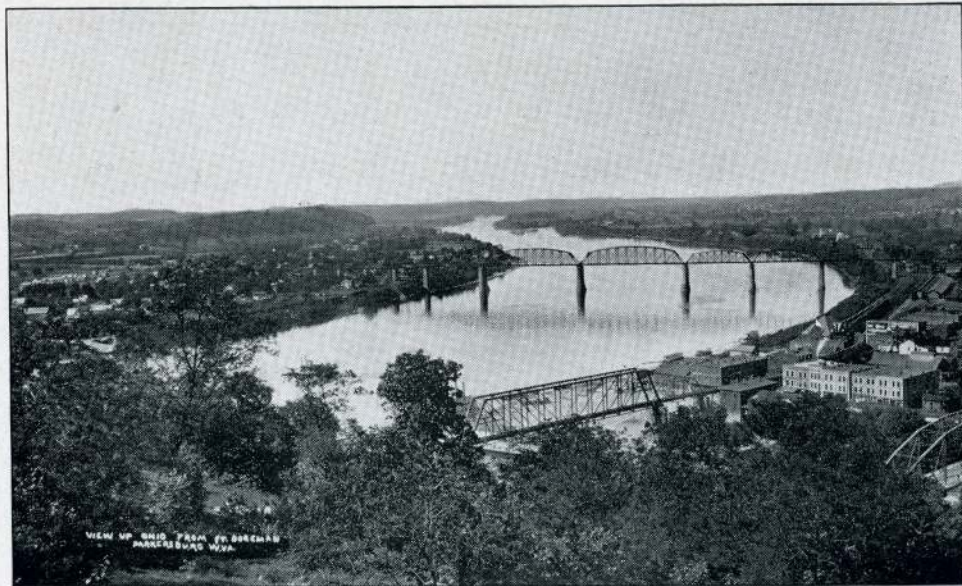
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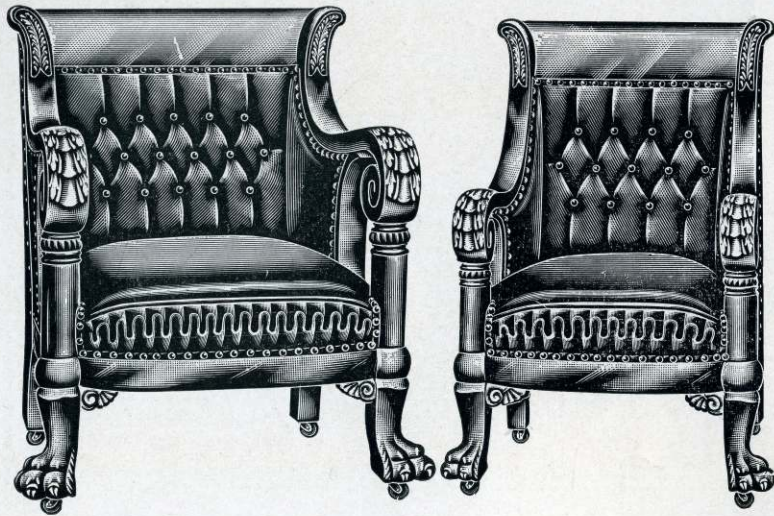
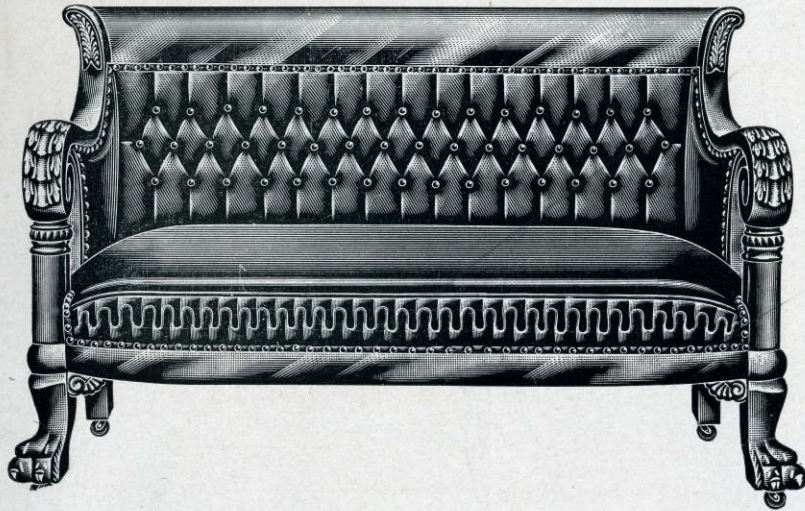
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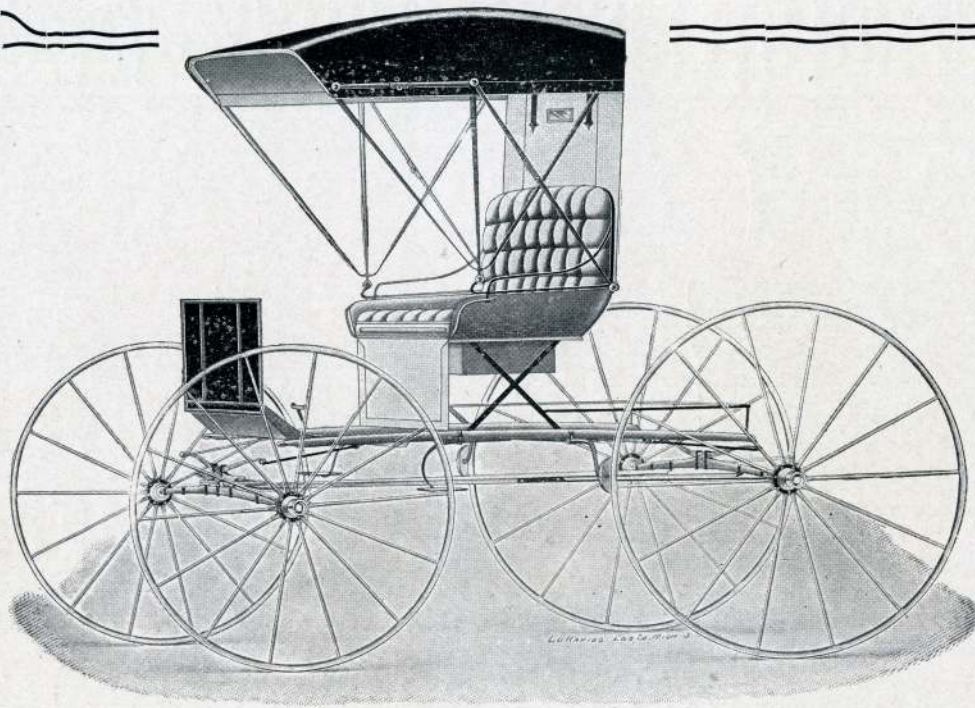


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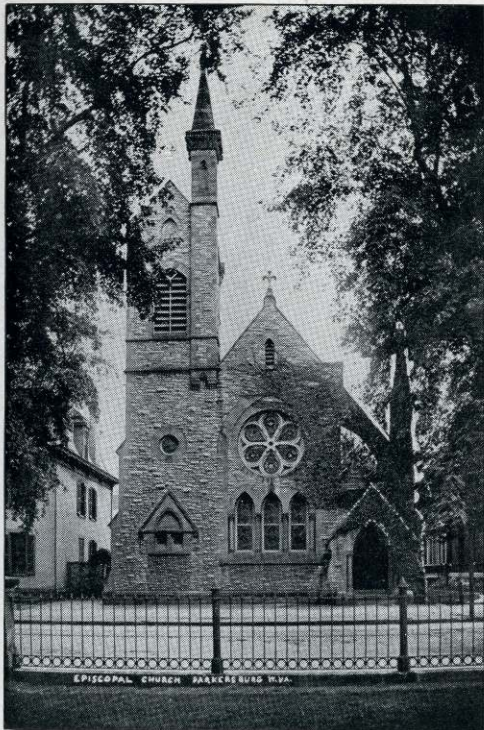
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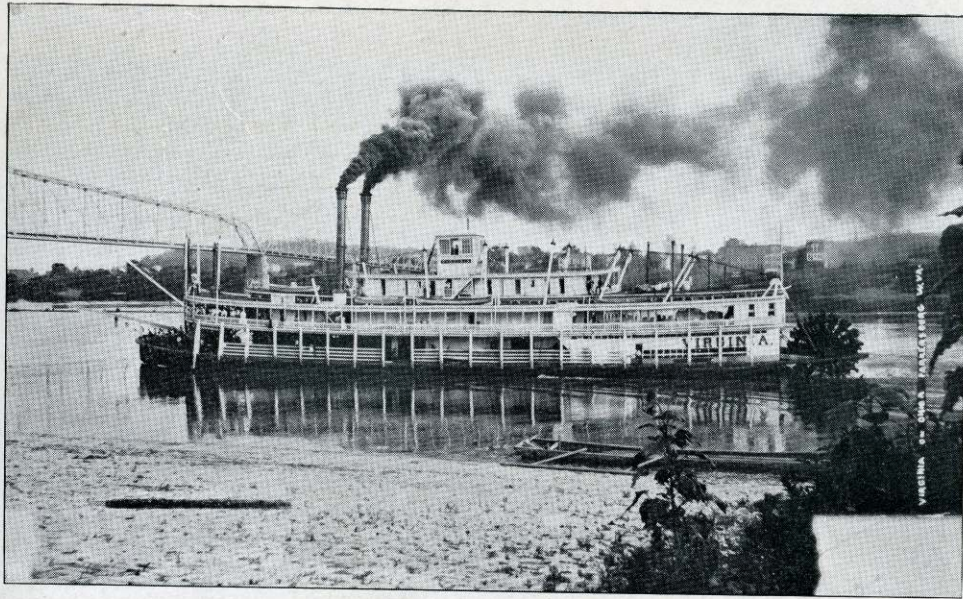
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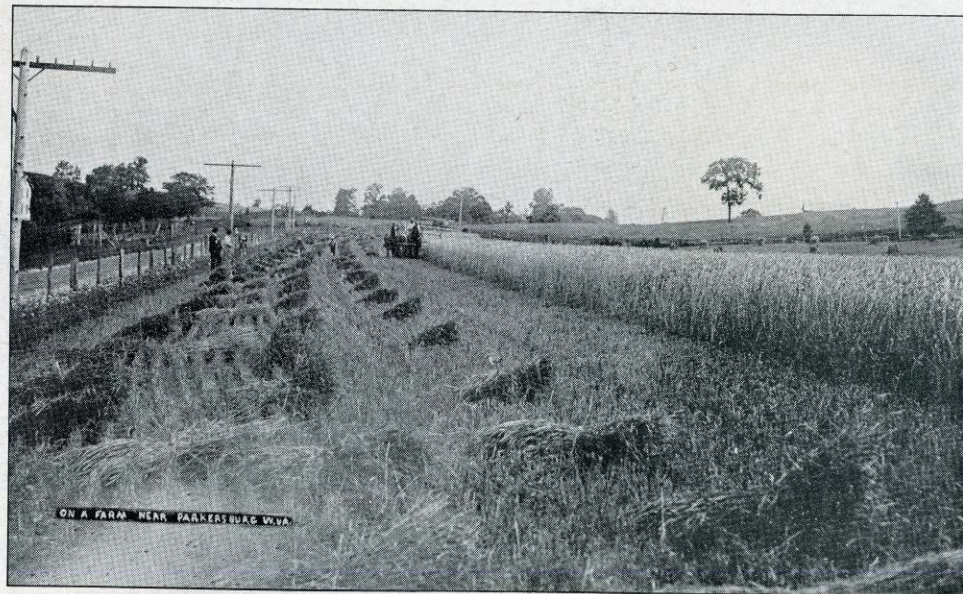


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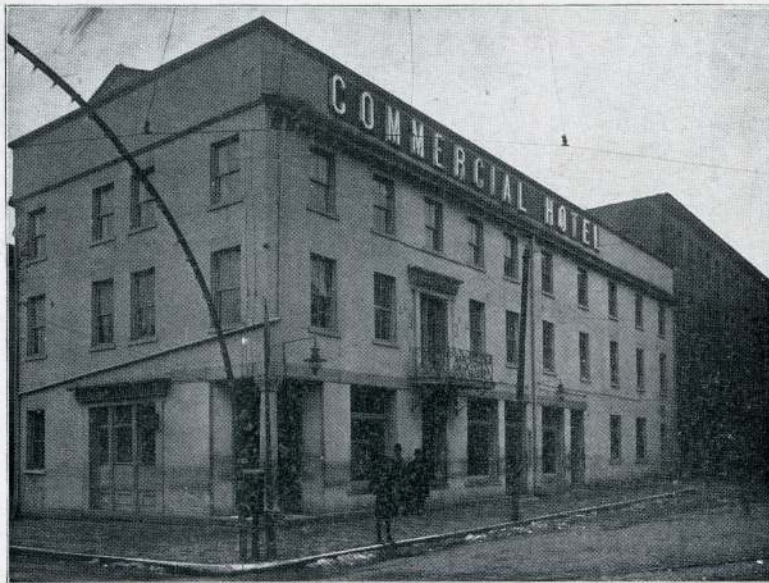
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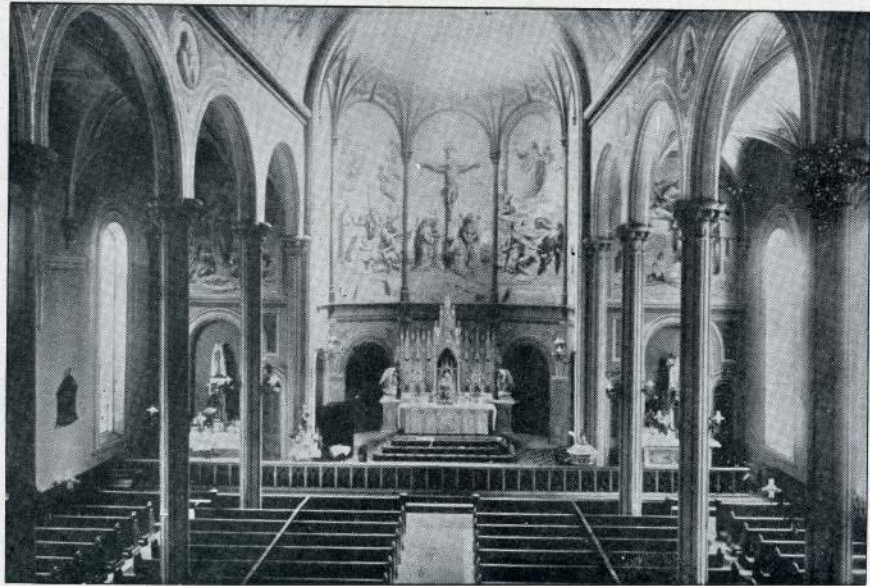
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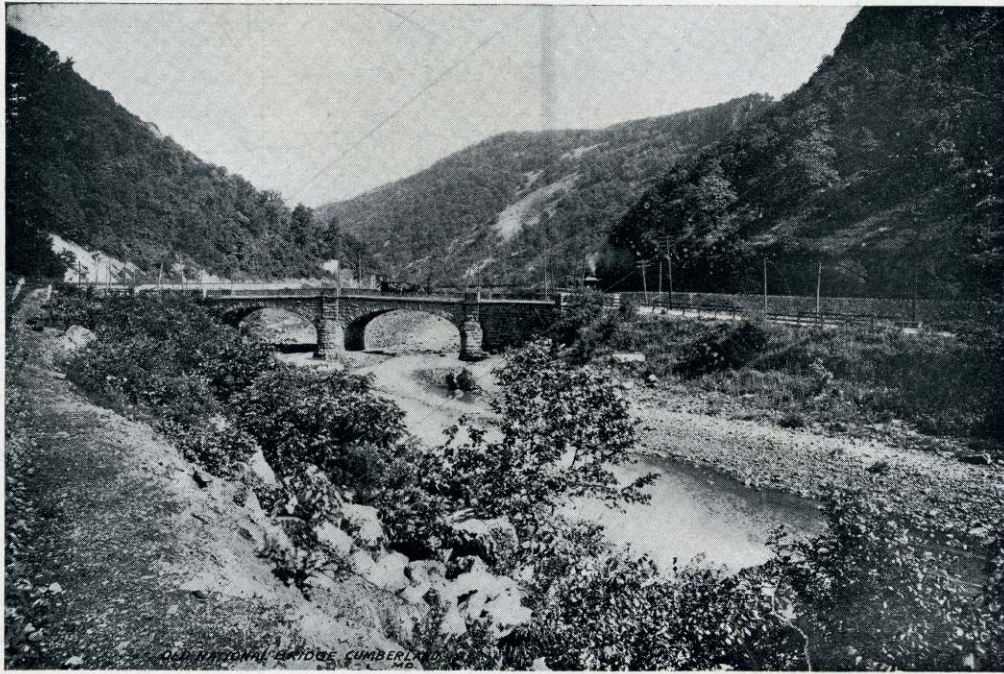
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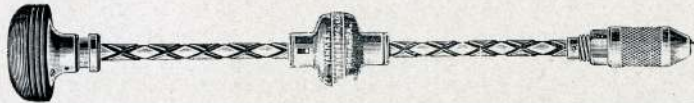


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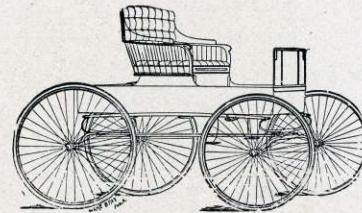
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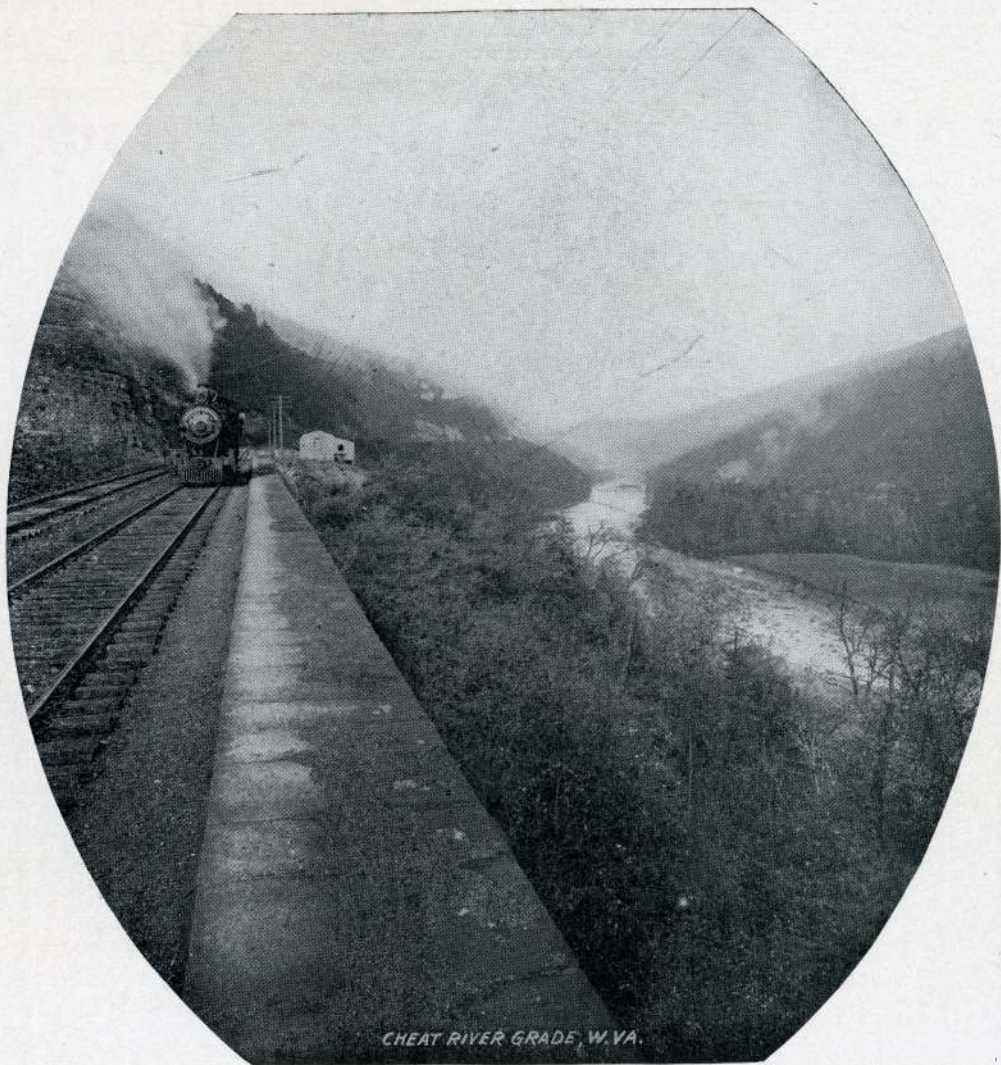
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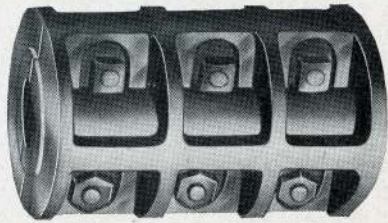
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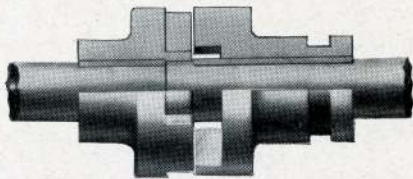
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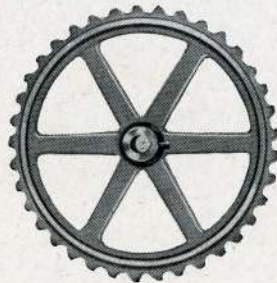
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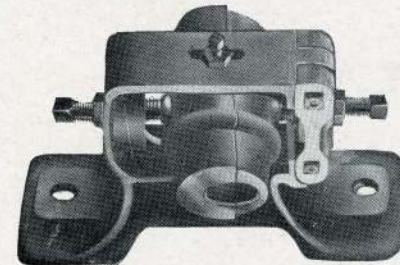


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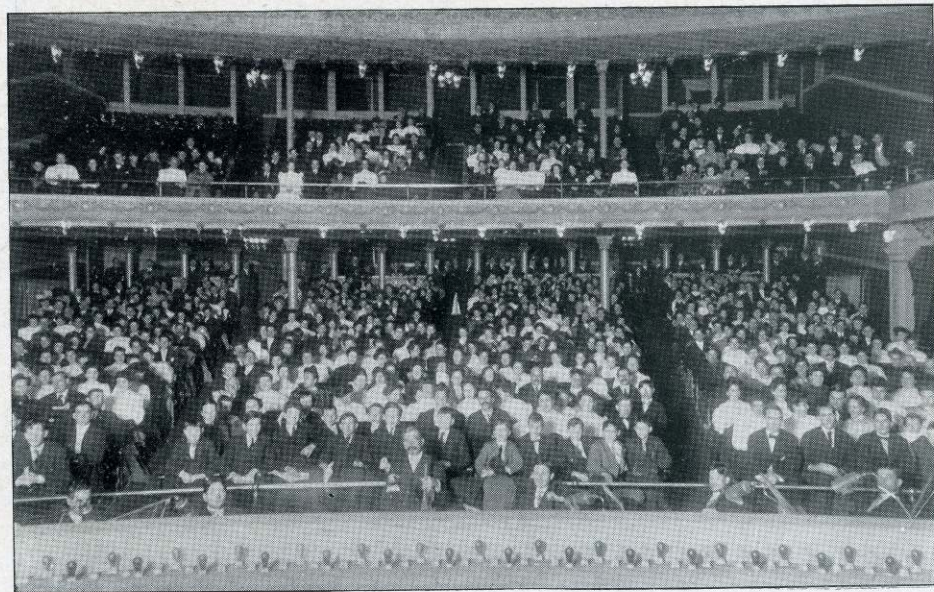
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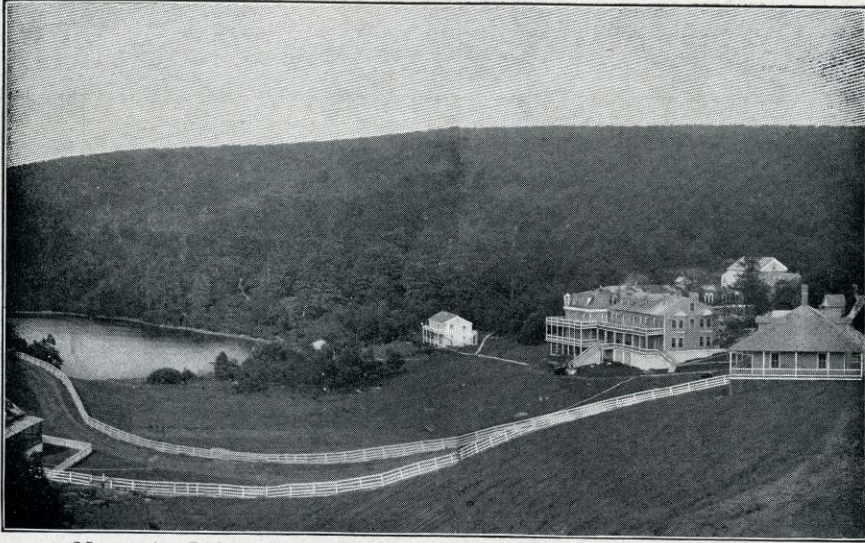
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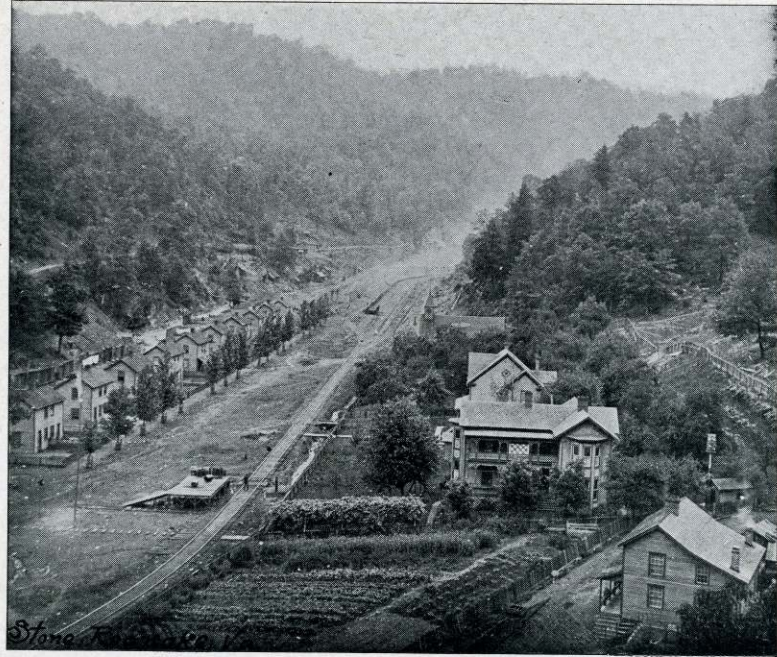
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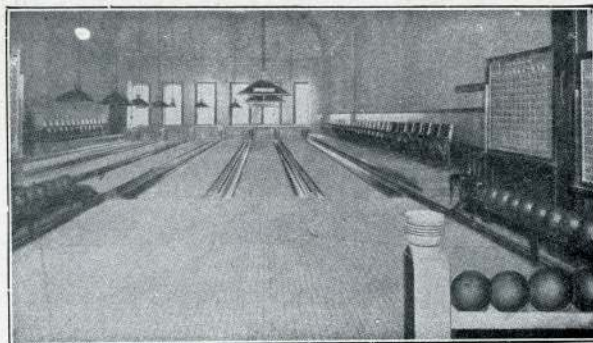
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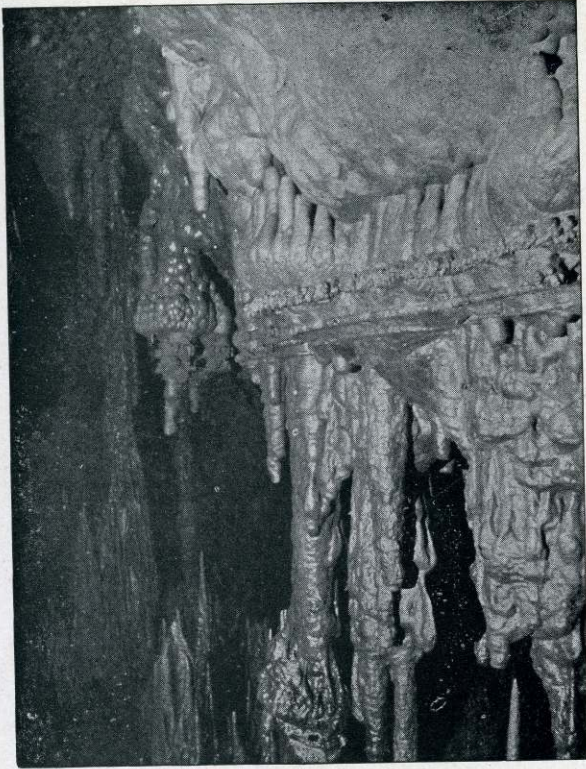
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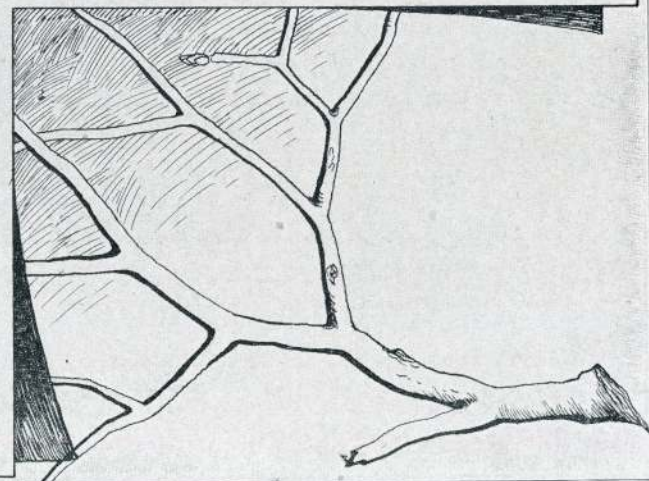
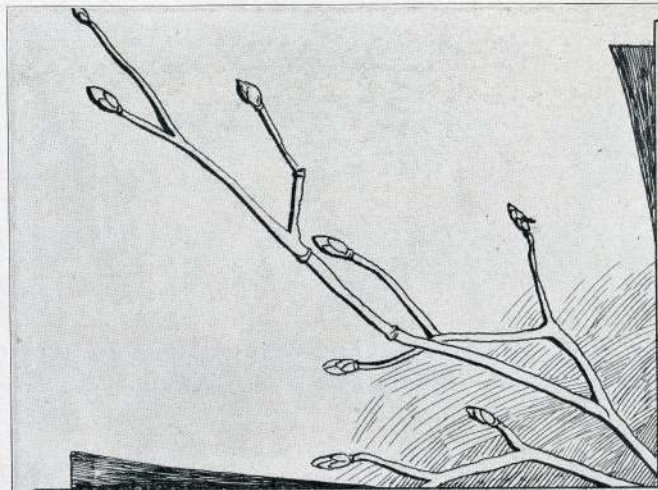
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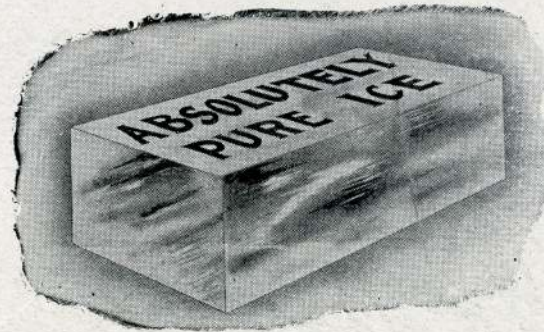
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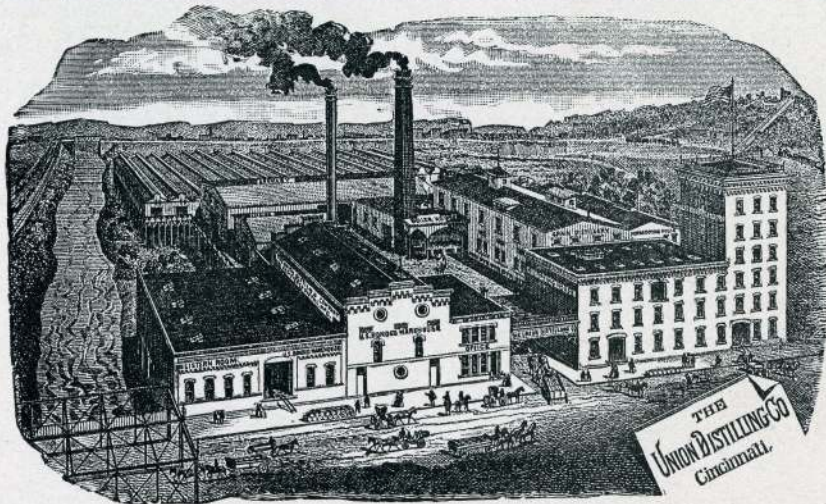
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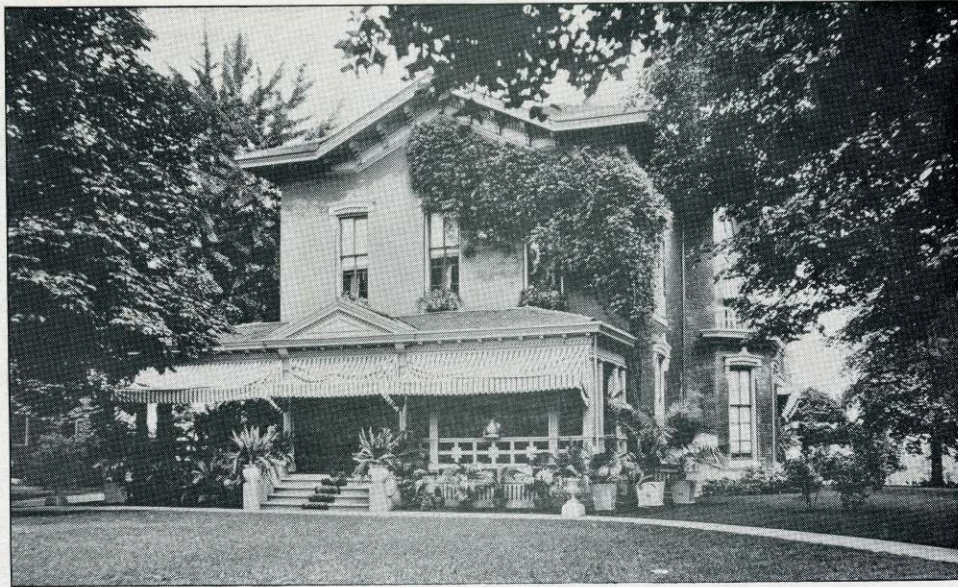
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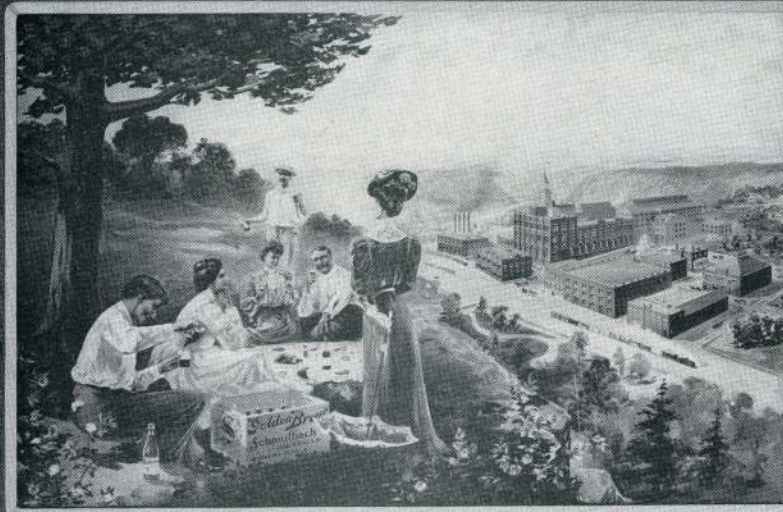
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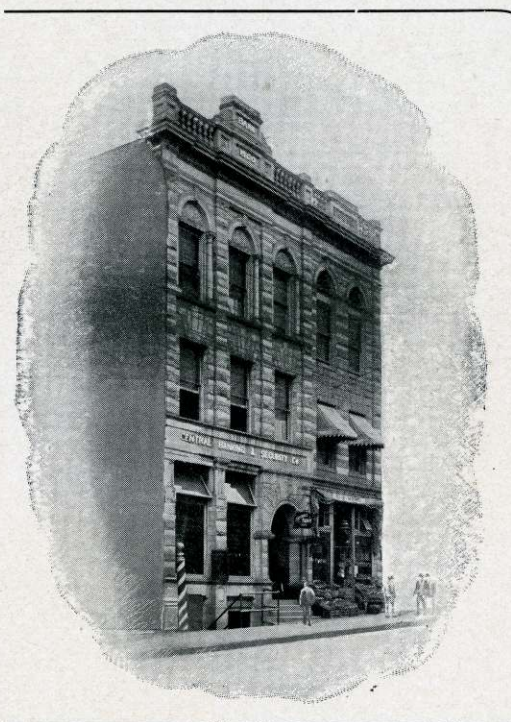
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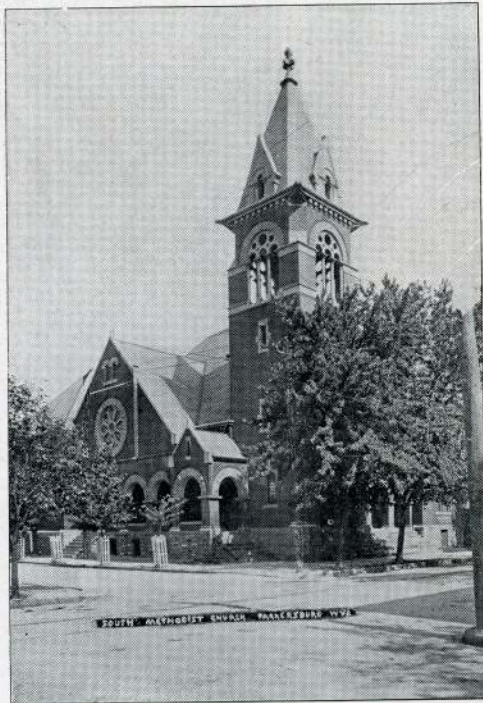
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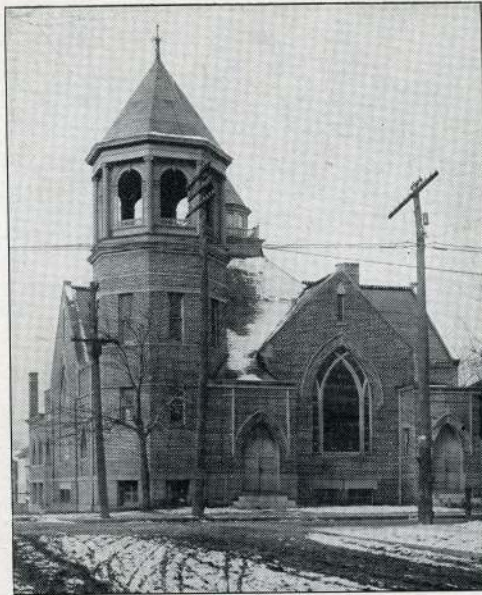
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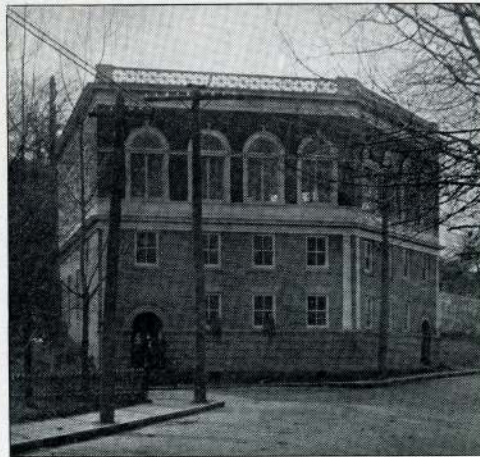
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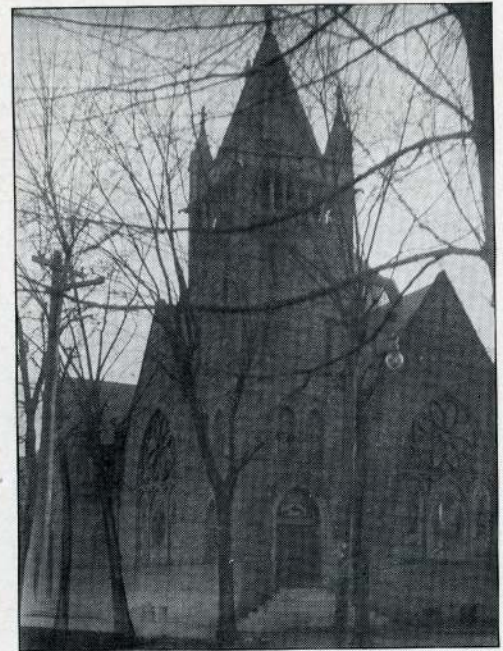
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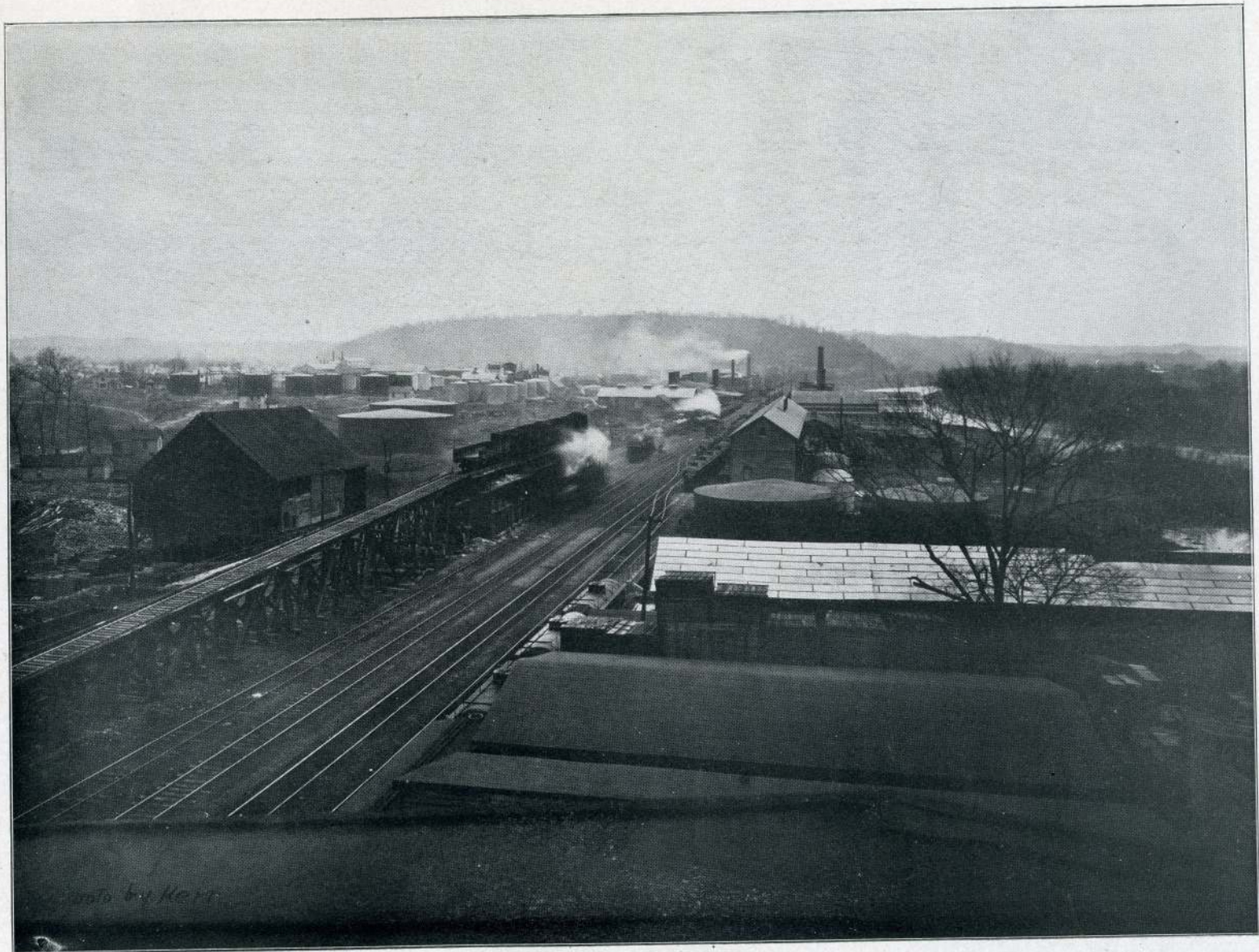
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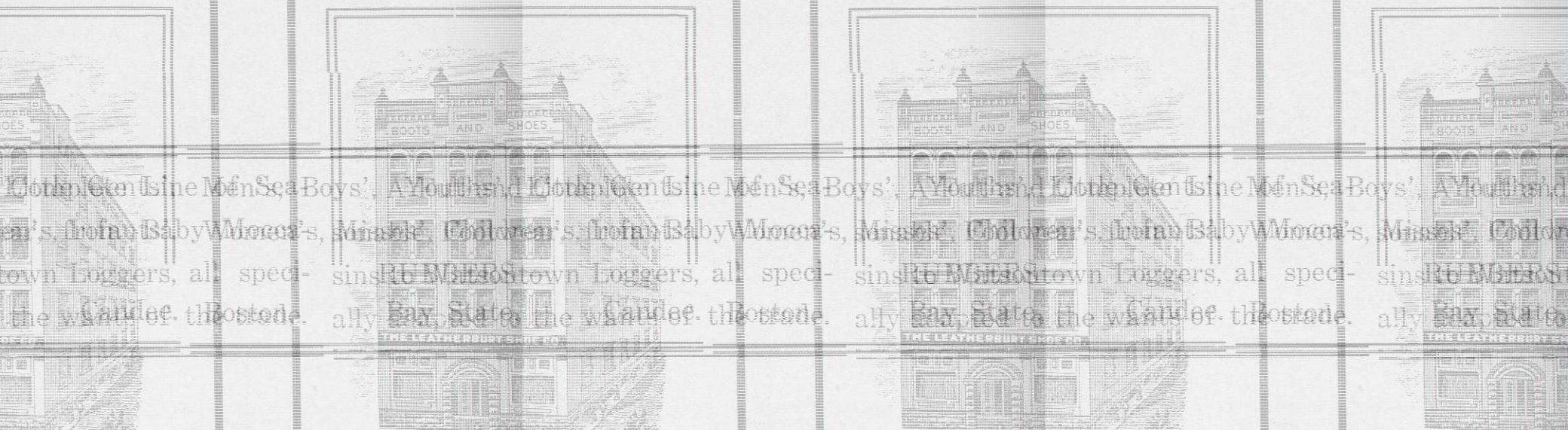
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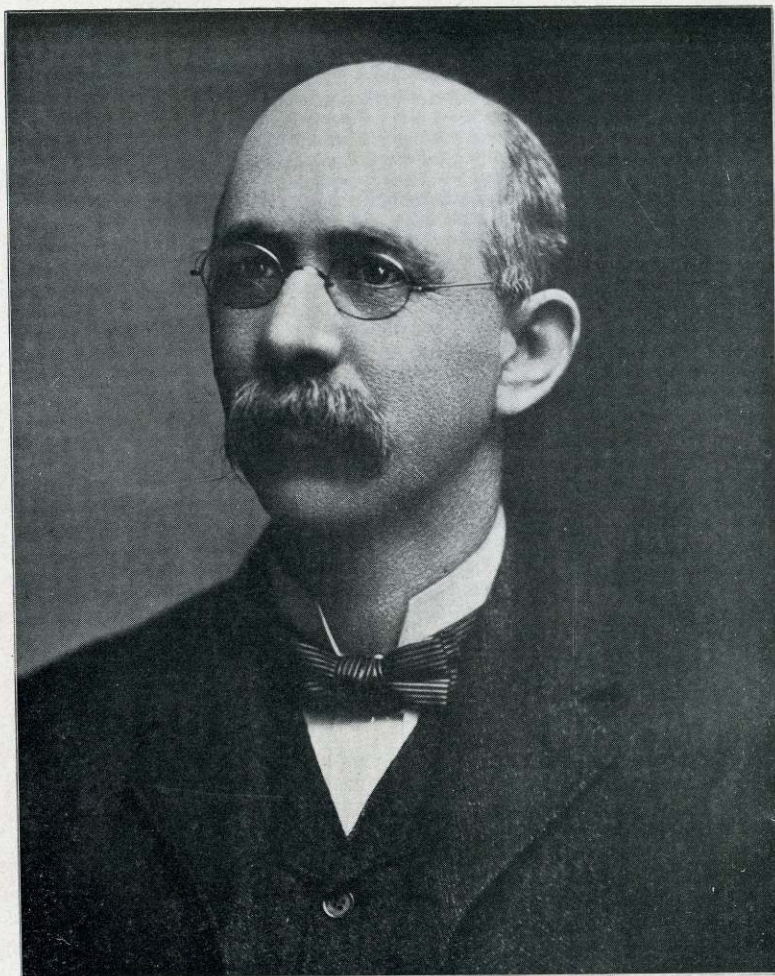
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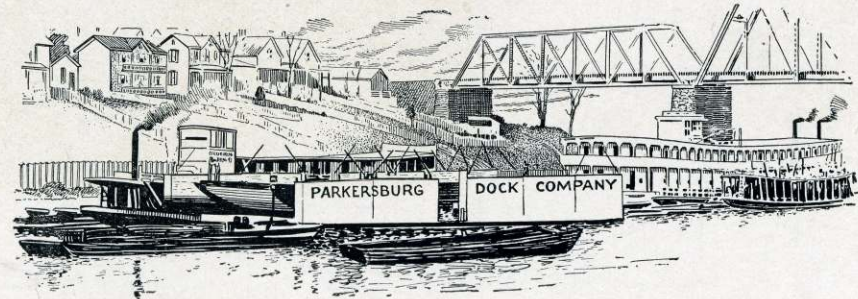
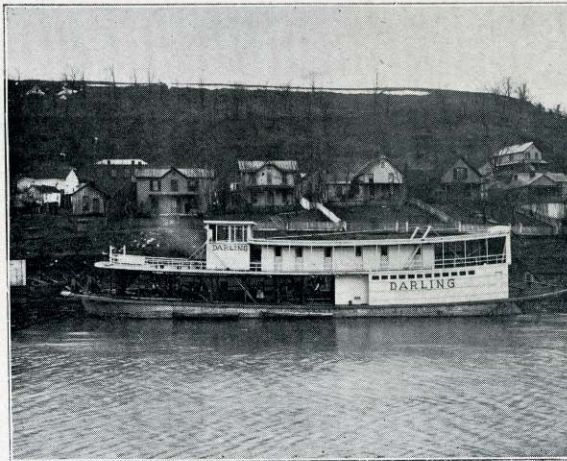
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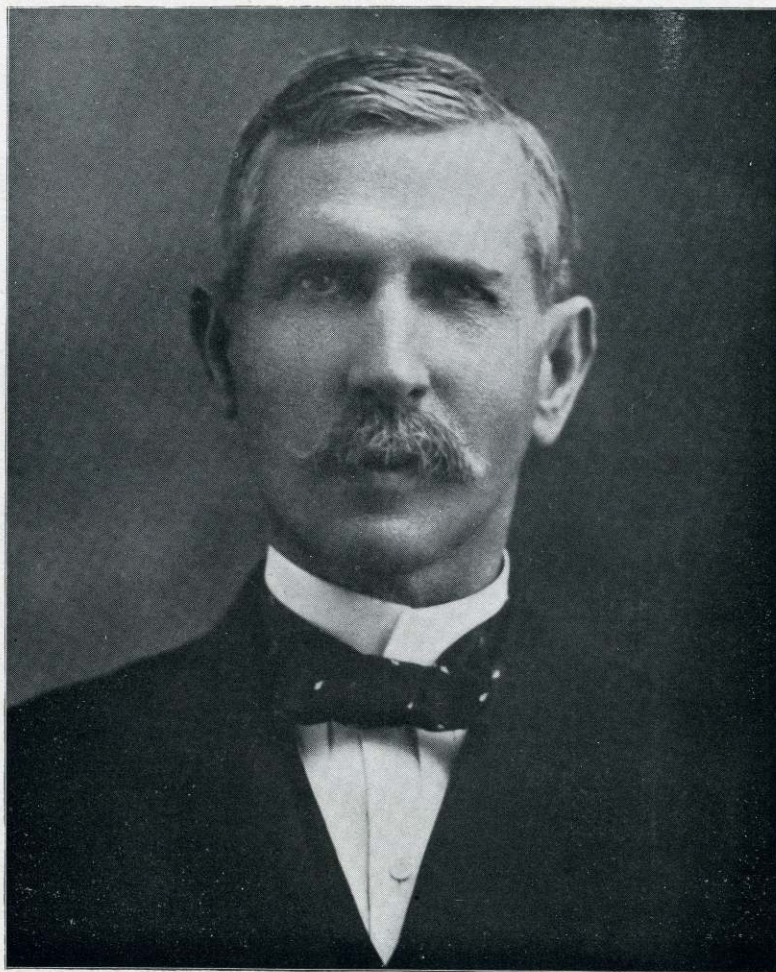
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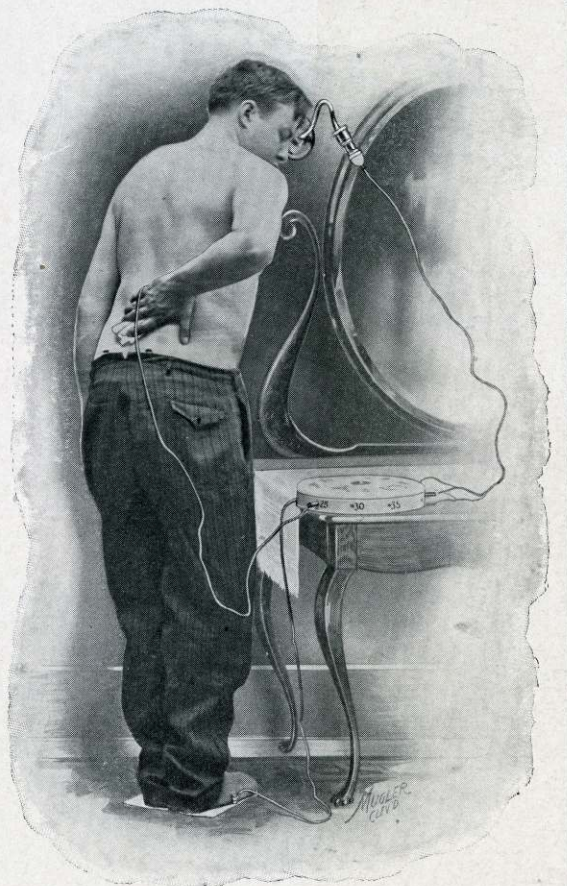
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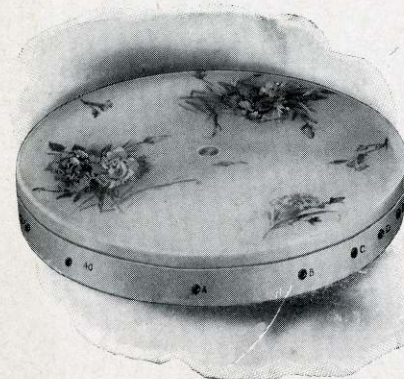


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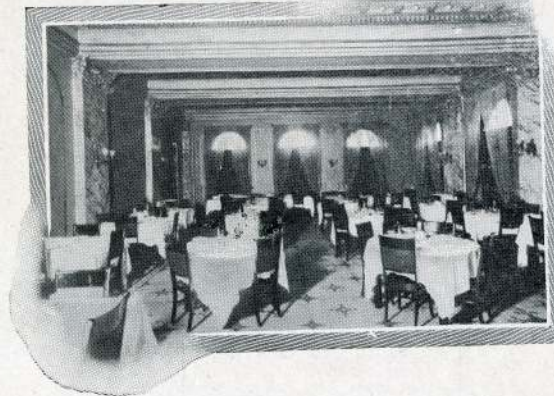
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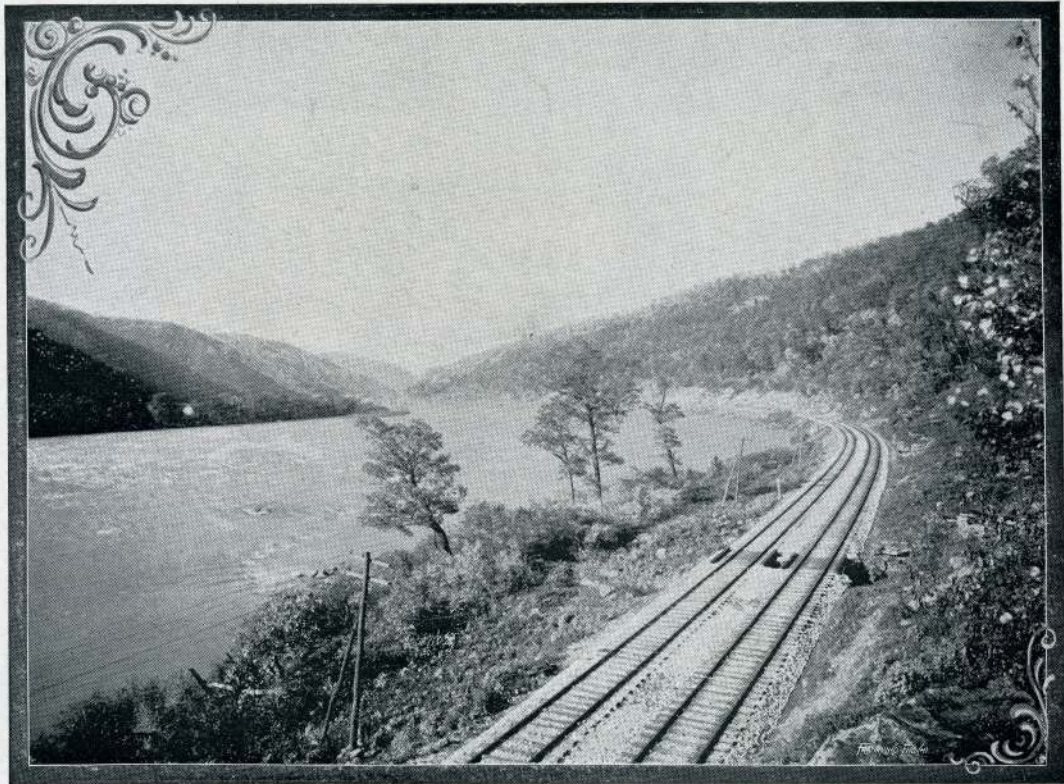


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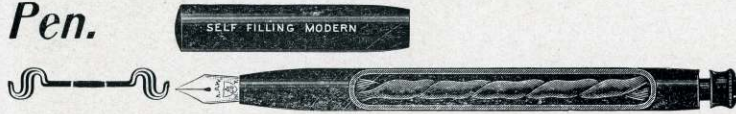
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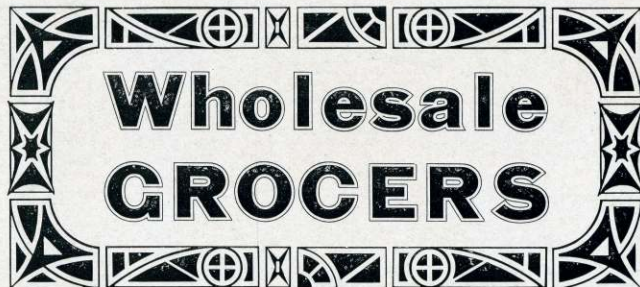
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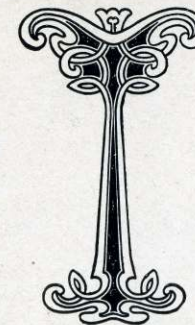
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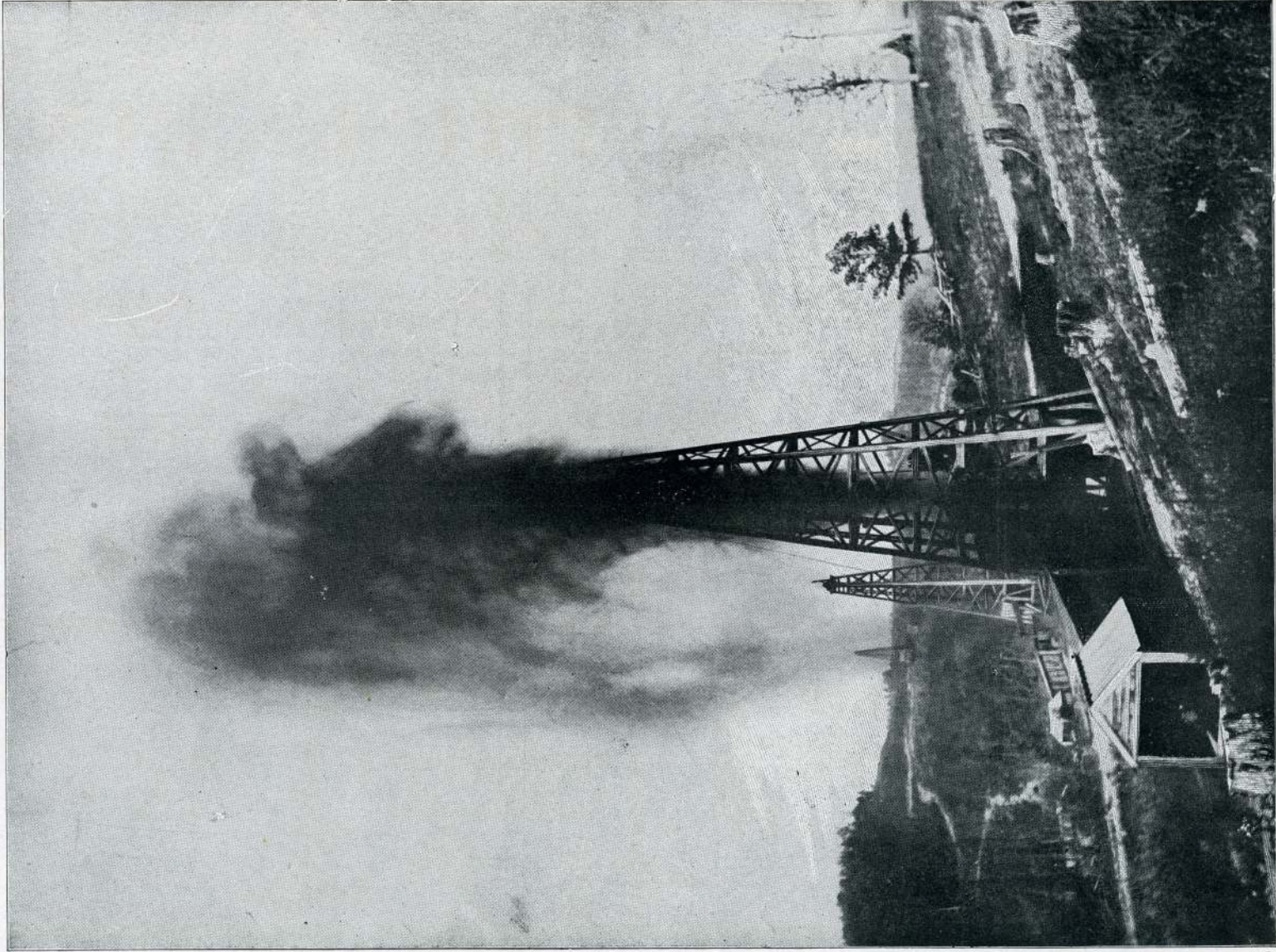
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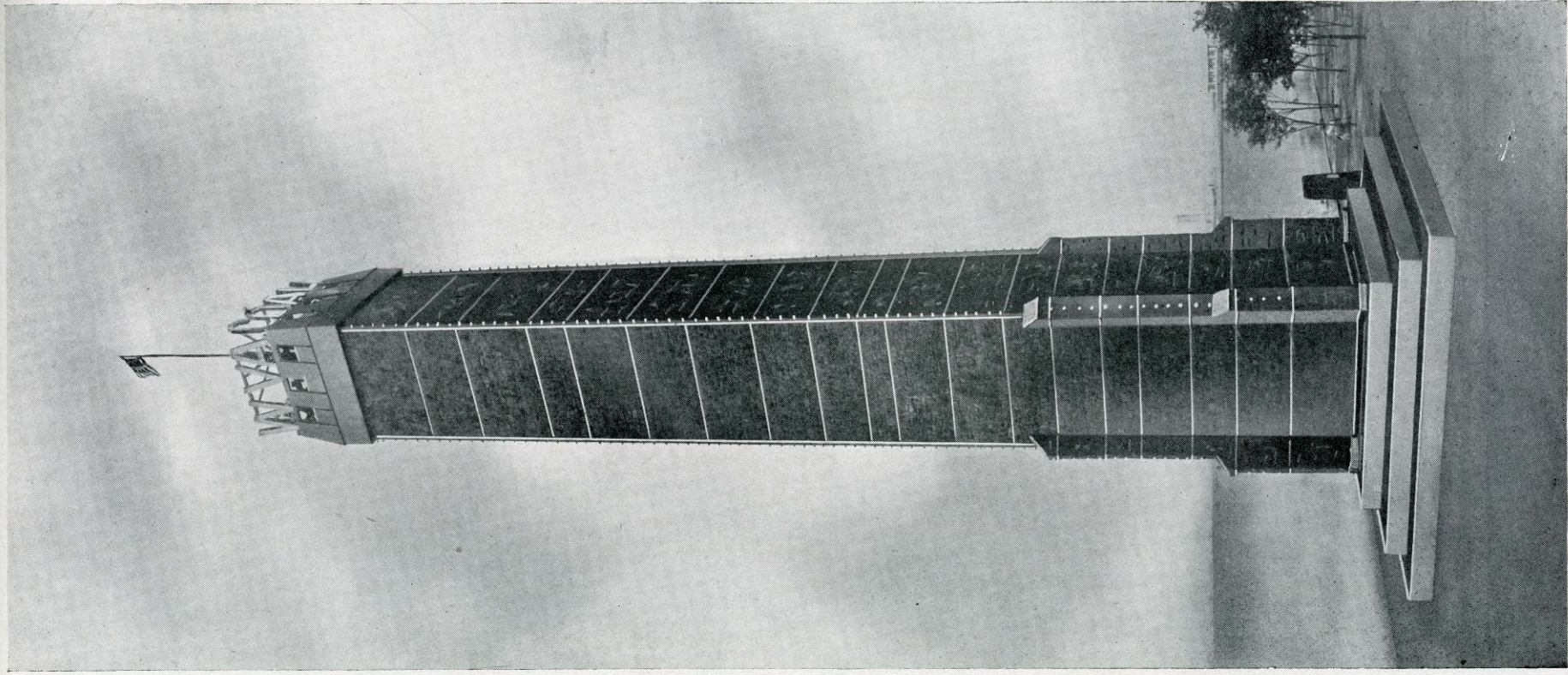
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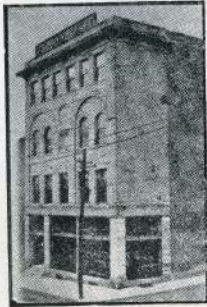
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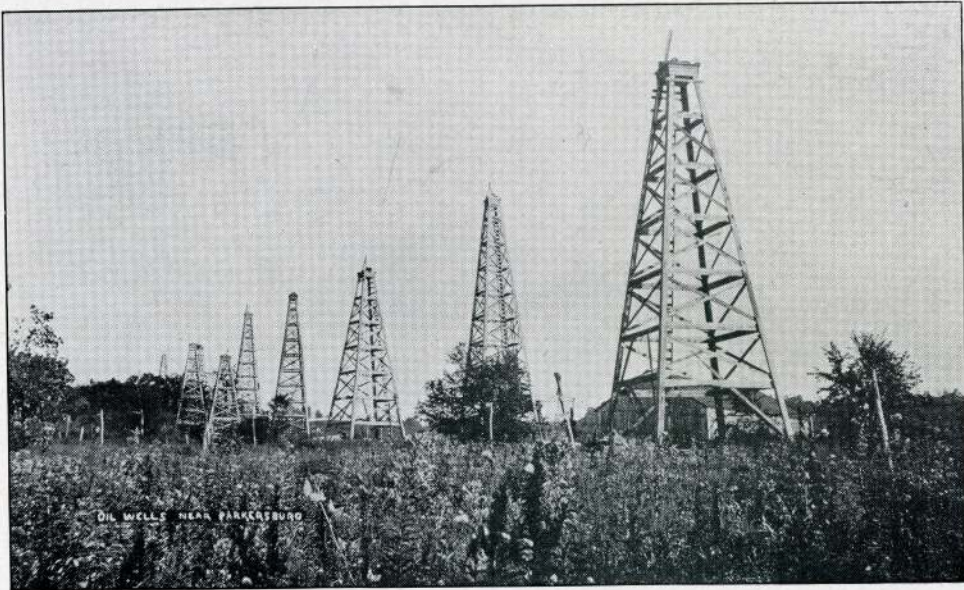
Snow Scene in Parkersburg



Winter Scene on Ann Street, Parkersburg



Scene in Terrapin Park



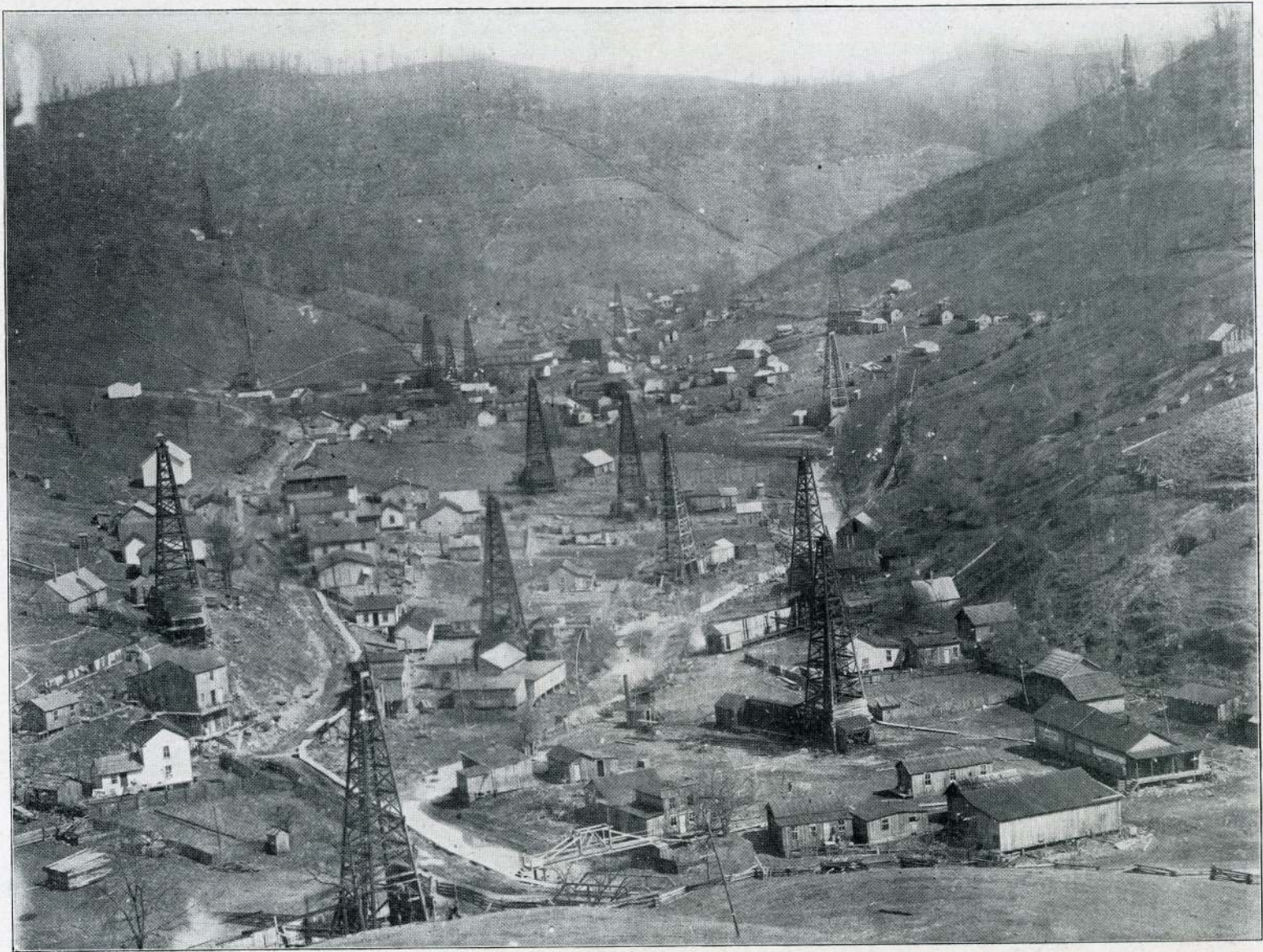
Scene in Oil Field Near Parkersburg



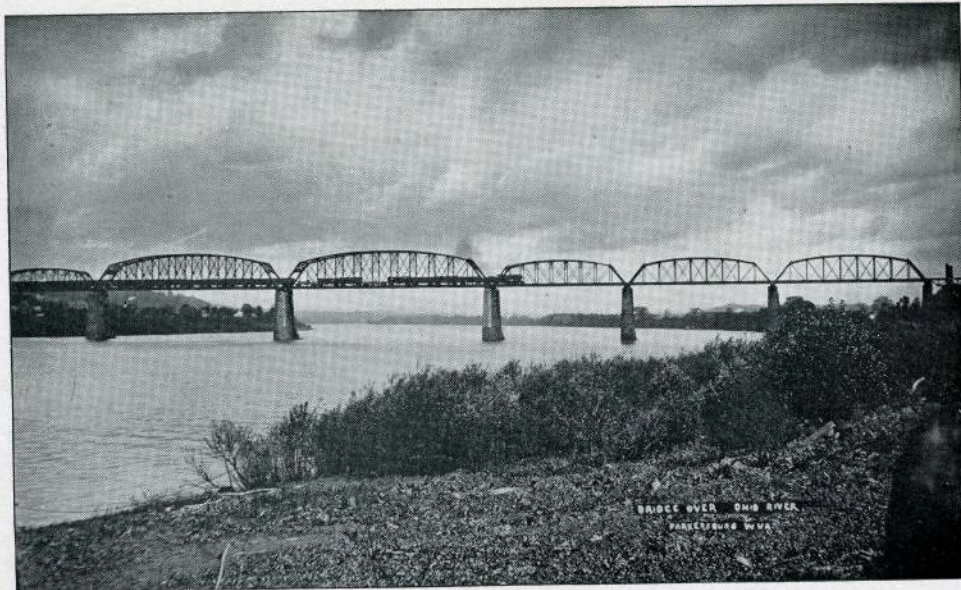
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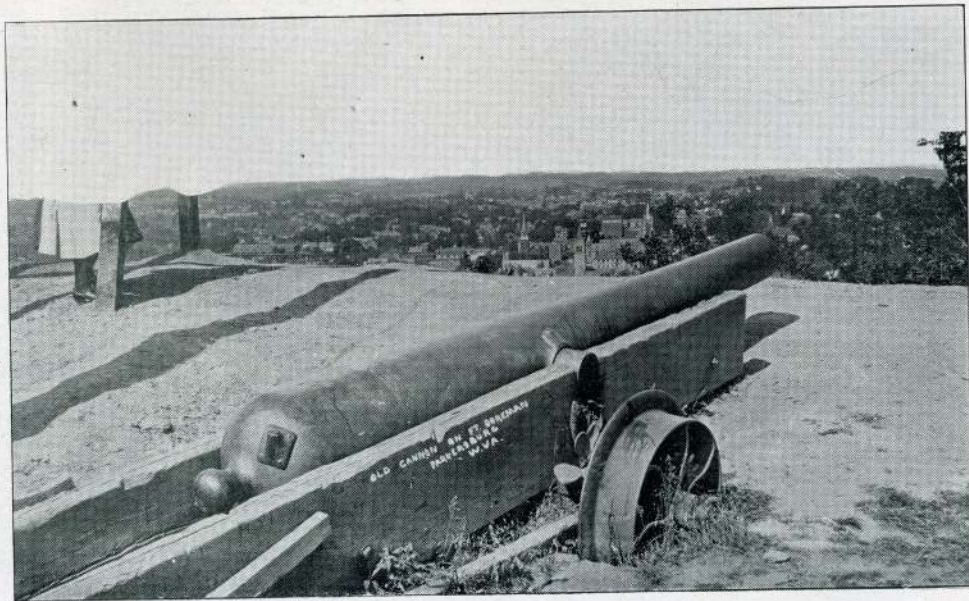
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Typical Oil Field of West Virginia, Stringtown, Tyler Co.



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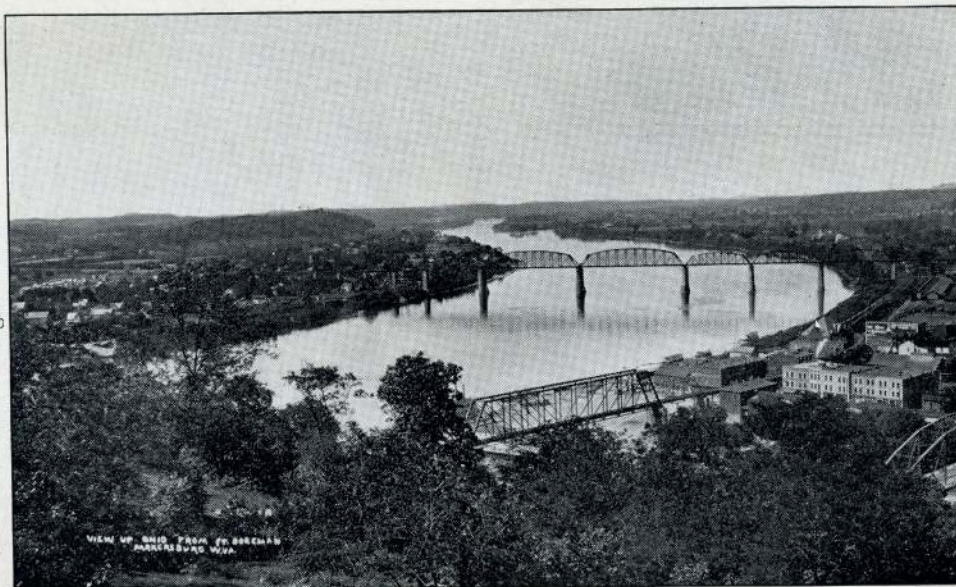
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