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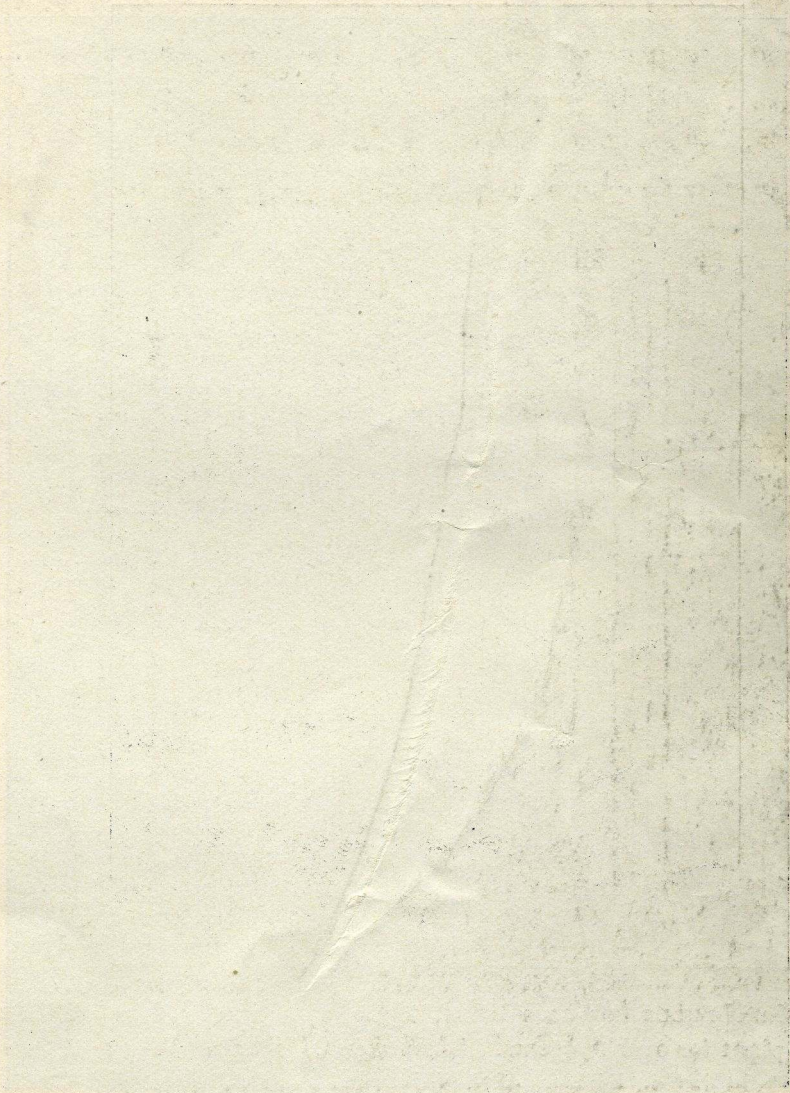
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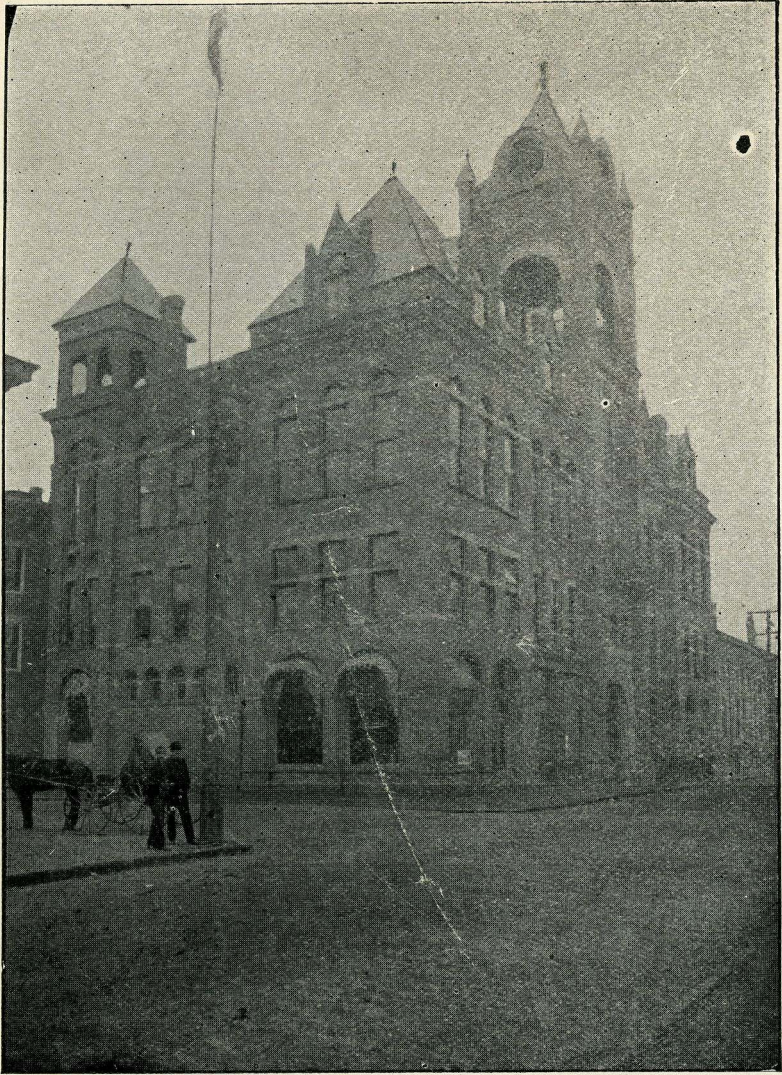
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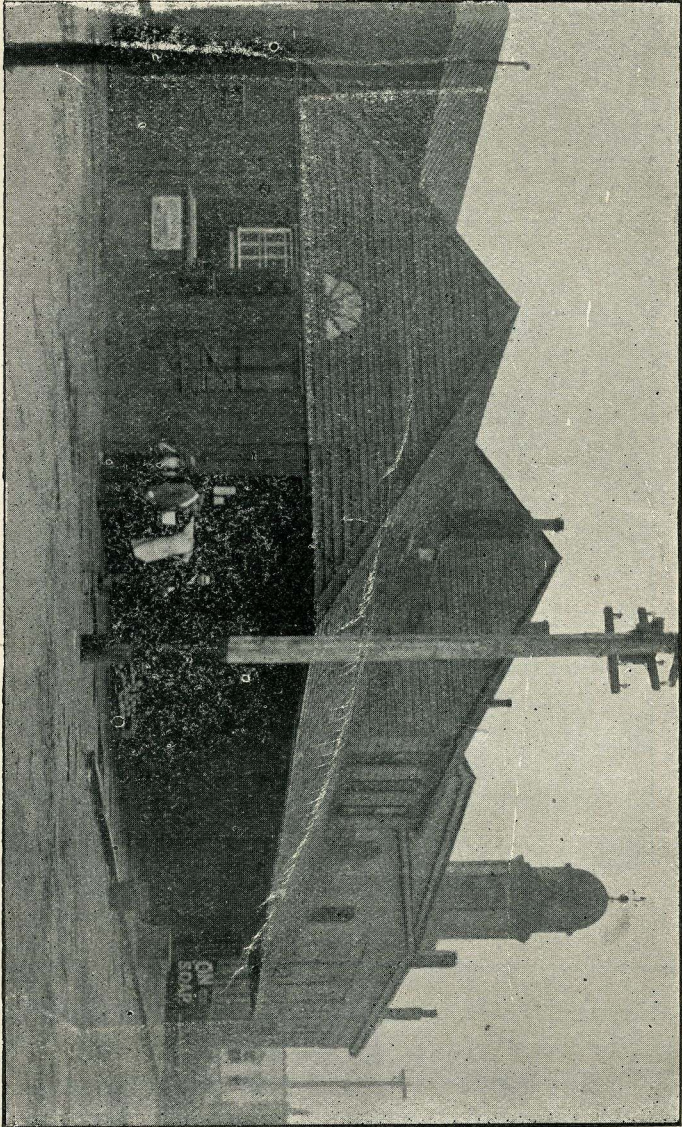
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MR. NEVILLE has been the manager of the Eagle Glass & Mfg. Co.'s plant for over ten years. He is also Secretary of the Eagle Consolidated Oil Co., Director of the Advance Building Association, Chairman of the Executive & Transportation Committees Wellsburg Board of Trade, and probably the largest individual property owner in Wellsburg.

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A STORY OF THE ORIGIN, GROWTH AND PROSPERITY OF
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TERESTS. THE ADVANTAGES OF-
FERED TO MANUFACTURERS
AND HOME-SEEKERS.



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PREFACE.

IN this great, busy country there are many capitalists seeking investment; there are many manufacturers in search of favorable locations—good shipping facilities, cheap fuel and immunity from labor troubles; there are many families seeking homes in localities that offer the advantages of steady employment, good wages, healthful climate, good schools and churches and congenial society. To all these “Industrial Wellsburg” is respectfully dedicated.

This, then, is a history and a description of Wellsburg with special reference to its industries, past and present, and the advantages it offers to capital and labor. It is the story of a community that lived for a hundred years a quiet, peaceful, self-contained and independent agricultural life before it fully awoke to the knowledge that it possessed natural resources of untold wealth. The real awakening came with the first railroad in 1878. Since then Wellsburg has grown, practically unaided by outside capital, from a country village to a manufacturing city second to none in the state, size considered, sending its products to every quarter of the globe.

But, much as has been done in the way of industrial development in the past thirty years, the most valuable natural resources of this locality have scarcely yet been touched, and local labor and capital are inadequate to the task. In the pages which follow an effort will be made to show some of the great possibilities that lie within reach of capital, and the favorable conditions offered to labor.

The earlier industrial history of Wellsburg clearly proves that its citizens were not lacking in enterprise. Glass factories, paper mills, foundries, potteries and woolen mills were started at the beginning of the last century and efforts were made to utilize the abundance of material close at hand, but under difficulties that would discourage the hardiest of modern financiers. Uncertain river navigation and wagon roads afforded the only means of carrying on trade with the outside world, and local demand was easily supplied.

With the incoming of great railroads—the Pennsylvania and the Wabash—the natural barriers to commerce have been removed and Wellsburg only awaits the magic touch of capital and labor, to convert it into a vast store house from which the whole country may be supplied.

For the data used in our article touching on the main points in Wellsburg's early history we are indebted to the late John G. Jacob, author of a valuable history of Brooke county and for fifty years editor of the Wellsburg Herald.

Descriptions of the leading manufacturing and commercial institutions of the city are given in the following pages to show what is being done by Wellsburg capital and Wellsburg labor. But the harvest is great and the laborers are few.

In the hope that “Industrial Wellsburg” will succeed in attracting greater interest in this promising field this volume is respectfully submitted.

THE PUBLISHERS.

You Cannot Win Trade in Wellsburg Without Advertising.

Wellsburg people have become accustomed to looking over their home paper for the store announcements before they start out to buy, and the merchant who neglects to advertise his goods is seriously handicapped in the fight for success, be he already established or just entering the battle. Is it not reasonable to believe that the merchant who draws the attention of the greatest number of people to his stock is the one who has the greatest opportunity to sell?

HERE IS A FACT that we stand ready to prove. The Wellsburg HERALD presents the cheapest and most effective medium through which to tell about the quality, assortment and price of the goods you have to sell. The HERALD, with its daily and weekly editions, goes into TWELVE HUNDRED HOMES in Wellsburg and Brooke county, and STAYS THERE until it is read—and then, perhaps, loaned to a neighbor. The HERALD, therefore, carries your advertisement to at least SIX THOUSAND READERS. Can you conceive of any means by which you could reach this number of readers at a less cost than the advertising rates quoted below:

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Help or Situation Wanted, Lost, Found, For Rent, For Sale, etc., one cent a word first insertion and one-half cent a word each subsequent insertion. **Cash Must Accompany Copy** for all advertisements under this head.

To find the cost of a display advertisement: Multiply the number of inches in depth, single column, you wish your advertisement to occupy by the number of times you wish it to appear. This will give you the total number of inches, which, multiplied by the price per inch, gives you the total cost. **To ILLUSTRATE:** A merchant wishes to run an advertisement five inches deep and two columns wide, or ten inches, for one month, or four times, in the Weekly HERALD; position, run of paper. Ten inches four times equals 40 inches: 40 inches at 6½c an inch equals \$2.60.



WELLSBURG : PAST



A Chapter Relating to the Early History of the City; the Industries by Which it Grew and Flourished and the Men who Created Them.

WELLSBURG, the county seat of Brooke county, and, size considered, the most important manufacturing city in the state, was laid out for a town in 1791, six years before Brooke County was separated from Ohio County. The original plat was laid before the County Court of Ohio County at its January session of 1791 and was named Charlestown in honor of its owner and projector, Charles Prather. The land included in the plat was purchased by Prather in 1788 from John Cox, heir at law of Friend Cox, and William McMahon, attorney for Joseph and John Cox, original white settlers, for £600 English currency. It contained 481 acres, extending from about midway of the bottom (the present Fourth Ward line) southward to Buffalo creek. The town was originally laid off on a rather ambitious scale; the streets and lots extending to and even beyond the top of the hill east of the city. Provision was made for public buildings in 1797 and about that time there seems to have been a great demand for lots, as the records show that they were sold in blocks and entire squares. The lots were $71\frac{1}{2}$ x 110 feet, with 50 foot streets and 10 foot alleys.

The town seems to have grown very rapidly during the first twenty years, and by the close of the war of 1812 it is contemporaneously reported as one of the most important trading and shipping points on the Ohio river, and contained a population of

nearly 1000. In the year of 1816 the name of the town was changed to Wellsburg, by Act of the Legislature. "There is some doubt," says J. G. Jacob, in his Brooke County Record, "whether the new name was in honor of Bazaleel Wells, or of Alexander Wells, the son-in-law of Charles Prather, but probability favors the latter." The reason of the change was the confusion occasioned by there being already a Charlestown on the Kanawha. During succeeding years the town encountered the usual vicissitudes which beset ambitious villages, and its growth up to 1878 was slow. In 1878 the P. W. & Ky. railroad was completed and Wellsburg from that time took on new impetus. From 1880 to 1882 about one hundred new buildings were erected and the population increased about 400. The population, by the official census of 1880 was 1815. From that time until the present the population has increased steadily. The population is now nearly 5000, a majority of whom own their homes and all of whom are employed at good wages if they so desire—but that does not belong in this chapter; we will return to our own history:

Regarding the early industrial development of Wellsburg and vicinity Mr. Jacob in the history previously referred to, says: "The seeker after information pertaining to the material development of this locality in the early days, has a field rich enough in

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which to push his explorations, but woefully wanting in landmarks." However, from his valuable work we have culled a few records of pioneer industries which, we believe, will be of much interest to our present day readers.

The whiskey distilling business seemed to be the chief enterprise during the early years of the past century. There was then, as now, a great demand for the product of the still, and in those days the business was deemed respectable and legitimate. Within three miles of the city the sites of a dozen or more distilleries can be located. On Panther Run, a mile east, are the relics of three large distilleries. The change in sentiment toward the business that has come about in recent years makes it inadvisable for us to say who were the pioneers in this particular industry.

About the year 1811, the glass manufacturing business, now Wellsburg's chief industry, began to attract the attention of local investors. In 1813 Isaac Duval & Company erected a flint glass factory on the lots south of and just opposite the present Riverside Glass Works. Mr. Duval was the father of the late Gen. I. H. Duval, and was a man of enterprise and business acumen. During his life the business prospered, but after his death in 1828, the factory struggled along with indifferent success until 1842 when it was closed with a financial loss to its stockholders. About 1850 efforts to recussitate the business were made, several firms undertaking the business, but with little profit. The story of the remarkable growth of this industry following its revival shortly after the war, is told in the history of the Eagle Glass & Manufacturing Company, Riverside Glass Works, Wellsburg Glass Company, and Union Bottle Works, which, combined, give employment to nearly one thousand people.

Paper making, next in importance to the glass industry, was started here

in 1835. The first mill, built that year, was a brick structure, located near the present S. George, or upper mill. This mill manufactured news print and sold its product mostly to newspapers. The business was started by M'Cluney & Mayhall and was later sold to M'Cluney, Grimes & Co. The mill was well supplied with machinery and manufactured a good grade of paper, but the firm failed to prosper because of lack of capital. The mill burned down in 1848, and in 1851, a new firm, Harvey, Manser & Company, rebuilt it and established a wrapping paper mill.

In 1852 Jones, McCrea & Company built another wrapping paper mill known as the lower mill. They ran it for about five years and then sold out to Harvey, Manser & Company, who abandoned the upper mill and transferred all the machinery to the lower one. In 1876 the mill was purchased by Harvey Brothers who ran it successfully for several years and then sold it to the Harvey Paper Company under whose efficient management it has grown to be one of the city's chief industries.

In 1874 the manufacture of manilla bag paper, another of Wellsburg's great industries, was started in what is now the S. George Paper company's mills, by the late Senator George and William H. Harvey.

The first foundry established in Wellsburg was erected on the site of the Blankensop & Stengle foundry building, in the Second ward, in 1834, by R. and J. Whan. The Whans conducted the business with fair success up until 1850, when the plant was sold to Everett & Blankensop, who made a specialty of manufacturing plows. This concern remained in the control of the Blankensop family, descending from father to son, until three years ago, when Harry Blankensop, the last of the family engaged in the trade, died. The foundry was then closed down and the building has since been converted

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into a sale stable. In 1891, Henry A. Stengle came to Wellsburg and purchased an interest in the Blankensop foundry, the firm becoming Blankensop & Stengle. Under Mr. Stengle's management the firm prospered and many new lines were added. Anticipating the needs of the rapidly growing manufacturing interests, Mr. Stengle severed his connection with the Blankensop foundry in 1901, to establish the Wellsburg Heating, Ventilating & Foundry company. In 1903 this plant burned, and the present Wellsburg Heating & Foundry company's well equipped concern sprung from its ashes. Something of this new and valuable addition to Wellsburg's industries, and

the personnel of the company, is told in another chapter.

In the preceding pages we have endeavored to cover the main points of interest concerning the manufacturing enterprises and industrial development of Wellsburg from the beginning of its municipal existence up to the time where the memory of the present generation begins. In the following pages we will describe Wellsburg's leading manufacturing and business interests as they are today. We had originally intended to devote a chapter to the biographies of the public spirited men to whom Wellsburg owes her present prosperity and secure position in the manufacturing world, but biography opens a field too large for a volume of this size.

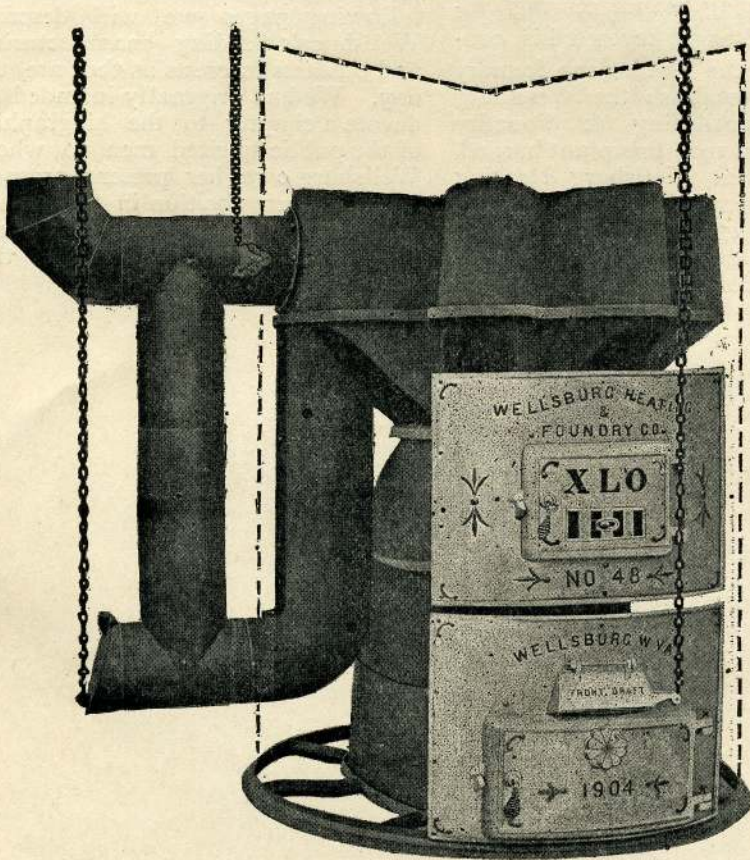
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MANUFACTURERS OF

THE "XLO" WARM AIR FURNACE.



Automatic Flush Range Closets, Heating and Ventilating Appliances, Light and Heavy Gray Iron Castings, Lehr Outfits, Stove and Machine and Brass Castings.

Wellsburg, W. Va.,

- U. S. A.



NATURAL RESOURCES



*An Article Describing the Vast Area of Natural Resources of which
Wellsburg is the Logical Center.*

BY T. W. CARMICHAEL, CASHIER WELLSBURG NATIONAL BANK.

WELLSBURG, Brooke County, West Virginia holds a central location in the Northern Appalachian Coal field: the erosion of the stratification by the frosts and waters of ages has lain bare the face of the Pittsburg vein of coal at a convenient height in the hills for the economical working of this famous fuel, and the same waters in swelling floods have cut a channel known as "The Ohio River" which passes our factories and available factory sites on its way to Cairo where its waters mingle with those of the Father of Waters and go surging on through the Gulf of Mexico and the Isthmian Canal to the Pacific Ocean.

Uncle Sam in his wisdom is now harnessing these floods to give us slack water navigation and the cries, "On to Cairo" and "A Nine foot Channel" are reverberating along the Ohio Valley and over the mountains to the four corners of the halls of congress.

The completion of the Ohio River and Lake Erie Ship Canal will open to us by water a great market for our coal and manufactures in The Great Lake Region, and it will soon be possible to ship the products of Brooke County to North Atlantic points and Europe by water, by this canal.

The foregoing shows our unsurpassed facilities for reaching the markets of the world with our heavy, bulky natural products and it is the cheapness of these same natural products when utilized at Wellsburg which will make

Wellsburg, West Va., a great manufacturing city in the near future.

Of our native products, the most valuable is the coal and we may name second, natural gas; third, the Fire Clay, (New Cumberland veins,) which lie about 350 feet beneath us; fourth, the shales suitable for building and paving brick, and fifth, sharp sand and gravel suited to the manufacture of cement products, and lastly lime stone of very excellent quality which cap our hills above the Pittsburg vein of coal.

We mention these specifically because their cheapness at Wellsburg offer special inducements and advantages to the manufacturers of Wellsburg, and each of the above subjects will be treated fully in turn.

As to coal, we have first, the Pittsburg Vein, known as number 8 of the Ohio Geological Survey, this vein lies about 340 feet higher than the rail road at the mouth of Buffalo Creek and varies in thickness from five to seven feet and is a high grade steam coal which stands handling well and its quality is shown by the following analysis:

COAL NUMBER 8 (The Pittsburg Vein)

Volatile Combustible Matter, ..	36.55
Fixed Carbon,	57.95
Sulphur, ..	2.72
Ash,	4.25
Water,	1.45

At the depth of two hundred and ten feet below the surface at the mouth of Buffalo Creek we have the Freeport

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or Wellsburg Shaft vein. This is a five foot vein of very excellent quality, particularly adapted to iron working where it is desirable to avoid sulphur. We give below the analysis of the shaft vein made by T. G. Wormley, Chemist of the Geological Survey of Ohio.

Volatile Combustible Matter,	31.75
Fixed Carbon,	61.40
Sulphur,	2.07
Ash,	4.70
Water,	1.65
Sulphur left in coke,	1.04

At a depth of 629 feet below the surface we have the No. 1 or Block coal, known in Pennsylvania as "The Sharon," and in Ohio as "The Youngstown Block Coal." Its chief use is in its adaptability for making pig iron; for, owing to its purity, it can be used in the raw state in the blast furnace. It was this coal that supplanted charcoal in the early established blast furnaces in the state of Ohio. The coal is dry burning and hence non-coking. The composition of the coal is shown by the following analysis, or more strictly speaking, the average of six analyses.

Volatile Combustible Matter,	34.37
Fixed Carbon,	58.20
Sulphur,80
Ash,	4.94
Moisture,	4.13

For more than 25 years the furnace men of Ohio used this coal exclusively in their business and while it is practically exhausted within its known area in Ohio, we have here a six foot vein untouched.

This coal is valued highly by blacksmiths and iron workers generally who require a coal comparatively free from sulphur and the time will soon come when capitalists will reach down the 629 feet necessary to mine this coal on account of its superior adaptability to the working of iron and steel, and in consideration of the further fact that Connellsville Coking Coal is worth \$1,200.00 per acre.

The depth of 629 feet for shafting is a common thing in England and is

just as practical here, and the steadily advancing price of Connellsville coal and coke will soon make the mining of this deep vein of natural furnace fuel a practical and profitable proposition, and Wellsburg, West Virginia will be the center of its development.

When the presence of this fuel becomes generally known to iron and steel manufacturers there will be an immediate demand for the acreage in which it is found.

With all our wealth of coal, our manufacturers are using natural gas for fuel for which they pay 10 to 15 cents per thousand according to amount used. We are supplied by the Tri-State Gas Co., of Pittsburg which is a large, wealthy and responsible corporation which has given us a steady, full supply for many years, with prospect of a supply for many years to come.

We have our coal reserves to fall back on when the time comes when the gas will fail and this locality will be benefited by the incoming army of coal miners who will dig the fuel which will supply the heat units now furnished by natural gas. There is a strong possibility that artificial coal gas will be made right at the coal beds of Brooke County, West Virginia, and piped in the same pipes now used for natural gas, and experiments are now being made with the view of mixing the manufactured coal gas with the natural gas so that the use of the latter will be prolonged and the process of manufacturing the former will be so perfected that we will change gradually from natural to coal gas, of which we will have a never ending supply, without realizing the change. We can do this by reason of the cheapness of our coal which can now be bought at from \$60 to \$100 per acre and there are in a single acre Five thousand tons of coal. The coal gas plant can be located right at the mouth of the coal mine so that the gas can be produced at the minimum cost, the pipes already laid will con-

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duct this gas to the market and the pressure will be supplied by improved gas pumps which can be had at moderate cost.

We ask manufacturers to compare the above prices for fuel to the cost of the fuel now used by them.

We have the material at a practical working depth beneath us which can be easily reached by ordinary shafting at a depth of 335 to 350 feet for making buff and grey building brick, common fire brick, vitrified fire clay pavers, sewer pipe, building blocks and terra-cotta in all its forms, the material referred to is in the same vein of fire clay which is used in New Cumberland, West Va., and Toronto, Ohio in the manufacture of the articles above referred to.

This vein of fire clay is at this point from eight to fifteen feet thick and is overlaid with a five foot vein of coal. The same vein of coal at New Cumberland is only about thirty inches thick and is not as good in quality as here. We have not only the material with which to make the products referred to, but we have also the fuel lying in the same bed to burn it with. New Cumberland and Toronto must have their coal shipped to them from Wellsburg thus adding an extra freight rate to the cost while Wellsburg has both without the freight cost.

The clay products business has not been started here yet and most of our own citizens are ignorant of the favorable conditions we have for opening up that industry but investigation will show that at a cost of about \$12,000, a shaft can be sunk and put in working shape which will have the capacity for hoisting the clay material for five plants making building brick, paving brick, terra cotta, sewer pipe and clay specialties.

This great body of clay and coal which is known in the Ohio Geological Survey as Number 3 or the Clay Coal and accompanying fire clay is practically unknown here and we don't appreciate its value, and our atten-

tion is only called to it when the drill penetrates it when drilling our oil and gas wells. It is 335 feet below the surface at Lazearville, or the Fourth Ward of Wellsburg and it was found in its full development in the James Brennan Well which was drilled by George Given, the veteran oil-king, several years ago.

A new industry has sprung up in recent years which consumes vast quantities of sand and gravel—we refer to the cement products industry which is getting a foothold in our community. We have immense gravel and sand banks in the vicinity of Wellsburg, which furnish the material for these products and as the community grows, the cement products business will keep apace with it and enlarge and improve on the lines already laid out.

The sand-lime brick business is another new and successful industry which should thrive in this locality on account of the large quantities of sharp river sand in the banks along the river bottoms.

We have veins of lime stone in our hills suitable for fluxing iron,—for burning for building purposes and for crushing for road making.

Wellsburg is destined to become a steel and iron manufacturing point because of the fact that we are midway between the ore from the lakes and the coke from Western Pennsylvania, and because of our location on Dam Number Eleven, Ohio River, and further because of the steam coal which lays practically in the coal bin of the manufacturer.

We ask manufacturers to figure the cost of the fuel they are now using and compare it with \$1.05 per ton, the price of run of mine coal at Wellsburg delivered f. o. b. cars at our works. Compare your fuel cost also with 85 cents, per ton, which is the cost to those who are so fortunate as to locate where they own their own mines and can dump their fuel without rail road charge in their own bins.

WELLSBURG HEATING & FOUNDRY COMPANY.

THE WELLSBURG HEATING & FOUNDRY COMPANY is one of the flourishing industries of Wellsburg. Mr. Henry A. Stengle, the well known foundry man, came to our city in 1891 and engaged in the foundry business with Mr. Blankensop. The plant was located at the corner of Queene and High Streets. They built up a nice trade. In 1901 Mr. Stengle withdrew from the business and built a new foundry in Lazearville. Later his business was merged with The Heating, Ventilating & Foundry Co., with main office in Pittsburg, Pa. The new company were offered inducements to locate at Elm Grove, W. Va., which were accepted. During the construction of the Elm Grove plant the Lazearville plant was destroyed by fire. The new venture did not prove successful, and soon went into the hands of a receiver. Mr. Stengle, with a few of his friends, purchased the Lazearville site and constructed a new foundry in the spring of 1904. The incorporators were Messrs. H. A. Stengle, J. G. W. Davies, Wm. Marsh, A. C. Marsh, and Chas. A. Stengle. Early in the fall of 1904 E. H. Rider, Manager of The Stanton Heater Company, of Martins Ferry, O., associated with the Company and brought with him as the leading specialty of the manufactured product an all cast iron Warm Air Furnace of his own invention, which has already proven itself worthy of an exalted position in the Heating world.

The Company is chartered under the laws of West Virginia with capital, \$25,000.00. Directors: Henry A. Stengle, J. G. W. Davies, Wm. Marsh, A. C. Marsh, and E. H. Rider. Officers: Henry A. Stengle, President and Manager; A. C. Marsh, Vice President and Superintendent; J. G. W. Davies, Treasurer, and E. H. Rider, Secretary.

The Warm Air Furnace is known as the XLO and embodies special features which places it far above the average. It has been under severe

test for five years and has proven to be even better than the most sanguine hopes of the inventor. Some of the special features may be briefly described as follows:—The ash box is large and deep. The grate is unique, is easily operated, strong and durable. It can be placed and removed in a few minutes. The fire pot is specially worthy of mention. It is neither round nor square, larger at the bottom than at the top. It can not clog up with fine ashes or cinders and hence is most effective with a small amount of fuel. It is so shaped that expansion and contraction from heat and cold can not warp or crack it, thus entirely eliminating the most objectionable feature of warm air furnaces. The method of construction and packing the joints makes it gas, smoke and dust proof.

The feed section is so constructed that the intense heat produced by the fire pot is augmented before passing into the radiating dome. The radiating dome is constructed upon scientific lines and is large and self-cleaning. The indirect draft extends from top of dome to bottom of fire pot. The heat units are practically all absorbed before passing into the smoke outlet. The casing is double with one inch air space between.

The outside casing remains cool and does not heat the cellar. Quite a large number have been installed and all users speak of it in the highest terms.

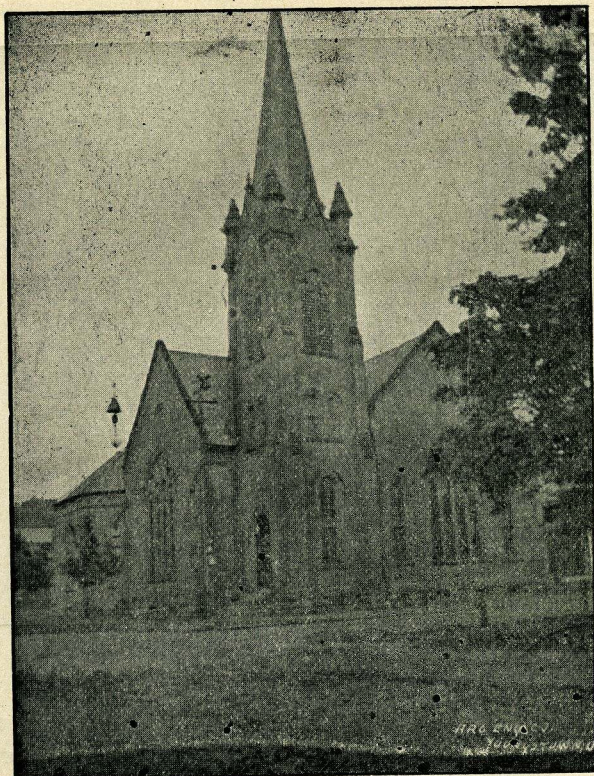
The Company installs their system using their own experienced men in near by localities or where they have no regular furnace dealers. They guarantee their entire system for a term of five years while others guarantee for one year.

A postal card addressed to the Company will bring a copy of their catalog or a representative to give you an estimate. Their methods of installation are perfect and their prices very reasonable. Besides the warm air furnace they manufacture a high class cheap automatic flush range closet system for schools and other public buildings.

The Company also does a general foundry business in light and heavy gray iron castings, Glass moulds, Lehr outfits, Machine and stove repair castings, also brass castings. They keep an expert pattern maker and are prepared to take care of anything in the general foundry business.

Their advertisement appears on another page.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

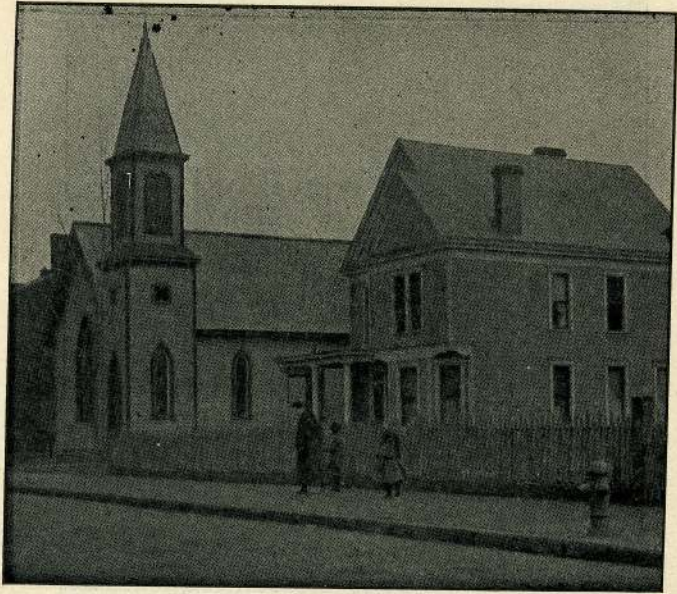


THE first Presbyterian Church was the third religious organization in Wellsburg. From April, 1835, to May, 1839, before an organization was effected, the few Presbyterian families attended preaching services in the old Court House, once in three weeks. Rev. David Harvey, who at that time was pastor of the lower Buffalo Church, supplied the preaching. In 1839 a petition was presented to the Presbytery of Washington, asking for an organization. In answer to this request Rev. David C. Hervey and Daniel Derwell were appointed a committee to effect an organization. On November 29th of that year this committee organized the Church with twenty members, two of whom, Smiley Johnson and Stephen Caldwell,

were chosen and ordained ruling elders. The first house of worship was built in 1840. It was a plain, substantial building and occupied until the flood of 1884, when it was badly damaged, and was removed to give place to the present handsome edifice. The church supports Rev. Waite, missionary in China, and partially supports a mission in Montana.

The following ministers have served either as ministers or stated supplies. Revs. David Harvey, Samuel Fulton, G. M. Hair, Thomas M. Newell, E. Quillan, J. M. Smith, Nathaniel Conklin, Dr. William Robinson, M. A. Parkinson, R. T. Price, R. R. Moore, Jonathan Cross, W. Wright, W. A. Markey, J. D. Walkinshaw, R. M. Brown, D. W. Shields, Samuel Cochrane, Chas. H. McDonald.

CHRIST'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH.



CHURCH AND PARSONAGE.

THE first Episcopal Church built in Wellsburg, known as "The Old Swamp Church, was erected in about 1839, on the site of the present McCleary building.

As far back as 1800 Rev. Dr. Doddridge held divine services in Brooke Academy. On Cross Creek, about nine miles from Wellsburg, is situated what is known as St. John's, one of

the oldest Churches in the country. The original house was erected at the close of the last century at the instance of Dr. Joseph Doddridge, who organized a parish there about 1793.

The '84 flood destroyed the Wellsburg Church, and in 1885 a handsome new building was erected.

In 1897 the rectory was completed and occupied by the vestry.

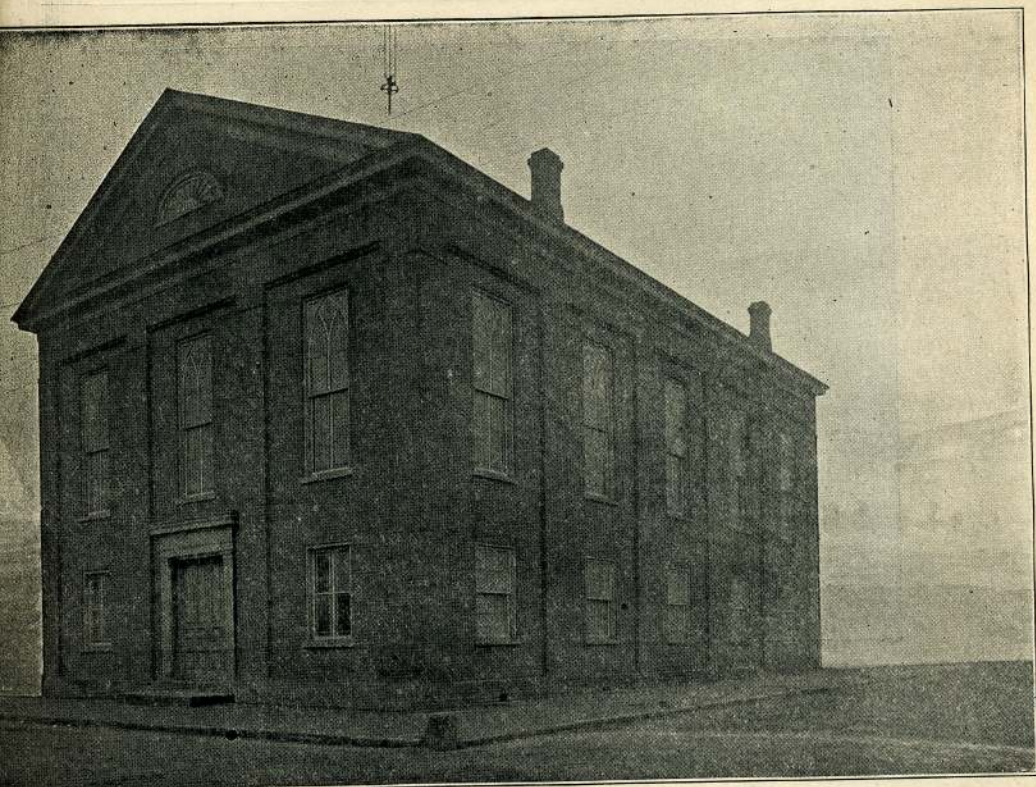
ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH.

THE Catholic Church on Commerce street was built about 1854, part of the funds being raised by subscription. The house was dedicated by Bishop Whelan, of Wheeling.

Father Basil was the first officiating priest. He was succeeded by Father Huber, who labored with the Church

for thirty years. Prior to building the Church, they met for church at the homes of the members. Father Reynolds ministered to the flock for a number of years, and was succeeded by Father Duffy, under whose efficient ministry the Church has become a great power for good.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.



IT is not definitely known when Methodism was first introduced into Wellsburg, but as far back as 1779 history records that men under appointment of the Baltimore Conference labored successfully in Western Virginia, and it was noted of these early ministers that they did not long neglect a new settlement, so their ministrations must have begun here at a very early date. The first edifice of the Methodist Episcopal Church was erected about 1815, and was succeeded by the present commodious structure thirty-eight years later. The congregation grew rapidly and soon became one of the most prominent appointments in the Pittsburg Conference.

In the formation of the West Virginia Conference from the Pittsburg Conference, the Wellsburg Society was retained in the latter body. Two sessions of the Pittsburg Conference have been held in Wellsburg, one in 1832, and the other in 1847.

This church has ever been a power for good in the community, numbering among its members many of the men prominent in the affairs of the city, state and nation. On its roll of pastors are the names of many who have stood high in the Pittsburg Conference, and whose labors have been greatly blessed.

During the year 1866, the Centennial year of American Methodism, the "Centenary Subscription" of this congregation reached the sum of \$644.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH.



THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

THIS Church was originally composed, according to record, of 34 members dismissed for this purpose from the Church of Brush Run, Washington County, Pa., then a branch of the Redstone Baptist Association, some from the Baptist Church on Cross Creek, Brooke County, W. Va., and a few others. All these having been baptized by immersion into Christ, assuming the New Testament as their only rule of faith and practice, united together in one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and discarding all creeds and confessions of faith except the above, met for worship in the "Brick Meeting House" in the upper end of Wellsburg. This meeting-house was built by the aid of collections raised by Alexander Campbell while on a trip east for that purpose at the close of the year 1814 and be-

ginning of 1815. The congregation then formed has kept up an organization ever since its formation, and it enjoys the distinction of being the oldest congregation of Disciples in existence. It has ever since its organization been a wonderful power for good in the community, and has enjoyed the good fortune of having as regular pastor or otherwise most of the pioneers in the movement that resulted in the foundation of the religious body known as "Disciples of Christ," among them being Thomas Campbell, Alexander Campbell, Walter Scott and Barton W. Stone.

The present church building was erected in 1848. In 1898 a handsome parsonage was built.

Through the efficient management of its present officers the church enjoys immunity from debt.

FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES.



WELLSBURG Aerie No. 806, Fraternal Order of Eagles was instituted August 3, 1904, with seventy-one charter members. Since its institution the order has enjoyed a hearty growth, financially, in the favor of the community, and in membership. Though but eight years old, the Fraternal Order of Eagles has a membership of over 200,000, among whom are the most distinguished men of America. Theodore Roosevelt, president of the United States, Senators, members of Congress, and lawyers of national prominence are among its members.

This order represents in the highest form the true democracy of fraternalism. Its creed is simple, and each Eagle, wherever located, is the equal of every other, avocation, wealth or religion having no influence on one's standing.

Some of the benefits of the order may be summed up as follows:

First: Every member of the Order is entitled to the attendance of the Aerie physician, both for himself and his family, free of charge in all cases of sickness, except obstetrics.

Second: A sick member is entitled to receive from the general fund of

the Aerie \$7 a week during ten weeks of such disability.

Third: The attention of visiting committee, whose duty it is to call upon him daily and render such assistance as he may require.

Fourth: Any member in distress or needy circumstances has the right to apply to any Aerie of the order, and they are bound to render such help as may be authorized by the Aerie of which he is a member.

Fifth: In the case of the decease of a member, the Aerie immediately pays into the hands of his family a sufficient sum with which to defray funeral expenses.

Sixth: The monthly dues are placed at a figure within the reach of all.

Seventh: The social feature of the order is one of great attractiveness, being new and up-to-date in every particular.

The officers of Wellsburg Aerie are as follows: District Deputy Grand President, W. G. Russell; Past Worthy President, George Patterson; Worthy President, Dr. A. A. Roberts; Worthy Vice-President, C. H. Robinson; Aerie Physician, Dr. J. B. Walkinshaw; Worthy Chaplain, Thos. J. Lacey; Worthy Secretary, L. M. Reffner; Worthy Treasurer, Geo. A. Barth; Worthy Conductor, Samuel Melvin; Inside Guard, Joseph M. Faherty; Outside Guard, Samuel M. Warden; Worthy Trustees, Edward J. Mallory, Fred L. Letzkus and A. B. Noland.

ANCIENT ORDER OF UNITED WORKMEN.

FRIENDSHIP LODGE No. 24,

A. O. U. W. was instituted on January 8th, 1893, and has paid out in death claims alone, since its organization, \$13,000. In every instance the money has been paid over to the beneficiary within three days after the death of the member.

The order is a fraternal, charitable beneficial and benevolent Society organized for the promotion of the welfare, social and fraternal, of its members, and the protection of those dependent upon them.

The objects of the Lodge are briefly set forth in the following paragraphs:

1. To unite white male persons regardless of nationality, political preference or denominational distinction, into a Fraternal Brotherhood, the members of which recognize and believe in the existence of a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe.

2. The adoption of such secret work and means of recognition as will enable the members to make themselves

known to each other wherever the Order may exist.

3. To embrace and give equal consideration to all classes and kinds of labor, mental and physical: to endeavor to improve the moral, intellectual and social condition of the members, and by wholesome precepts and fraternal admonitions to inspire a due appreciation of the realities and responsibilities of life.

4. To hold lectures, read essays, discuss all new inventions and improvements, encourage research in art, science and literature, and when practicable to establish and maintain libraries for the improvement of the members.

5. To create funds in aid of the members during sickness or other disability, and generally to care for the living and bury the dead.

6. To pledge the members to the payment of a stipulated sum to such beneficiary as a deceased member may have designated, while living, under such restrictions and upon such conditions as the Laws of the Order may prescribe.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

WELLSBURG LODGE, No. 30,

Knights of Pythias, from points of membership is one of the strongest fraternal societies in Wellsburg. Organized in 1883 with but 90 charter applicants, the lodge now has a membership of 116—not rapid growth, it is true, but a healthy increase for a fraternity so conservative. The membership of this lodge is drawn mostly from the business and professional men of the city, many of whom have attained prominence in their chosen avocations. It seems to be a part of the Pythian's creed to aid every worthy cause, be it the cause of a

Pythian or of any fellow human being.

The Knights of Pythias hall in the third floor of the new Marks building, corner Main and Eighth street, is by far the finest furnished, best equipped lodge room in the city.

The Knights of Pythias pay a sick benefit of \$3.00 a week. The dues are 10 cents a week. The lodge meets every Thursday evening.

Following are the officers of this lodge: Chancellor Commander, Albert Snedeker; Vice Chancellor, R. L. Huffman; Prelate, Robert Nicholls; Master of Exchequer, E. A. Sheets; Keeper of Record and Seal, C. K. Jacob; Master at Arms, George C. Nicholls; Inner Guard, G. W. Snyder; Outer Guard, A. C. Marsh.

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

Pierpont Post No. 9, Grand Army of the Republic, was organized Sept. 21, 1882, with the following discharged soldiers and sailors of the United States Army and Navy as members:

I. H. Duval, Col. 9th W. Va. Inf.; A. W. Reeves, priv. 1st W. Va. Inf.; T. H. Marks, ord. sergt. 12th W. Va. Inf.; W. W. Clendenen, priv. 12th W. Va. Inf.; J. E. Montgomery, priv. 12th W. Va.; Samuel Miller, priv. 52d O. V. Inf.; Samuel Patterson, priv. 1st W. Va. Inf.; F. C. Glass, priv. 107 Pa. V. Inf.; John T. Moren, priv. 15th W. Va. Inf.; Thomas C. Parke, capt. 1st W. Va. Inf.; Robert Nicholls, musician 1st W. Va. Inf.; J. Henry Haney, priv. 12th W. V. Inf.; Collie Shriver, capt. 187 Pa. V. Inf.; Geo. M. White, capt. 1st Va. Inf.; Fred Springborn, priv. 126th O. V. Inf.; Jesse A. McNear, priv. 12th W. Va. Inf.; J. B. McNally, lieut. 1st W. Va. Art.; John W. Jacobs, lieut. 1st W. Va. Art.; James Patterson, priv. 4th W. Va. Cav.

The above are the charter members, although the following were mustered at the same time:

Nathaniel Nelson, priv. 12th W. Va. Inf.; Lewis C. Hall, priv. 12th W. Va. Inf.; W. H. Melvin, lieut. 1st W. Va. Inf.; R. F. Craig, priv. 12th W. Va. Inf.; E. A. Chamberlain, priv. 1st W. Va. Art.; A. C. Nicholls, C. H. Kimberland, priv. 1st W. Va. Inf.; Geo. B. Crawford, priv. 1st W. Va. Inf.; Geo. A. Frazier, corp. 1st W. Va. Inf.; W. W. Howard, priv. 1st W. Va. Inf.; Benj. Harvey, com. sergt. 12th W. Va. Inf.; Clement Speidel, priv. 12th W. Va. Inf.; James Keith; Nicholas Speidel.

All of the foregoing soldiers were present at the "muster in" or initiation of the Order by Capt. E. G. Bartlett, A. D. C., to Dept. Com. W.

H. H. Flick. The Charter bears the date Nov. 20th, 1882, and reached here on the 22d of same month, on which date the Post was mustered in and named after Major Pierpont, of the 12th W. Va. Inf., and given the number 9, it being the ninth Post organization in this department.

The election of officers and their installation was the next day, which was attended to the same night, and were as follows:

Post Commander, Gen. I. H. Duval. Sr. Vice Commander, Capt. G. M. White; Jr. V. Commander, A. W. Reeves; Officer of the Day, Capt. T. C. Parke; Officer of the Guard, Lieut. J. W. Jacobs; Quartermaster, Benj. Harvey; Chaplain, L. C. Hall; Surgeon, T. H. Marks.

The above were elective officers and the following named were the appointed officials:

Adjutant, J. B. McNally, appointed by Post Commander, and upon being installed at once, the Adjutant appointed F. C. Glass as Sergeant Major, who was duly installed. The Quartermaster, B. Harvey, appointed as Q. M. Sergt. G. R. Frazier, who was also installed. The organization now being in proper shape for business, proceeded at once to recruit their ranks and gather in all eligible soldiers and sailors. John Blankinsop, Jr. (or Skinny) was the first veteran mustered in after the institution of the Post, which occurred on December 6, 1882. At that meeting on motion of Comrade Frazier, the time for the regular meetings of the Post were fixed for the fourth Wednesday in each month, which held for a short time, when it was found to interfere with the religious duties of some of the members, and changed the time of meeting to the fourth Tuesday of each month.

The first death to occur in the ranks of the Post was that of Comrade W. W. Clendenen, which oc-

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

curred on May 22, 1883, at 6:00 p. m.

The first "Memorial Day," which was observed by the organization (May 30, 1883) was one long to be remembered by the veterans, as on that day every man was in ranks. Special services were held at the grave of the recently buried Comrade Glendenin, and on that day Rev. J. D. Walkinshaw delivered the Memorial oration, one of the most eloquent and patriotic addresses ever delivered before the Post.

None save the soldiers alone know what they endured. We owe them a

debt which we shall never be able to pay. While we strew with flowers the graves of the heroes who have died in our midst, and in speech pour out our gratitude over their narrow homes, only the voice of the traveler falls upon the listless ears of the countless thousands who sleep beneath the battlefield. But they are not forgotten. And though death is fast depleting the ranks of the G. A. R., and all of them will soon have mustered in the final enlistment, yet the most sacred memories of the human heart will cherish them for ever.

WELLSBURG LODGE NO. 2, A. F. AND A. M.

Wellsburg Lodge No. 2, A. F. and A. M. was instituted Dec. 10, 1817.

The Masonic fraternity have very little to say concerning the rules and rites by which they are governed, but their membership here, as elsewhere, is comprised of men of the highest character.

The Officers as follows:

James M. Callaway, W. M.; Clark G. Buchanan, S. W.; C. D. Kyle, J. W.; T. M. Lloyd, Treas.; T. H. Buchanan, Sec.; C. D. Hall, Tiler.

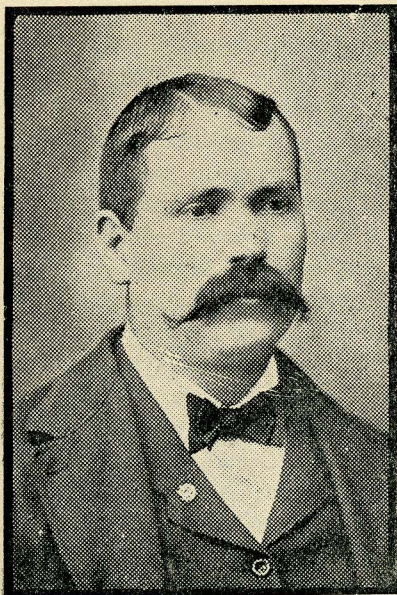
Past Masters:

T. M. Hudson, Eugene Tarr, J. B. Walkinshaw, T. H. Buchanan, Joseph C. Reed, Wm. F. C. Schnelle, William R. Miller, John H. Charnock, Mark Greenwald, James M. Callaway, William H. Cheeks, Samuel R. Caldwell, Milliard R. Wells, Henry W. Paull,

Following is a list of the members: Howard Gist, Robert Scott, Thomas M. Lloyd, John T. Johnson, John M. Cooper, Frank P. Hindman, Thomas M. Hudson, Eugene Tarr, George W. Rine, Frank Jacob, James Lawson, James D. Holt, William P. Campbell Jacob Miller, James W. Sanders, Tolbert H. Buchanan, John B. Waskinshaw, William G. Howard, Charles D. Hall, Benjamin F. Harden, Samuel McGlumphy, Lewis C. Applgate, Joseph C. Reed, Jesse T. Hall, Solomon Combs Sr., William F. C. Schnelle,

James F. Cree, Millard L. Wells, Wm. R. Miller, E. A. Sheets, John A. Boles, Fred L. Hall, Mark Greenwald, John H. Charnock, William H. S. McAdoo, Patrick C. Campbell, Jas. A. Cheeks, Wm. B. Maxwell, Julius Vollhardt, Emery Jacobs, James M. Collaway, Frank N. Vollhardt, Edward H. Kipp, William H. Cheeks, William H. Wells, Edward R. Tarr, Samuel Jacob, William H. Cropper, Harry H. Yingling, Ashley Cooper, Gist Palmer, Samuel R. Caldwell, Henry W. Paull, Samuel O. Paull, William C. Jacob, William C. Jacob, William A. Murray, George C. Wells, Colin R. Weirich, Archie H. Clemens, Joseph B. Palmer, Cournelle E. Githens, Elery Worthen, Charles K. Good, W. J. Crawford, Dumont K. Frazier, W. W. Beall, Samuel T. Ralston, Richard Humes, George Baxter, James Boles, Edwid C. Neville, Clark G. Buchanan, Elwood Charnock, Means L. McGill, Salomon Combs, Jr., Joseph Pfister, David F. Henry, Charles Humes, Ed Dare, Charles D. Kyle, John T. Douglass, Samuel George, Wm. N. Mathews, Frank H. Birthisal, Luke F. Darrall, James Nangle, R. L. Huffman, Hans G. Olson, Jules H. Zilliken, Archie N. Grimes, Oscar Loughead, Malvern Stanley, Robert Barnes.

RICHARD HUMES.



AMONG self-made business men who began business with no capital save sterling honesty, good judgment, and a will to work—there is nowhere a more notable example than Richard Humes. In 1891, in the midst of the hardest times the country has known since the panic of '76. Mr. Humes, then a young man of 25, came to Lazeaville from Jefferson county, Ohio, and started a small general store in the Plattenburg building.

From this small beginning the business grew in seven years until the building would not hold sufficient stock to supply his rapidly increasing trade, and in 1898 he built his present store building, which is the largest in the city, with nearly 7090 feet of floor space devoted exclusively to general merchandise.

When the new town of Follansbee was laid out Richard Humes was the first to build and establish a store there and having already a large trade from Cross Creek district, the venture has been a very successful one.

In both the Fourth Ward and Follansbee store Mr. Humes carries a very comprehensive line of general merchandise. "Sells Everything" is the text of his advertising and he does just what he advertises. Pin or plow point, laces or lath, fruit jars or fancy jewelry—you can get what you want in these big stores.

Dry goods, groceries, butter, eggs, meats and the other substantial necessities form the chief departments of the big stores however, and in these Mr. Humes has the bulk of the North Wellsburg, Follansbee and Cross Creek trade.

Mr. Humes has always taken an active interest in everything that pertained to the welfare of his town.

Two years ago when Lazeaville was taken into Wellsburg as the Fourth Ward, Mr. Humes was elected by the highest vote cast in the election for any candidate, and he served his constituents well, never allowing selfish interests to stand in the way of principle.

In Church and Sunday School work Mr. Humes always takes an active part giving his personal service unsparingly to the work. Under his superintendency the Union Sunday School has grown to be a powerful influence for good in its field.

PAN-HANDLE ABSTRACT COMPANY.

The first record we have of settlements in the territory now comprising the Northern Pan-Handle of West Virginia were made by emigrants from the Original Colonies as early as 1772, who took up the first lands in, around and about West Liberty, which settlements soon extended to the Ohio River at Wellsburg and Wheeling and surrounding neighborhood. The patents for the majority of the lands throughout the Pan-Handle were granted from 1784 to 1800, from which time up to quite recently, the lands were held in entirety and fee simple by the several owners thereof. The great development throughout the community and the increased value of the real estate has made it necessary to separate the titles to said land, vesting the interests of the same in different estates, creating an urgent demand for abstracts for the same, in order that the purchaser may know that his lands are free of liens and incumbrances and what quantity of estates he is purchasing. The promoters of the PAN-HANDLE ABSTRACT Co. seeing the necessity of such an urgent demand, counseled together and determined to form a company to meet the emergency, and at once set about to collect such materials as would be useful to furnish the desired information sought in such instances.

On June 1, 1903, a charter was issued by the Secretary of State, of West Virginia, granting certificate of incorporation to the PAN-HANDLE ABSTRACT Co., of Wellsburg, W. Va., to engage in a General Abstract business, etc.

The Company has been thoroughly organized and is being promoted by the best of able talent and a corps of

competent and efficient Clerks, who are ready at all times to receive and serve friends and patrons.

The Home Office at Wellsburg, W. Va., is fully equipped with all the modern and useful appliances, suitable for prompt and accurate work.

The old maxim, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," is undoubtedly true in all matters connected with real estate transactions.

An examination of the title to your lands may reveal some matters casting a cloud upon its title. Deeds of Trust and Vendors' Liens, which have long ago been satisfied, may be standing against the land unsatisfied. Some unscrupulous person may secure claim for the same, and enter suit against you causing you needless expense and worry to defend the same.

To avoid all possible confusion, blunders and errors, which may now be a part of your title, have all TITLES EXAMINED and passed by those who are specialists and experts before entering into business relations in real estate.

The Company has a transcript of the early records from Ohio County, now at Wheeling, and elsewhere, governing titles to land in Brooke and Hancock Counties, affording the best facilities to its patrons.

The Pan-Handle Abstract Co., is fully equipped to furnish complete Abstracts of Titles, Examinations of Titles, writing Deeds of Conveyances, Deeds of Trust, Deeds of Releases, Agreements, etc., on short notice.

Moneys loaned on real and personal security.

Its work complete and guaranteed.

Quick and efficient service.

Prices reasonable.

All blank Deeds, Deeds of Trust, Releases, etc., for sale at its offices.

PAN-HANDLE ABSTRACT Co.,
Wellsburg, W. Va.

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REAL ESTATE DEPARTMENT.

THE activity of the real estate business and the possibilities in that line, in this section of the country, are seldom if ever more forcibly demonstrated than in the success of the Pan-Handle Abstract Company, and shows conclusively what can be done by men of energy and ability.

This company was organized in June, 1904, and has since then sold about half a-million dollars' worth of property in and around Wellsburg. The company has on its books now a larger list of desirable property than any other firm in Brooke County, if not in the entire State of West Virginia. They have numerous agencies throughout the State and in other States and no matter where a customer may be located or where he may have property for sale or wish to buy, they can accommodate him at once. If they have not the property he may desire, they lose no time in securing it for him. The efficient corps of clerks and agents they employ not only makes this possible, but is largely responsible for the vast amount of business they have done since the organization of the company.

The motto of the Pan-Handle Abstract Company is "Live and Let

Live," and the liberality and fair dealing that has so far characterized every deal that they have put through in their real estate department as well as in the abstract business, has won for them lasting friends, and will prove no small factor in their future success.

The company is at present composed of the following well-known business men all of whom are prominent and popular:

Armor S. Cooper, Vice President.

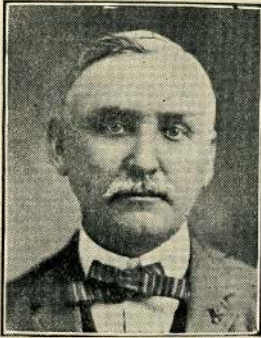
C. B. Magee, Secretary and Treas.

F. A. Chapman, General Manager.

The position of president was made vacant by the recent death of our venerable and highly esteemed citizen, T. S. Chapman, who was also a member of the Board of Directors which besides him consists of the other members of the firm.

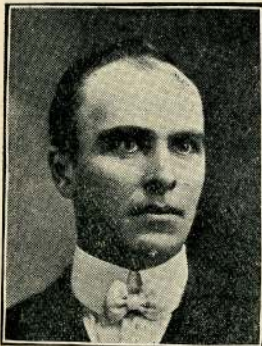
The wonderful natural resources of this section of the country, the manufacturing interests now here and prospective as well as the fact that slack-water navigation on the Ohio river is assured, promises unusual activity in the real estate business, and the Pan-Handle Abstract Company is prepared to take care of all the business in that line that may be entrusted to them. Their fairness and success in the past are indicative of their future course and a guarantee of success.

COUNTY OFFICIALS.



JOHN T. DOUGLAS, the Main street drygoods merchant and President of the County Court, is one of the most deservedly popular men in Brooke County. Succeeding to this most responsible position of President of the court upon the death of Gen. I. H. Duval, in 1902, he has performed the duties of his office with painstaking care, and with both eyes open to the best interests of the people of the entire county. He is also President of the Board of Education of Wellsburg, and a good man wherever you put him.

GEORGE W. BONAR County Commissioner from Buffalo District, is one of Brooke County's most thoroughly reliable and trust-worthy men. The Bonar family is one of the oldest and most respected in this and Ohio County. Born and raised in the latter, George married and settled down in Brooke, and has ever since taken an active interest in the affairs of his neighborhood and county. Elected to his present position in 1902, he has satisfactorily looked after its important duties and earned the thanks of his constituents.

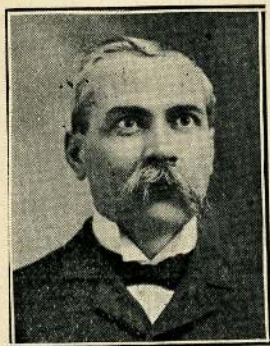


CORNELIUS GIST REEVES, Cross Creek's representative in the County Court, is a splendid type of young American manhood. Educated at the Ohio Wesleyan University, he is well versed in business and the practical affairs of life, with the sterling honesty and integrity that is so imperatively demanded in the official life of to-day. Elected a commissioner of the County Court in 1904, he has brought to this important position the qualities of judgment and character that make him a valued member of the county's fiscal body.

GEORGE W. McCLEARY is a type of the hustling Ohioan who is always in the fore-front, no matter what particular spot of Uncle Sam's dominion he is found in. Coming to Wellsburg in 1883, he has ever since been one of our most prominent and successful citizens. Elected mayor in 1884, and serving four full terms in that office, he was chosen Sheriff of Brooke County in 1896, and Prosecuting Attorney in 1904. He has brought to this latter position such well directed energy that he bids fair to become a terror to evil doers.

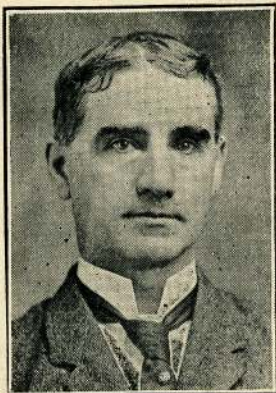
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ORA R. CARMAN, Sheriff of Brooke County, is a native of Pennsylvania, Coming to Brooke County, W. Va., he at once began a successful business career, engaging in the sale of agricultural implements, carriages, buggies, etc. His ability to make and hold friends served him well in the political field, and landed him a winner in the Sheriffalty fight of 1904. Since being installed in the office its affairs have been conducted with despatch and in a manner which shows the wisdom of the people's choice.



WILLIAM REED GLASS, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Brooke County, was born in Steubenville, O., Sep. 29, 1860. His father, the late Alfred Glass, coming to Wellsburg in 1866 to engage in the newspaper business, William entered the printing office at the age of 12 years and in the succeeding 25 years filled every position from "devil" to editor. Appointed to his present office in 1898 to fill a vacancy, he was elected in the fall of that year and re-elected in 1902, and no office in the county's history has been more satisfactorily and efficiently conducted than has that of the Circuit Court during Mr. Glass' incumbency.

EDWARD M. SMITH is a splendid example of what pluck and perseverance will accomplish, now serving his third term as Assessor of Brooke County. Losing an arm in early life, he has successfully fought the battle of life—teaching school, farming and holding public office, and doing it all well. He is a native Brooke county, a man of unusual ability, and one of its best known and best liked citizens. In addition to his duties as assessor he is engaged in agricultural pursuits, owning considerable land in Buffalo District.



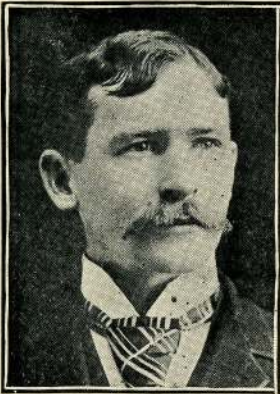
GEORGE W. McCORD is a native of Brooke County, having first seen the light of day on his father's farm in Buffalo District, in 1855. Graduating from Bethany College in 1876, he took up the profession of civil engineering, subsequently engaging in business in Wellsburg. Mr. McCord represented Brooke county in the legislature of 1881, and also the delegate district composed of Brooke and Hancock counties in the session of 1883. He was elected Clerk of the County Court in 1892, being re-elected in 1896 and again in 1902 and his efficient conduct of this office has proven him the right man in the right place.

CITY OFFICIALS.



SAMUEL HUTCHINSON SNEDEKER, Wellsburg's Chief Executive, is making an enviable record in his enforcement of our code of municipal laws. Born on a farm near Bethany, W. Va., in his years he learned the nailers' trade, working a number of years in the big iron mill at Ironton, Ohio. He then came to Wellsburg and has been an active business man ever since, and at present conducts a news, notion, china and glass-ware store, in the Hudson House building on Main street.

HARVEY FERGUSON, Chief of Police, is one of the most popular and reliable officers Wellsburg has ever had. After serving a term or two as Street Commissioner, in which position he made a splendid record, he was placed at the head of the Police Department of the city, by the voters at the spring election of 1905, and is performing the difficult duties devolving upon him to the best of his ability and the entire satisfaction of the public. Under his leadership the police force of Wellsburg has made decided improvement.



JOSEPH S. CHURCHMAN is serving his first term as City Collector and Treasurer. The fact of his election on the Democratic ticket in this Republican stronghold is ample evidence of his popularity and standing with the people of Wellsburg. He was born in Brooke County, but for many years has been engaged in this city at his trade of painter. Induced by failing health to enter the political field, he has added to his large circle of friends by the clever and accommodating manner in which he has performed his official duties.

CHARLES A. CLARK, the present City Clerk, is one of Wellsburg's finest young men. He was elected clerk in the spring of 1904. He is a native of Pennsylvania, and came to Wellsburg with his father, A. D. Clark, a well-known glass man. Charlie occupies a responsible position in the Eagle Glass Works and has a bright future before him. He married Miss Alice, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. M. Carmichael, and both are prominent in church and social circles.

BROOKE COUNTY OIL FIELD.

The first profitable oil well drilled in Brooke County was on the farm of Robert Underwood Tuesday, July 15, 1902, near the mouth of Jordan Run in Buffalo District. The location is east of the pike and on the north side of the run and is near the Buchanan school house lot.

It was called a thirty barrel well, and a second well was drilled on the same farm one location south, which was a fair producer. A third well, a location to the east, came in a dry hole and there was no further development on the Underwood farm until the spring of 1905.

The development of this territory should be credited to Abraham Cox of West Liberty, and the farmers who assisted him in getting an acreage sufficiently large to induce the Carter Oil Co. to drill some wild cat wells. The farms originally leased were dated May, 1901, those of George W. Bowers, Hugh Lazear, Louis Shrimplin, Henry Somerville, Mary Green, Thos. W. Carmichael, I. W. Clemens, Robert Underwood, W. F. Counselman, John T. Bowman and others. The Carter Oil Co. held leases on all of these, and in addition to the three Underwood wells drilled one well on the south side of I. W. Clemens' farm and one on the southwest corner of the Carmichael farm, both of which were dusters, or were so reported by the Carter people and both of these leases were surrendered.

The Carter Oil Co. drilled two wells on the Counselman farm, one of which was a producer and one a dry hole.

They held the lease on the John T. Bowman farm without drilling during the oil excitement of this first period.

The Abram Bowman farm was leased to S. O. Paull and others, who drilled a well and got a show of oil, but the well was considered not

profitable and the lease was abandoned.

The Gipson Wharton farm was leased to Cyrus Ferguson for a bonus of \$3,000 and the eighth. A well was drilled on the south end of this on the west side of the creek, and this well had a show of oil but it was considered unprofitable and the lease was abandoned.

The Fannie W. Palmer farm was leased to the Jennings Brothers of Pittsburg for a bonus of \$3,000 and one-eighth royalty, but the lease was not drilled and was abandoned.

The Carter Oil Company drilled a well on the farm of Adda Hindman on Pierce's Run, which came in a dry hole, and another on the McCord farm, which was also a dry hole.

The result of the work of 1902-3 was three pumpers, two on the Underwood and one on the Counselman farms, with a probable production of 45 barrels daily.

In the summer of 1904 the Waddle-Fisher Co. leased the farms of Abraham Bowman, James Hukill, Jos. A. Crouch and Philip Orams' heirs and drilled first on the Abraham Bowman farm east of the Paull location and got a 20-barrel producer. They drilled a second well south of this among the willow trees near the Hukill bridge and got a 15-barrel producer. A third well, a location southwest on the James Hukill farm came in a duster, and a fourth well drilled by the same company on the southeast side of the Jos. A. Crouch farm came in a duster.

Somewhat discouraged, the Waddle-Fisher Co. surrendered the Oram lease and sold the north half of the Crouch lease to the Carter Oil Co.

The Kenyon Oil Co. of Steubenville, O., leased the Carmichael farm and drilled a thirty-barrel producer on the sharp ridge northeast of the Buchanan school house. This

INDUSTRIAL WELLSBURG.

was about the 1st of January, 1905, and the second oil fever broke out and leasing and drilling was renewed.

The Carter Oil Co. brought in John Bowman No. 1 a fair producer, which was on the line with Carmichael No. 1 and Underwood No. 1. Subsequent wells were drilled with reference to this line. Carmichael No. 2 came in a 60-barrel well and the Carter Oil Co. brought in their No. 1 on the Crouch farm a 30-barrel well

The Carter Oil Co. brought in a duster Underwood No. 4 on the producing line between Underwood No. 2 and the John Bowman No. 1.

Mary S. Given and others brought in No. 1 Byrnes a 65-barrel well, and this was followed by Carmichael No. 3, which made 160 barrels when drilled in and which was increased to 258 barrels for the first day's run after being shot,

Mary S. Given and others brought in the Alex Lewis No. 1 good for 30 barrels and the Carter Oil Company brought in John T. Bowman No. 2 on the hill top in line with Byrnes No. 1, and Carmichael No. 1. Carmichael No. 4, on the creek bottom, west of the coal tipple came in a 150 barrel well and the most northerly well at this writing, October, 4, 1905, on the Sabina Lewis farm drilled by Mr. Long and others, made 172 barrels the first day's run, and increased to 200 barrels when drilled in. This well was shot October 4th, and the flow was increased to 225 barrels the 24 hours succeeding the shooting.

These thirteen producing wells out of a total of fifteen drilled during the years 1904 and up to this writing Oct.

10, 1905, are practically on "the line" taking the Sabina Lewis No. 1 and the John Bowman No. 2, as indicators.

The daily production of the field is estimated at 550 barrels this date and the indications are that the field will widen out on the north end and the gas pressure on the most northern well is much stronger than those to the south.

There is a probability that a north western development will bring in a good gas field which will be appreciated by our manufacturers.

The producing oil line runs a little east of north and points directly to the Pfister Gas well on Cross Creek.

There is a dry streak running from north east to south west, marked by Clemens No. 1, Underwood No. 4, and Hukill No. 1.

The Hindman No. 1, on Pierce's run and J. D. Brady dry hole on Titts run, the George Wilson dry hole on Panther run, and other dry holes may be located on these dry streaks crossing the producing line.

The history of this field proves that a dry hole does not condemn a farm. as for instance, the Abram Bowman, the Underwood and the Carmichael. These dry streaks may be the result of hard streaks in the sand which are non-porous or they may be rolls in the sand. The former theory is most probable, as neither oil nor gas is found in these dry holes.

Some of the locations for new wells are as follows: Byrnes No. 2, Carmichael No. 5, Wharton Nos. 2 and 3, Sabina Lewis No. 2, Mary Green No. 1, Eli Jamison No. 1, Clemens No. 2, James Wilson No. 1. It is stated that Mr. Bozman will clean out Wharton No. 1, and that the Carter Oil Company has several locations on the John Bowman and Crouch farms.

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JOHN R. ELSON, "THE CORNER DRUG STORE."

JOHAN R. ELSON is a son of Richard Henson Elson, who resided four miles east of Wellsburg until three years ago. The Elson family is one of the oldest and most highly esteemed in this vicinity. When John was but four years of age, his people removed to Kansas, and with the exception of about eight years spent in that State, they have always resided in this neighborhood.

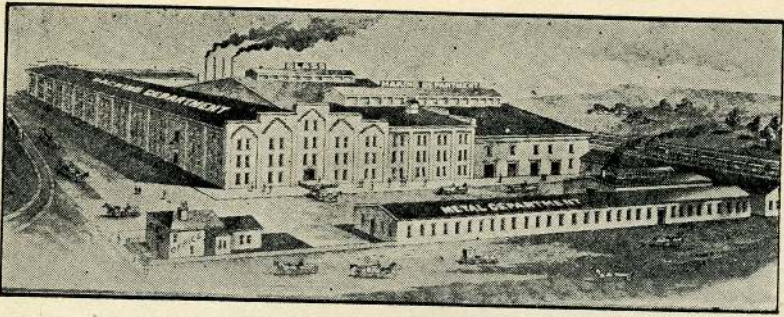
John graduated from the Wellsburg High Schools in 1899, receiving as award for Class Honors, a free scholarship in the Wheeling Business College, from which institution he graduated the next year. He then entered Scio College of Pharmacy, and after completing the course, accepted a position in the drugstore of C. G. Buchanan & Co., where he was employed until April 1, 1904, when he succeeded the firm of C. G. Buchanan & Co. Mr. Elson is registered as a pharmacist both in Iowa and West Virginia, and is one of the foremost druggists in this vicinity, the confidence of the people in his ability and integrity easily entitling him to this distinction.

On February 16, 1905, Mr. Elson married Miss Myrtle Morford, of Humeston, Iowa. Mrs. Elson has extraordinary ability as a singer in addition to being talented along other lines. Previous to her marriage Miss Morford was Assistant Principal and Instructor in Voice Culture in the Spencer, Neb., Schools.

The Corner Drug Store always keeps on hand a supply of pure drugs, their rule being to "buy them often and have them fresh." Their prescriptions are all filled by graduated and registered pharmacists.

Mr. Elson has shown marked ability as a druggist, and with strict sobriety and honesty to his credit, he exercises the utmost regard for promptness and accuracy.

EAGLE GLASS & MANUFACTURING COMPANY.



THE EAGLE GLASS FACTORY, Wellsburg's chief industry, and one of the largest concerns of its kind in the United States, was established January 1, 1894. Beginning in a small frame factory building with but two small tanks and sixty hands, the plant has grown until its buildings now occupy about three acres; its factories having a capacity equal to seventy pots; its decorating departments and ware rooms occupying 45,000 square feet of floor space, and its working force numbering nearly five hundred persons.

The Company manufactures an extensive line of decorated lamps, night lamps, shades, druggists' sundries in opal, flint and amber glass, and a great variety of novelties in plain and decorated ware. During the past three years it has patented and placed on the market several novelties—among them a miniature lantern, used as a candy package—which have had phenomenal sale.

In 1902 the Eagle added to its equipment stamping and plating departments, in which sheet metal work such as tin, zinc, aluminum and nickle caps and boxes are manufactured.

This company has grown to its present important position in the manufacturing world in spite of difficulties and misfortunes that would have discouraged most men. In May, 1902, the ware rooms, decorating department and office were destroyed by fire, creating a loss of nearly \$75,000. But with courage undaunted the company constructed temporary buildings on the hot ashes of that portion of the plant and continued work without loss of time to its employes. A large two-story brick building was erected in 1902 and equipped with a fire protection which will make another destructive fire well-nigh impossible.

The success of the Eagle Glass & Manufacturing Company is in a great

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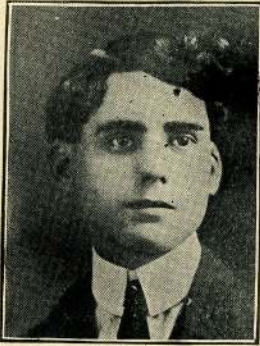
measure due to the friendly relations that exist between the company and its employes, the latter being an exceptionally good class of men, the majority of them owning their homes, which they have been enabled to acquire no less through steady habits than through steady employment. The drinking man is not wanted in this factory.

The Central Supply Company is a corporation engaged in the manufacture and sale of food products, which is affiliated with the Eagle Glass & Manufacturing Company, which company they look to for their supply of glassware. They manufacture under

their trade name of "Golden Eagle" a very superior line of prepared mustards which have a very wide sale, car load shipments being made from Maine to California. They are preparing to put out salad dressings, prepared horseradish and other specialties.

They ship immense quantities of a patented novelty in the shape of a glass lantern filled with candy, the patents being held by the Eagle Glass and Manufacturing Company. This article is familiar to all who travel by rail as it is one of the most popular novelties ever handled by the newsboys.





E. H. BONE, PHOTO STUDIO,



Near R. R. Station,
WELLSBURG, W. VA.

THE subject of this sketch is deservedly popular, strictly honest and fair in his dealings with his customers, genial in manners, and shows in his profession of photography a degree of skill and proficiency seldom found. His skill in posing the subjects, his knowledge in making and handling the chemical solutions for developing and toning, combine in enabling him to produce beautiful effects in his finished work.

When people become really aware of the merits of the work being turned out, his trade will be doubled and trebled.

Work is finished in Aristo Platino, Platinums and Sepias. In the latter class he makes the only work that is turned out in the city. The Platinum folders are very popular and are made up in handsome cover designs.

Attention is also called to the fact

that he is equipped with the latest and best apparatus for all out-door and view work.

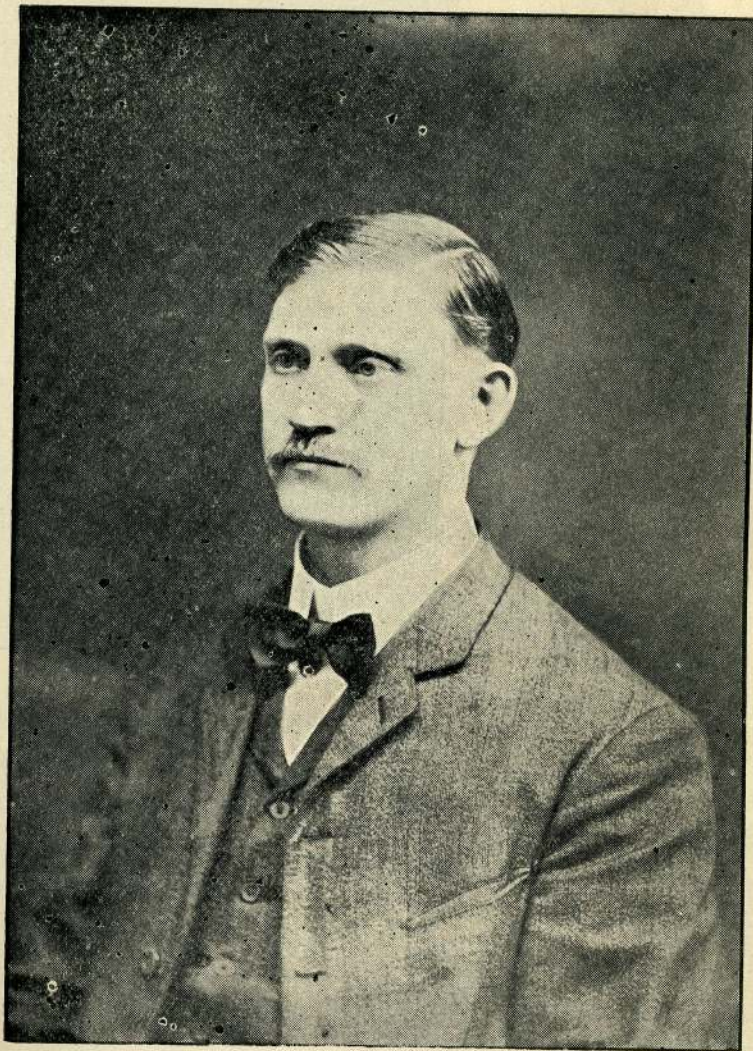
Post Cards are much in demand, and at this gallery is to be found a collection that will please you.

The latest effects in photography are always to be found here, with prices affording the customer the best for the money expended.

People with facial blemishes will find this gallery all they desire, as defects are remedied by etching and retouching.

Mr. Bone also makes an excellent developer for amateurs, and keeps a partial list of amateur supplies for sale.

A visit to Mr. Bone's gallery will attest the truth of the statements made in this announcement, and will prove mutually beneficial to you and to him.



THOS. W. CARMICHAEL,
Cashier Wellsburg National Bank, President of Wellsburg Board
of Trade and Chief Promoter of Brooke County's
Coal, Oil and Railroad Developments.

MRS. L. V. BELTZ.

MRS. BELTZ opened a store in the Abrams block in 1889, later removed to the Naylor building, and is now located in Room No. 2, in the City Building.

In dry goods and notions, a number of articles are found at this store that are not to be secured elsewhere in the vicinity, and not only is this true, but there enters into the goods sold a nicety of fitness and harmony that can only be found in a store where there is a lady to do the buying. Especially is this true, in counting the many items that go to make up a ladies' wearing apparel. Women naturally know women's wants. Consequently, those who are discriminating in dress—those who know how difficult it is to perfectly harmonize materials and trimmings, and the various articles of women's wear, come to this store to make their purchases and save the worry in selection and subsequent ill appearance of goods poorly matched.

In the Millinery Department stylish and dependable goods can be had at little more than half the price asked by most dealers.

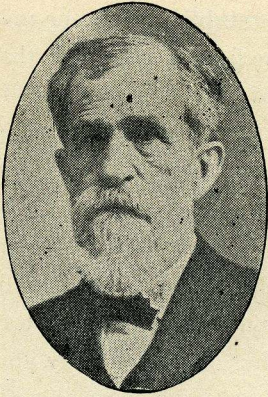


Standard Patterns, invaluable to those who make their own garments, constantly on hand. 10 and 15c.

In vain competitors try to stem the tide that heads to this store, where the goods are the newest and prettiest the market affords, prices the lowest, and most courteous treatment accorded to all.

The favorable influences which have arisen from 16 years' fair and liberal dealing have built for this store the highest reputation, and in this reputation is reflected the unimpeachable integrity of the subject of this sketch.

S. H. SNEDEKER.



THIS firm was established in its present location ten years ago and prides itself on never having made a promise to the public that was not fully carried out. This being the case, those who are but slightly familiar with the prices prevalent in the lines carried by the firm, make it their buying place with confidence that not a penny more will be asked for a piece of ware, or any commodity which they handle, than the lowest price for which it can be sold. The thinking individual well knows that these goods can be handled on a smaller margin than would suffice to pay the rent of some city firms who are always crying themselves hoarse about their low prices. Comparison of prices nearly always shows a nice margin of saving for the man who buys here at home.

The china department embraces as nice an assortment as can be found in the state, from the plainest and most modest in price up to the much more

expensive ones, made of the famous Haviland china in exquisite colorings. Glassware cheap enough to meet the demands of the meagre purse and also the sets and pieces comprised in fine cut glass, are displayed in endless variety.

A splendid assortment of games, toys, etc., are constantly kept on hands. In the holiday season their trade in this line is extensive and increases from year to year.

A nice line of stationery is kept, and also school supplies, including tablets, pencils, pens, and the various grades of inks, mucilage, etc.

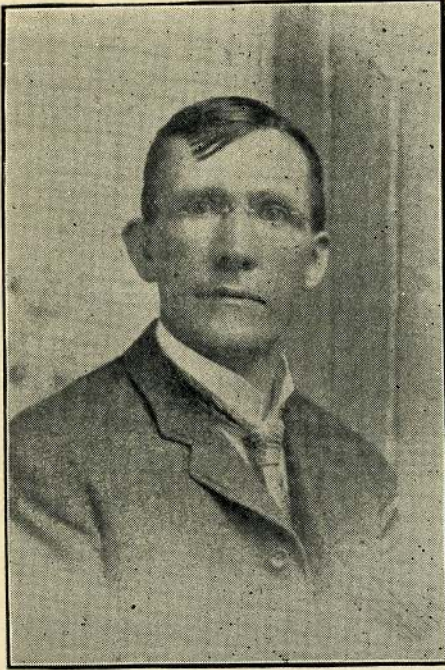
In the News department is to be found almost all the magazines and periodicals published, the Pittsburg and Wheeling papers, delivered at your door if you wish.

Mr. Snedeker is a native of Brooke county. At the last spring election, he was accorded the office of Mayor of Wellsburg, not by the vote of strangers, but at the instance of those who, in most instances, have known him for many years.

Both in private and public life he has always been fair in his treatment of his fellowman, and regardless of consequences stands by his convictions of right.

He is evidently a man who believes in dealing with conditions and not with theories.

W. J. CRAWFORD



THE subject of this sketch came to Wellsburg in the fall of 1897, and purchased the shoe business of Roland Craig, under the Hudson House, at which stand Mr. Crawford still conducts business, with the addition of the room adjoining, which was secured by Mr. Crawford when the Bank of Wellsburg vacated it. With twice the amount of shelving there is still less room than is needed for the stock kept, which is at least double that usually carried in a town of this size.

Many of the grades handled have stamped upon them the price, and these prices are the same the country over, and in the grades having no

prices established by the manufacturers, the figures are lower than can be secured in the neighboring cities, where the merchant must pay enormous rent, and in turn, must get it out of the customer's pockets.

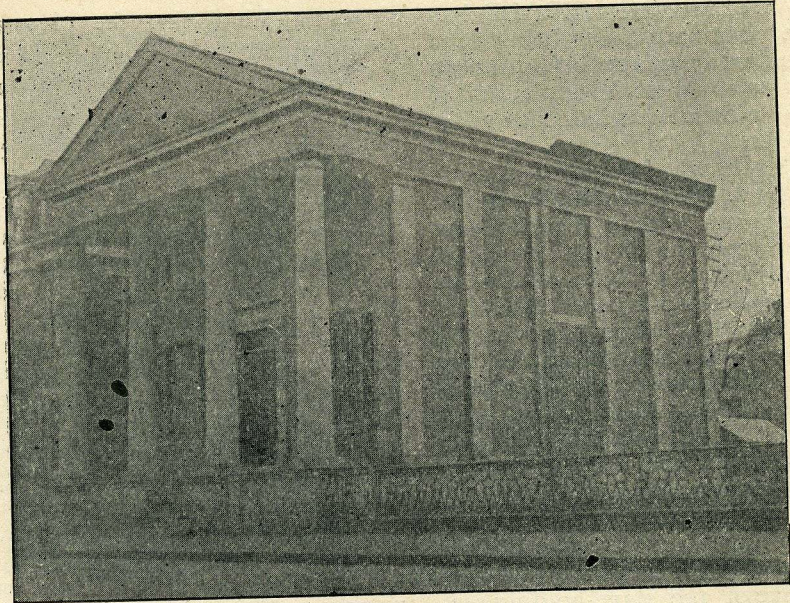
Increased demands for high-grade shoes have been met with additions to stock until the requirements of the most exacting can be as fully and satisfactorily met here as in any of the larger cities. The very best makes—makes the wearing qualities and appearance of which commend them to the economical and particular buyer—are displayed in all the popular shapes, all sizes and all lasts. These statements are proven by the fact that only a small portion of the trade that previously went away from Wellsburg, does so now,—the business very properly remaining here; and this will be the case to a greater extent when the people learn that no advantage in price, style or quality of goods is offered away from home.

Among leading makes kept in men's shoes, are Stetson and Crossett; and in ladies' shoes, Queen Quality, Drew, Selby & Co., and Irving Drew.

As to personality, Mr. Crawford is not only possessed of the keenness of perception that is necessary in buying, but his natural ability has been supplemented by years of experience, so that no shoddy stock finds its way to his shelves.

Mr. Crawford has proven himself an exemplary citizen and well merits the abundant measure of success which has marked his business career in Wellsburg.

THE WELLSBURG NATIONAL BANK.



THE first banking house in Wellsburg was known as the Charlestown Manufacturing & Exporting Company, which commenced business in 1813, and went out of existence two years later. The branch of the Northwestern Bank of Virginia, now the Wellsburg National Bank—came next in 1832. The building was erected in 1835. Dr. John C. Campbell was the first president of this bank and Samuel Jacob, father of the late Z. Jacob, was its first cashier. In June, 1865, the bank was re-organized as the First National Bank of Wellsburg. In 1871 the First National Bank of Wellsburg went into liquidation by order of the stockholders, and was succeeded amicably and without intermission by the present Wellsburg National Bank, with an increased capital and the same officers at its head. On Dec. 30, 1872, W. K. Pendleton succeeded Adam Kuhn as president of the new organization and on January 13th, 1874, Wilson Beall was elected cashier and Samuel Jacob assistant cashier; in 1885 J. S. Beall succeeded Samuel Jacob as assistant cashier, and in the

same year the capital stock of the bank was reduced from \$150,000 to \$100,000; on April 1, 1884, Thos. W. Carmichael became general bookkeeper and clerk; on August 5, 1884, J. S. Beall succeeded Wilson Beall as cashier, with E. W. Paxton, assistant; in January, 1889, John C. Palmer succeeded W. K. Pendleton as President, and E. W. Paxton became cashier; on March 12, 1892, Z. Jacob was elected assistant cashier; on December 1, 1899, Z. Jacob succeeded E. W. Paxton as cashier, and on May 5, 1905, John C. Palmer, Jr., succeeded John C. Palmer as president, and Thos. W. Carmichael succeeded Z. Jacob as cashier.

The present directors are as follows: J. C. Palmer, Jr., T. H. Marks, David Waugh, H. C. Meyer, D. F. Jacob, W. H. Rodgers, J. T. Douglass, W. R. Miller and C. K. Jacob.

The Wellsburg National Bank has a clean record of almost a century behind it, yet it is ancient only in the conservatism that tends to absolute safety. Its facilities for the prompt transaction of all legitimate banking business are modern in every respect.

THE WELLSBURG HERALD.

THE WELLSBURG HERALD has the distinction of being the second oldest newspaper in continuous publication in West Virginia, and it is second to none in its influence within its sphere.

The Herald was founded December 1, 1847, by J. A. Metcalf and James A. Smith and was sold by them to John Gabriel Jacob, in December, 1848. Mr. Jacob was then but twenty-two and had graduated from W. & J. College in October, 1847. His strong moral and political convictions and his honesty, fearlessness and patriotism made themselves manifest throughout his editorial career of over fifty years. He was a whig and opposed to human slavery although his relatives at one time owned slaves.

His writings were strong and to the point and won for the Herald the cordial dislike of the slave-holding sections from which came frequent threats of personal violence and the suppression of his paper. Being within the slave-holding sections of Virginia at the time referred to, the Herald was widely copied, having even a national reputation. In 1852, Judge George W. Thompson, of this district, suggested to the grand jury that an indictment be found against the Herald for incendiary utterances against the State laws upholding slavery and forbidding that negroes be taught to read and write.

All through the stirring days of the war the Herald never wavered in its support of the Union and was among the earliest advocates of the free school system. It has always strongly upheld the cause of education both in the day and Sunday Schools and aims to upbuild a community which shall be notable for its homes of culture and refinement. Since the abolition of slavery the Herald has always recognized the liquor traffic as the greatest curse on our civilization and has fought it accordingly.

The veteran editor of the paper lived to see his country freed from

slavery and had also the pleasure of seeing other of the principles of right for which he contended vindicated.

Mr. Jacob's five sons have all been engaged in the active printing trade with him while he found great satisfaction in his "Herald office graduates" as he delighted to call the many printers who had learned their trade with him, to find fields of usefulness elsewhere.

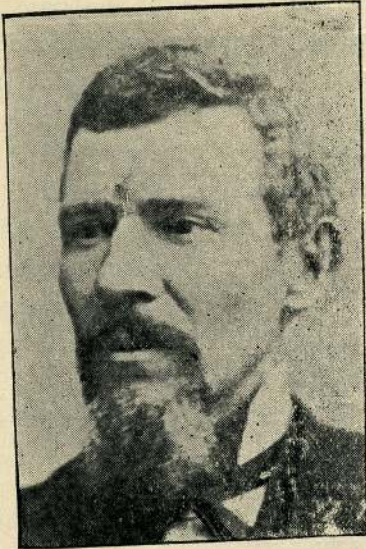
In 1898 Mr. Jacob handed over the active management of the Herald to his second son, Samuel, and spent the remaining years of his life at his home, although he still contributed editorials to the Herald at frequent intervals until he was called on the 12th of October, 1903, to the rewards of a life well spent.

The Herald was continued as a weekly publication only, until October, 1898, at which time, its owner, Samuel Jacob, associated with him William R. Glass, formerly of the Pan-Handle News, and established the Daily Herald, continuing the Weekly edition also. After two years Mr. Glass retired from the co-partnership to become clerk of the Circuit Court and Samuel Jacob associated with him Louis H. Jacob, for a brief period. The present proprietor, John F. Jacob, purchased the interests of all of his brothers in the Herald, in 1902.

The Daily Herald was considered as something of an experiment for several years, but has now become firmly established. It has been well received and liberally patronized both in subscriptions at \$4.00 per year and in advertising at the rates published in our card on page four of the advertising section of this publication.

The Herald's policy has always been, and will so continue to be, to treat everybody with the utmost fairness, and it is the intention and ambition to keep it going as the representative of all that is good or worth encouraging in the community.

THE PAN-HANDLE NEWS.



J. E. CURTIS.

THE PAN-HANDLE NEWS was founded by Alfred Glass & Son, in 1868, the former having started the Wellsburg DEMOCRAT in '66, which he sold to J. E. Anderson, Anderson to J. F. Campbell & Son, who changed it to the TIMES, Campbells to A. Glass & Son, who changed it to the PAN-HANDLE NEWS. It was conducted by the founders until May, '72, when they sold a half interest to Eugene Tarr, who later purchased the remaining half interest. Mr. Tarr associated with him A. W. Brown, now editor of the Hancock Independent, as a half partner. In '74 Glass & Son re-purchased and conducted it until '89.

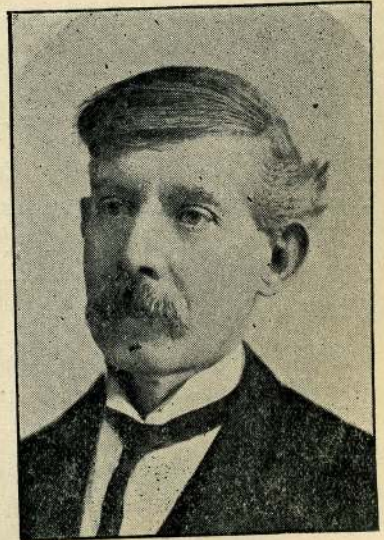
There not having been a Democratic paper in the county for many years and the party being largely in the minority, it was an up-hill fight when Mr. Glass arrived on the ground with the outfit for his first paper, and he would not issue a number until Democrats of the county guaranteed a circulation that he thought would justify him. So launching the DEMOCRAT he made a strenuous fight and by his indomitable will, strict economy and industry he succeeded in

making the PAN-HANDLE NEWS a financial success, retiring with a competency in '89, when it was purchased by J. E. & J. L. Curtis.

From '89 to '99 the paper was conducted successfully by J. E. Curtis. When it came into the possession of the Curtis' it was a four-page, twenty-eight column paper. In '98 it was changed to an eight-page, forty-eight column paper.

On October 1, '99, George C. Curtis succeeded his father and is its present editor and publisher. It is a thoroughly Independent Democratic paper, advocating democratic principles and independent of any party, faction or of any politician's interest. In 1900 the paper was changed from an eight-page, forty-eight columns to an eight-page, fifty-six column paper and in 1902 to a ten-page, seventy-column paper, CONTAINING MORE LIVE READING THAN ANY OTHER WEEKLY IN WEST VIRGINIA.

It is the editor's aim to serve the people, holding their interests above politics, personal interests or anything else, and to make their causes his causes.



GEO. C. CURTIS.

CURTIS & REEVES.



JESSE E. CURTIS.

THE demand for homes and business locations, beginning with the present epoch of local prosperity and expansion in 1898, and growing with each succeeding year, created a necessity for a medium through which real estate could be economically transferred and houses and business locations advantageously rented. To supply this demand the firm of Curtis & Reeves was established in 1901.

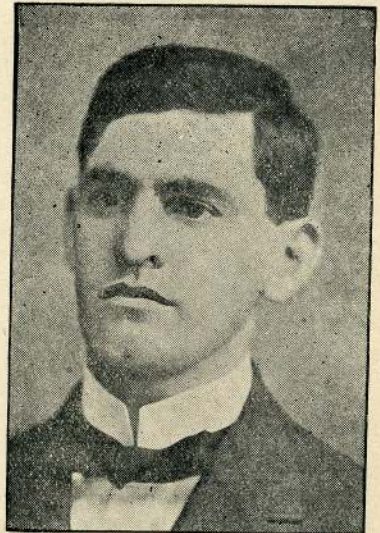
The firm consists of Jesse E. Curtis and C. B. Reeves, both young men and natives of Brooke county. Both young men have the inherited qualities of ability and integrity to commend them and their first business venture—the first business of its kind to be fully established in Brooke county—has prospered from the beginning.

The firm added a loan department, insurance, and a bonding service as necessity demanded it.

They are now renting nearly a hundred houses to the perfect satisfaction of both owners and tenants; they are daily consummating advantageous sales and transfers of property and their insurance department represents a number of the strongest companies in the world.

The demand of the community for the services of a bonding company led the firm to accept the agency of the Citizen's Trust & Guarranty Company of West Virginia, and to make it an important feature of their business.

Each member of the firm is a Notary Public, and both are members of the Wellsburg Board of Trade, Mr. Reeves being the efficient secretary of that organization.



C. B. REEVES.

PLAIN TALK.

¶ When your garments are made right you will receive all the recognition to which you are entitled. While it is true that a certain amount of gray matter is needed to guide one along the uncertain roadway of success, yet many a man has been unknowingly turned into one of the side paths because he lacked the necessary impressive appearance. Clothes do not altogether make the man; they frequently unmake. In justice to yourself, and those who are interested in your increasing welfare, common interests demand that you wear neat and well fitting garments. In small towns, as well as in the big metropolitan cities, the class of garments and the manner in which they are worn are today considered an infallible index to character. We make to order garments that lend to the wearer an impression of convincing worth. Call on our agent—the time spent will bear interest. INTERNATIONAL TAILORING CO. Represented by.

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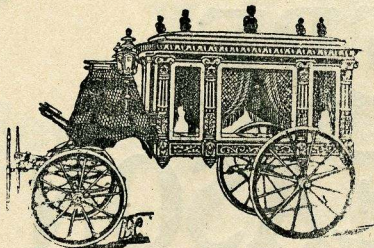
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DATE	LOANS	DEPOSITS
October 1898	\$169,352	\$110,651
" 1899	\$159,831	\$161,480
" 1900	\$177,396	\$170,988
" 1901	\$196,642	\$192,202
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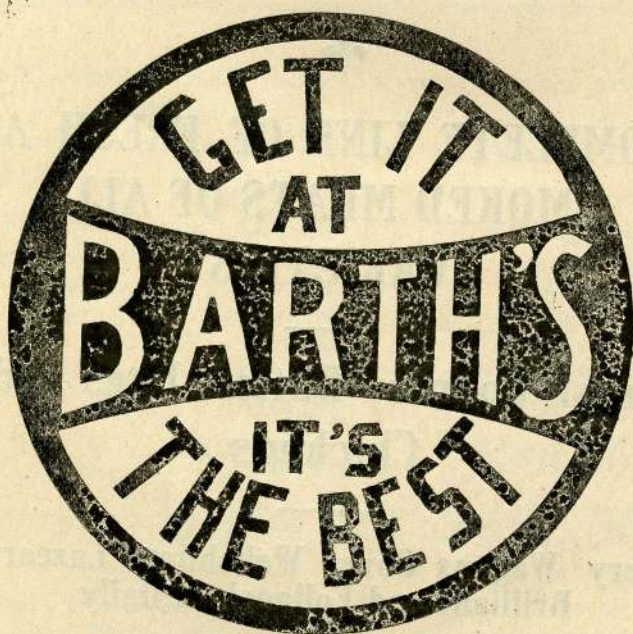
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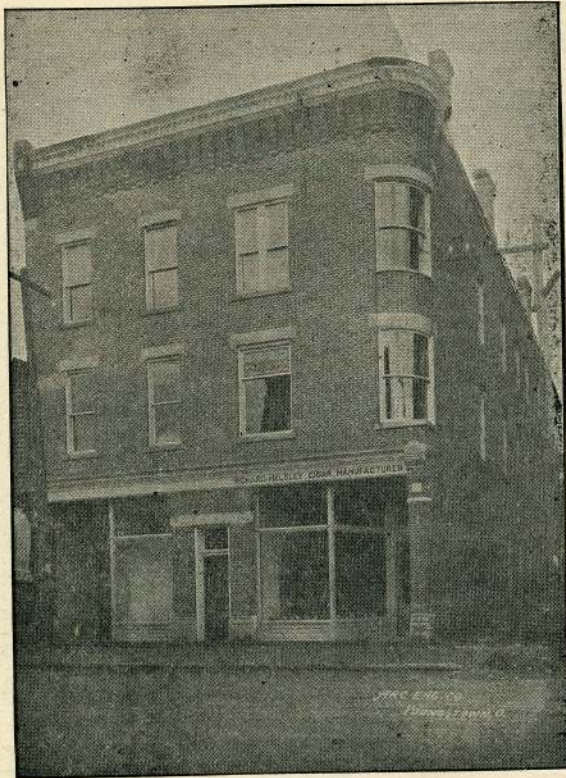
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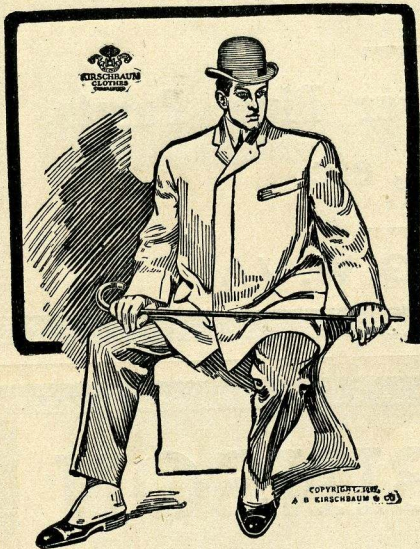
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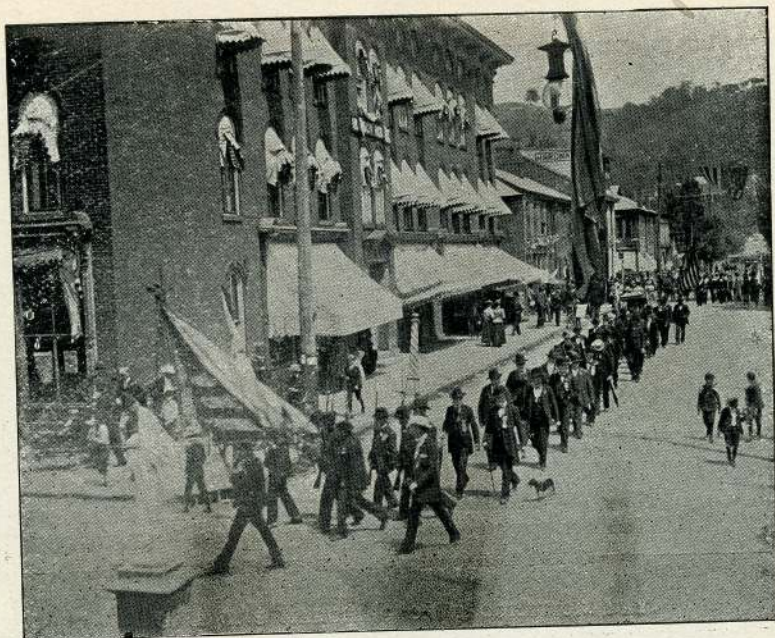


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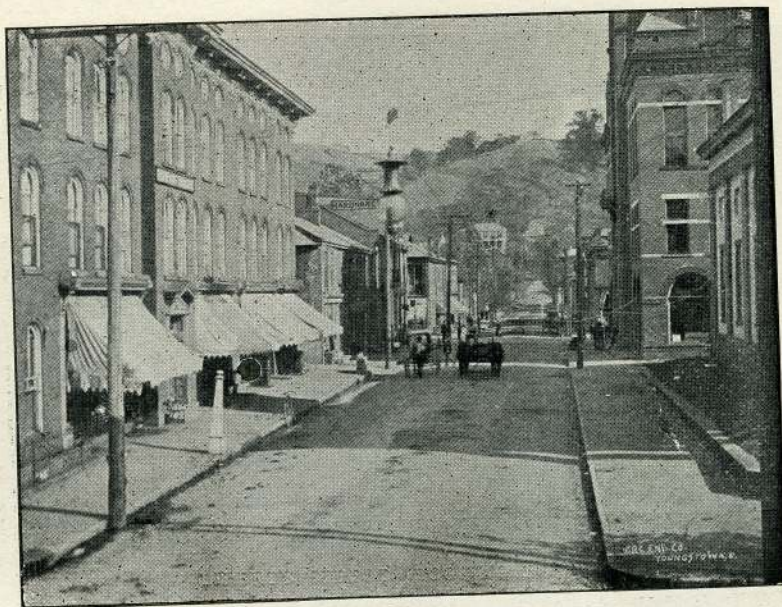
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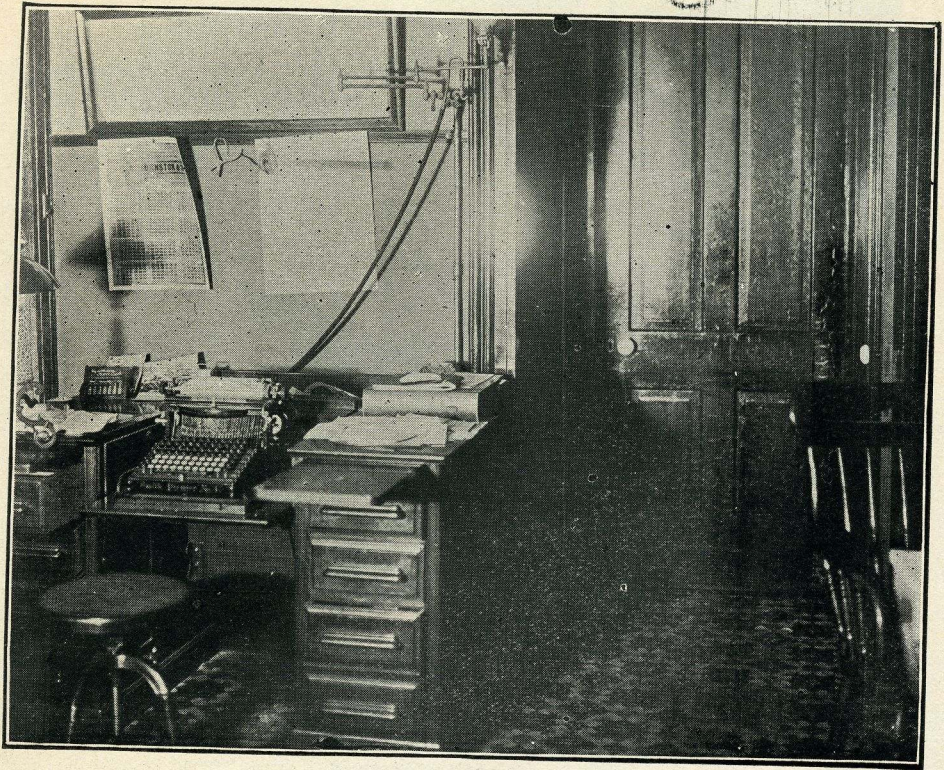
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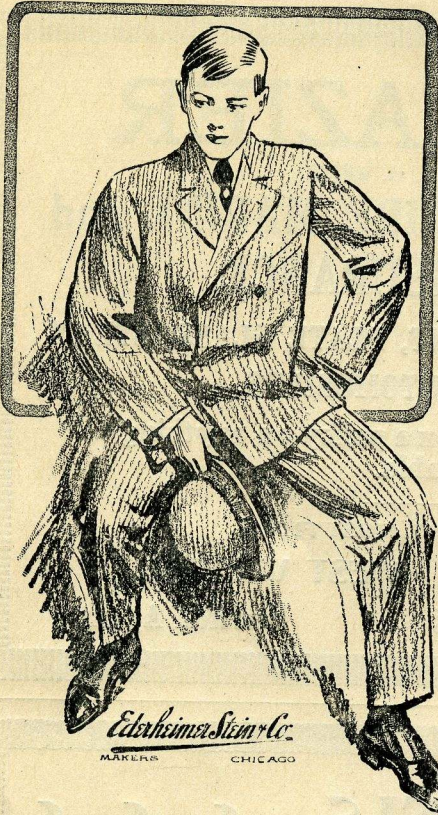
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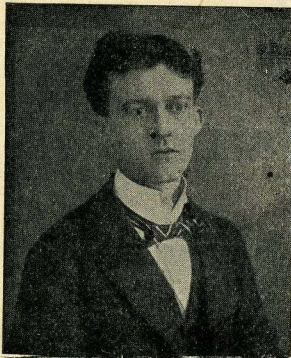
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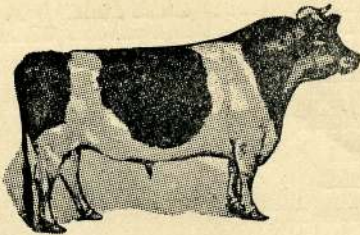
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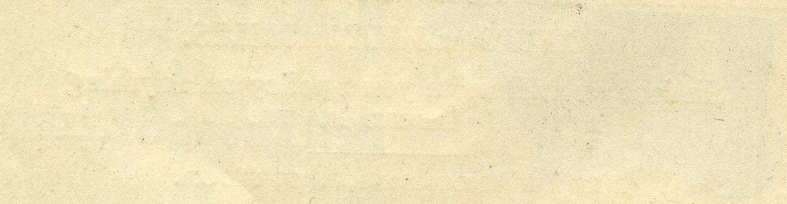
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