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It is not the purpose of this little brochure to tell the story of Fort Wayne's heroic epoch. It is not the intention here to print again the oft-told tales of early days; nor to relate the many Indian legends, the exploits of hardy pioneers, nor yet the deeds of daring performed by Anthony Wayne and his courageous followers. The incidents that attended the reclamation of old Kekionga from a state of primeval wildness, and the circumstances that accompanied the settlement of the future metropolis of northern Indiana, have been recounted by abler pens, and all that is worthy of preservation concerning those days of privation and peril, has been retained in printed books and in the archives of historical associations.

We write of the Fort Wayne of to-day; of a city which, in the competition for supremacy of population in the state, has outstripped all contestants now vying for position in the spirit of the past, and is more than ever on the advance of progress and industry. We write of a city which, in the competition for supremacy of population in the state, has outstripped all contestants now vying for position in the spirit of the past, and is more than ever on the advance of progress and industry.



JUDGE SAMUEL HANNA.

her people; and that means, in brief, that Fort Wayne is a good place in which to live, a good place in which to do business, and peculiarly a good place for the incoming of those who are seeking homes or locations for the establishment of manufacturing interests of any kind. It means that we have good air, pure water, ample drainage, clean streets. It means that we possess advantageous geographical position, a fine contributory country, large shipping facilities, great natural resources, and intelligent, public-spirited citizens. It means that we have excellent educational institutions, a good social atmosphere, and a high-toned moral sentiment pervading the community.

That all these things belong to Fort Wayne in a marked degree, is the purpose of this work to demonstrate, and it is a pleasant privilege, on this 20th anniversary, of the birth of the FORT WAYNE NEWS to enter upon this task; for it enables this paper to pay tribute to its own city, whose people have been more than kind, more than liberal in their patronage and friendship for a term of twenty years. It may be well to say at this point, that it is no part of the office of this publication to sound the fulsome praises of the paper whose 20th anniversary it celebrates. But, since the history of THE NEWS is a part of the history

of Fort Wayne, it cannot be out of character to say that since the initial number of this paper was printed, the population of this city has more than doubled, and that its area has increased in even larger degree, and that while this change has been going on, the NEWS has quadrupled in size, and has enjoyed a larger clientele than has belonged to any newspaper in northern Indiana. With our warm gratitude to the people of Fort Wayne and vicinity for their kindly interest in "The People's Paper," we enter upon the period that shall round out its full quarter century, in the hope that THE NEWS may still continue to merit the favor that has been accorded it in the past.

of the expected annexation of contiguous territory, total of 13,000, and if South Wayne shall be added we will have 15,000 people in 1895, and a roundly increased thousand in the year 1900.

We write of a city which, although bound in the number of her inhabitants, is easily first in many points of material advantage and prosperity, and to which we assign the proud distinction of leading any city in the west in the number of more important manufacturing interests. It is the intention in these pages to demonstrate that no city anywhere possesses in greater degree than does Fort Wayne, the attributes essential to the health, prosperity and well-being



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## Fort Wayne a City of Home Owners.

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man who owns his home, improves its surroundings; he plants shade trees and shrubbery; he makes a lawn and keeps it in condition; he is interested in beautifying the environments that lie about him, and to this no doubt is due the fact that Fort Wayne is one of the most beautiful inland cities of the country. Not many places of this size can boast of residence streets that equal in picturesque attractions such thoroughfares as Berry, Wayne, Washington, Jefferson, Madison, Lewis, Brackenridge, Williams and DeWald, and avenues so lovely as Douglas, Creighton, Fairfield and Maple. Many of these streets are lined on both sides with graceful shade trees, whose overhanging branches in some instances meet in inter-locking embrace, and thus form archways above the heads of pedestrians and those who drive upon the well paved streets beneath their umbrageous foliage. It is a fact, quite often spoken of, that no citizen who has long lived in Fort Wayne, ever removes to another city for residence without a feeling of profound regret, and the numbers of those who have gone to other places and quickly returned to resume their home life in our midst, bear tribute to the high esteem in which this city is held as a place of residence by those who are familiar with its many advantages. Moreover, the fact above mentioned, as to the unusually large home-holding class in Fort Wayne, is one of the strongest proofs of the permanency and stability of the city. A community whose people are bound together closely by property interests, is sure to be a law-abiding, contented and industrious people. The interests of employe and employer are more clearly identical, and neither class seeks to gain unfair advantage, as in places where the population is itinerant, or frequently changing,

and where homes for the most part are tenements, and owned almost solely by capitalists. Another circumstance that adds to the popularity of Fort Wayne as a place of living, is the fact that residence real estate is cheap, compared with that of many places possessing fewer advantages. This, doubtless, is largely due to the topographical character of the suburban districts. Few cities have so many inviting outlying plats as belong to Fort Wayne. It is common to many places to find low, swampy, flat and unpicturesque ground lying adjacent to the city limits on every hand.

Here, the suburbs north, south, east and west, are undulating, attractive and beautiful, and there is no limit to the extent to which Fort Wayne may spread in any direction. As a result of this, the price of land cannot reach exorbitant figures. Except in the very heart of the city, from \$1,500 to \$2,000 will purchase a choice lot with all sewer, pavement and sidewalks paid for, and if one is willing to go further out, a choice fifty foot lot can be had for from \$500 to \$1,000.

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home building here is found in the fact that our city is peculiarly fortunate in possessing a coterie of skilled architects, whose professional talents have abundant tribute in the large number of tasteful and elegantly appointed homes, and substantial business blocks and public buildings designed by them. Nor is this all. The fact that ours is a city composed so largely of mechanics, affords us the best skill in the art of building, and Fort Wayne homes are not more famed for their beauty of architectural design and finish than for their compact and substantial character. The importance to our present and future of being a city of home owners, cannot well be overestimated. It makes of us a conservative, home-loving population, having a perpetual unity of interest.

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**F**ORT WAYNE is a pleasant place in which to live, and for many excellent and all-sufficient reasons.

Among these, are the possession of good air, pure water, ample drainage, clean streets, fine sanitation, and a low death rate.

To anyone who has resided for twenty years in this city, it is superfluous to say that the general healthfulness of the people has vastly improved. It cannot be denied that years ago, the climate here, like that of all the vast territory of the great Mississippi valley, was malarial and depressing.

Ague, with its varied types of fevers, prevailed to a wide extent, and in many homes the quinine bottle had a place at the breakfast, dinner and supper tables while no one escaped an occasional visitation of the "shakes." All that is changed. The outlying lowlands on the west and south have been ditched and drained. New water-courses have been opened up, and to-day the winds that once brought chills and fever, come laden with the odors of new-mown hay. Meanwhile the old-time frog farms of the Ed River Valley are now producing celery and other health-giving delicacies for tastes epicurean. The quinine has been banished from the home to the drug store, where, with its quondam companions, the bottles of castor oil and calomel, it lives in sad seclusion, shunned by everybody. One would not be more surprised to be visited with an attack of *aeruus scabbi* now, than to have an old-fashioned case of ague.

That the improved condition of the general health is largely due to the changed atmospheric conditions, is doubtless true; but that is only one of numerous causes. Fort Wayne possesses a supply of the purest water for domestic purposes of any city in the country. From a comprehensive system of artesian wells, all extending far below a thick stratum of bed-rock, pure, clear, cold water is drawn by means of powerful pumps, and forced direct into the city's mains. An analysis of this water shows it to be of the most perfect quality, and its introduction into the homes of Fort Wayne has been attended with the almost total abolition of typhoid fever from our midst. The writer has the assurance of several leading physicians to the effect that in every case of typhoid fever in their practice since the introduction of our deep well

supply, the cause has been due to the drinking of water from surface wells, and that in no case has this disease existed in families depending exclusively upon the splendid water furnished by the city.

But this is not all. Fort Wayne lies high and dry. With three rivers coursing through the heart of the city, the settled portions of town are always above high water mark, and there is no swamp land in the city's limits. Per consequence, freshets do no damage, and the heaviest rain fall is quickly carried away by ample gutters and sewers.

Our sewerage system is by no means perfect; but it is being constantly enlarged and improved by additions that are demanded from time to time to meet the city's growing needs. Those who made choice of this locality for the establishment of what has come to be a goodly city, wrought well in selecting a point where nature had provided topographical conditions for the quick conveyance of objectionable matter to the swift-flowing currents of adjacent rivers.

We have clean streets. It was not always so; but now the visitor to Fort Wayne ejaculates, "How cleanly are your streets; how broad and substantial your walks; how altogether neat and healthful is the appearance of everything here." The commendation is well deserved. With our new pavements, came clean streets, and they are here to stay and to add to the convenience, beauty and healthfulness of Fort Wayne.

Quite as interesting as the assurance that Fort Wayne is

a pleasant place to live, is the proof that it is a "seldom" place in which to die. The returns of the undertakers as reported to the health department, show that the total number of deaths in this city and its suburbs for the year 1894 was 617. On an estimated population of 40,000 which is conceded to be too small, this would show an average of 15.4 deaths to the 1,000 population—a rate so low that it might well be coveted by any city. We have before us a pamphlet in which the boast is made on behalf of Buffalo, that because of her wonderful water supply—taken from the whirling eddies of the Niagara rapids—and the ozone from the breezes of Lake Erie, her death rate is only 18.63 to the 1,000 of population. Our death rate, as shown above, is only 15.19!



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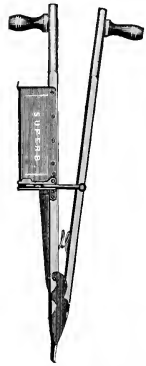
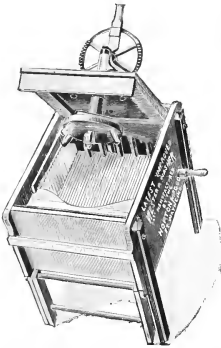
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## Our City the Home of Honored Men.

**P**ROBABLY no city of her size, west of the New England States, has had more men whom the country has delighted to honor, than has Fort Wayne. It is not proposed here to enter into a presentation of biographical sketches of those of our citizens who have been called to places of prominence because of their integrity, ability or strength of mind or of character; but this publication would be incomplete were we to permit to pass unmentioned the names of some of those who were instrumental in giving to our city the impetus that has carried her on to her

present vantage-ground among the live cities of the west. These are men who have honored Fort Wayne by achieving national recognition for distinguished service to the country or to their own commonwealth. We may not lay claim to Anthony Wayne as a product of Indiana soil; for, although he is entitled to local patronymic honors, his illustrious name belongs to America, and not to any city or to any state. But there are those who belonged at one time or another to Fort Wayne in the relation of citizens, and to some of these we desire here briefly to refer. Fort Wayne was the home of Ex-Governor Bigger. Here Henry Ward Beecher, the foremost of American pulpit orators, lived and preached. But these are not names best known or most highly cherished by our people. Thousands of men and women here still remember the kindly voice and genial countenance of Judge Samuel Hanna, to whom, perhaps, more than to any other citizen, are we indebted for

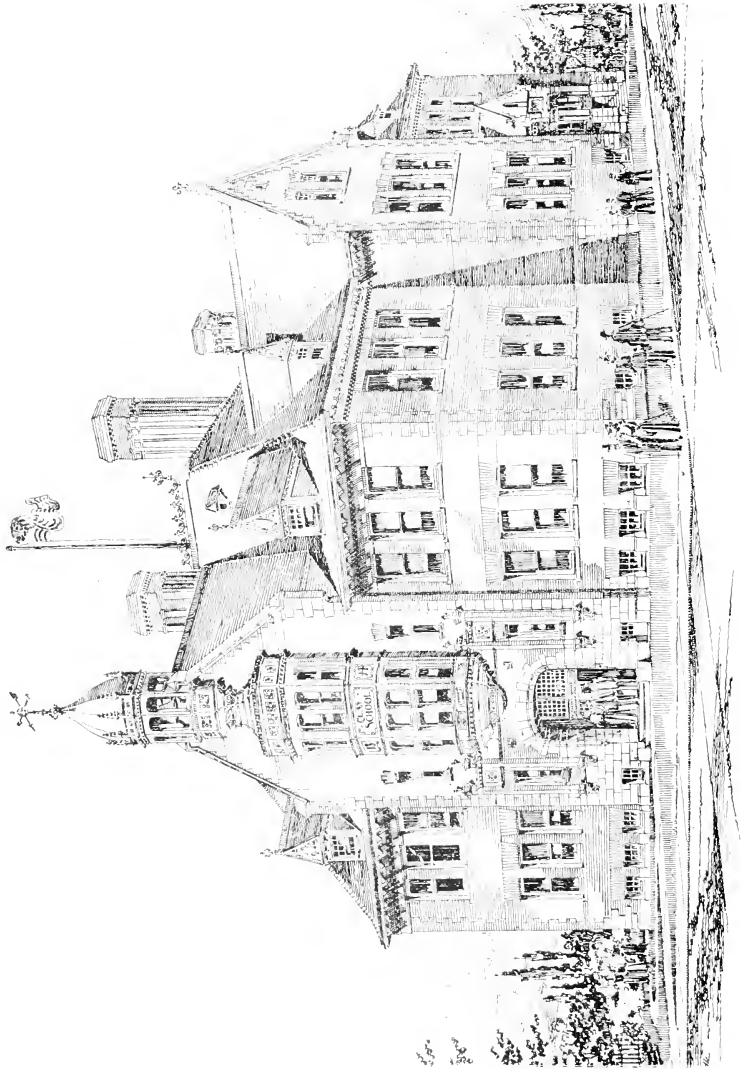
the Pennsylvania road's vast interest here, and the consequent rapid growth and prosperity of the city. Other thousands recall the sterling character and generous, helpful life of Allen Hamilton, the pioneer citizen, merchant, banker. Still other thousands revere the memory of Jesse L. Williams, and many have personally known the munificence of his charity. And everybody in this city, still delights to honor that magnificent type of the American gentleman, the Hon. Hugh McCulloch. To this quartette Messrs. Hanna, Hamilton, Williams and McCulloch the NEWS accords the honor of having contributed more than any others to the impetus that started Fort Wayne upon its *post bellum* career of remarkable growth. There are other individuals—who are represented elsewhere in these pages—who

have contributed as much perhaps to the permanent maintenance of this city's substantial growth as any one of the gentlemen named above; but to them belongs the honor of laying the foundation for our city's present greatness; and better still than that, to them is due the credit of having engrafted in early days upon the local body politic the life principle of their own sterling manhood, and no one may measure the influence of these strong, right-minded men, upon the future destinies of the city where they lived. It is a genuine pleasure to be able here to present, for the first time, between the covers of printed book, authentic and life-like portraits of these four grand citizens of Fort Wayne.

But these are only a few of the men whose names are widely known and whose lives have been in later years closely identified with our city's and our country's interests. Mr. John H. Bass, of Fort Wayne, has carved for himself a place in the front rank of America's greatest manufacturers. Hon. A. P. Edgerton was an honored member of the United States Civil Service Commission during the first term of President Cleveland. Hon. R. S. Taylor, one of the brainiest men in America, and for many years a member of the Mississippi River Commission, has this city as the place of his residence. Col. R. S. Robertson, late member of the National Utah Commission, and once Lieutenant Governor of Indiana, has his home here. Mr. R. T. McDonald, head of the great Fort Wayne Electric Light Company, whose name as a brilliant man of business is known from Maine to California, is a citizen of Fort Wayne. Samuel E. Moss, U. S. Consul to Paris, one of the foremost newspaper men of the country, is a native of Fort Wayne, and a product of our public schools. Hon. Walpole C. Colerick, Hon. Robert Lowry, Hon. James B. White, Hon. A. H. Hamilton, Hon. Chas. Case, Hon. Joseph K. Edgerton, Hon. Chas. Brenton are among those who have honored this city as representatives in the Congress of the United States. Hon. Isaac Jenkinson, consul to Glasgow and Hon. Niel McLachlan, consul to Leith, were appointed from this city, and Hon. James W. Borden, of Fort Wayne was minister to the Sandwich Islands under President Buchanan. Prof. H. W. Diederich, has just returned from Leipzig, after an honorable service as U. S. Consul.



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## A City of Splendid Educational Advantages.

NO city in Indiana, if in all the country, surpasses Fort Wayne in the character of her educational institutions and advantages. For many years, the public schools of this city have attracted the attention of educators all over the country by reason of their excellence. A diploma from our Central Grammar school entitles the possessor to matriculation without examination in several of the prominent colleges, and pupils graduating with honors from this school are awarded free scholarships in the best colleges of Indiana. In the public schools of this city, 5,167 children are enrolled in fifteen ward schools and the Central Grammar school, and receive instruction from an intelligent corps of one hundred and thirty-eight teachers. The old Clay school, which was destroyed by fire a few weeks ago, is now in process of replacement by the magnificent structure shown on the opposite page. Nearly all the public school buildings of this city are spacious, two-story edifices, constructed from the most modern and scientific designs for buildings of this class. The stairways are commodious and make easy of ascent, the rooms are large, well lighted and thoroughly ventilated, and the grounds are spacious and in every case located to conveniently accommodate the greatest number. The Central Grammar school, always the special pride of our people, has an enrollment this year of three hundred and forty-five pupils. From this school have graduated many bright scholars, who are even now wielding wide influence in the world of letters. More than a quarter of a century ago, the formation of a school library was begun, and to-day over 7,000 volumes are in the cases, and at the disposal of all pupils who have reached their third school year. Hon. O. P. Morgan, whose portrait appears herewith, has been a member of the Board of Trustees of the Fort Wayne Public Schools for an uninterrupted term of thirty-three years, which is believed to be the longest consecutive service ever rendered by any individual in the State of Indiana. Since he became connected with the school board of Fort Wayne, Mr. Morgan has seen a generation come and go. He has followed the fortunes of Fort Wayne as hamlet, village and city. He has served from the time when all the children of school age were housed under the roof of an old frame

building until it requires fifteen large brick structures to give them shelter, and nearly one hundred and fifty teachers to impart instruction to them.

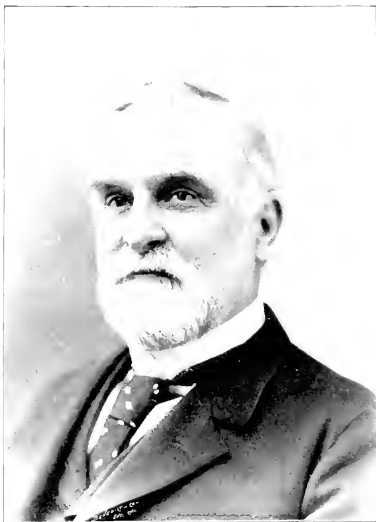
The parochial school system of the German Evangelical Lutheran Societies of this city, embraces five large schools and Concordia College, with property valued at \$155,000, and having an enrolled attendance of 1,571 students, taught by a corps of thirty highly educated and skilled instructors. Concordia College, a part of the Lutheran School system, is one of the foremost institutions of learning under the control of that church in the United States. It has usually an enrollment of three or four hundred students, and is really an academy preparatory to the Theological Seminary of that church at St. Louis.

The Catholic parochial schools of Fort Wayne number seven, and the value of their property is estimated at about \$150,000. There are nearly 2,300 pupils enrolled in the various schools, including those of school age at the orphanage. Forty-one teachers are employed to give instruction in the Catholic schools.

Westminster Seminary for Young Ladies, is a private seminary, conducted by Miss Carrie B. Sharp and Mrs. D. B. Wells. It is devoted specially to the higher education of young ladies, though it maintains primary and intermediate departments for girls. This school possesses marked advantages and has rapidly grown in popularity since the day of its establishment.

There are, in addition to those above mentioned, several private schools and kindergartens, and with these Fort Wayne may be said to possess every advantage that can possibly be required to fit the young for active life by affording thorough instruction in all the branches essential to a good education.

The schools herein enumerated do not, of course, include the business colleges, the night schools, nor any of the departments of education conducted under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association, although these represent no inconsiderable number of students, and form an important part of the educational work in progress in the city. The Music Schools of Fort Wayne are several in number, and they are celebrated for their excellence, number among their instructors many successful teachers.



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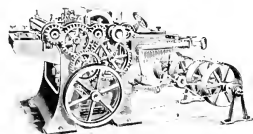
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## Fort Wayne a City of Churches.

**P**ROUD as she has a right to be concerning her educational advantages, the city of Fort Wayne has especial reason to be glad of the strong religious atmosphere pervading the community, as evidenced by the many churches that abound throughout the city. There are in Fort Wayne at the present time, forty-two regularly organized religious societies, as follows: Methodist, eight; Catholic, seven; Lutheran, seven; Presbyterian, five; Reformed, three; Baptist, two; Christian, two; Congregational, two; Hebrew, two; United Brethren, two; Episcopal and Evangelical one each. These forty-two congregations worship in churches, which, with their grounds and appurtenances cost not less than \$2,000,000. The membership of these religious bodies, as gleaned from their own reports, in round numbers reaches 15,000 souls. This is a remarkable showing for a city of 40,000 people, and accounts in large measure for the excellent standing of Fort Wayne as a place free from those oft-recurring scenes of lawlessness and disorder that disgrace so many cities of our class. Any city, a majority of whose people recognize God, and show their allegiance to Him by organizing to advance His cause and His kingdom upon earth, is bound to be a community of intelligent, enterprising, law-abiding and charitably inclined people, and the NEWS esteems it to be the crowning glory of Fort Wayne, that in her rapid progress during the past twenty years, the growth of religious sentiment has not only kept pace with, but has even surpassed that of her material prosperity. To this fact, beyond the peradventure of a doubt, is due the remarkable improvement in the moral atmosphere of the city, and the marked change that has taken place in the social life of our people. In another chapter, reference is made to conditions that obtained in Fort Wayne at the close of the war; how rioting, robbery, arson, and murder were of shockingly frequent occurrence. All is different now. Aside from petty violations of the liquor law, and occasional arrests for drunkenness and disorderly conduct, there is not much to mar the peace and dignity of the city. No one can over estimate the influence of the Christian religion along the line of good citizenship, and hence, no man can tell how much we owe to the religious organizations of Fort Wayne for the advancement we

have made in the scale of being. To the parent who is looking for a home, for a place in which to bring up his family of children, for a city with which to cast his lot, the half hundred spires pointing heavenward from Fort Wayne must constitute a powerful commendation in behalf of this goodly city.

Two flourishing departments of the Young Men's Christian Association, and a newly organized branch of the Young Women's Christian Association, belong to Fort Wayne. The city department is housed in its own magnificently appointed stone structure in the heart of the city, on Calhoun street, and has ample room, all conveniences, and every equipment needed for the successful carrying on of this important work. The railroad department, with a membership of many hundreds, has a comfortable home of its own, but which will some day have to be enlarged to meet the demands of so wide a field.

Not less than one hundred clergymen have their permanent homes in Fort Wayne, and when is added to this number, the college professors and teachers in the public, private and parochial schools, it will be seen that we have a very large citizenship composed of religious, cultured and refined people, and out of these classes has sprung the numerous literary and educational societies that have placed Fort Wayne foremost among the cities of Indiana. The NEWS is without data as to the number of these literary circles, or their membership. Indeed, accurate in-

formation on the subject would be impossible to obtain, since many of the clubs are private and informal. But it is known that no city of Indiana has as many organizations devoted to mind culture and improvement as has Fort Wayne, and it may be added, that no city has a larger and more intelligent class of refined people.

Not least important of our city's claims to honor, is her conceded superiority in point of musical taste and culture. The Morning Musical, a society of music-loving women, has done much to advance musical interests here, and the recent productions of "The Creation" and "The Chimes of Normandy," testify to the remarkable musical capabilities of our vocalists, while some of the best instrumental talent in Indiana has its home here.



REV. D. W. MOFFAT.

# Business Men's Tribute to The News.

H. J. ASH.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., June 1, 1894.

We read the NEWS not only as an advertising medium but also as a standard of popular sentiment, one of the most influential mediums ever established in this city. Success to it.

H. J. ASH.

## THE PEOPLE'S STORE.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., June 1, 1894.

The People's Store congratulates the "People's Paper" upon the annihilation of its 20th year. It gives pleasure to endorse the NEWS as an advertising medium just as usual.

BEDELL & COMPANY.

## M. FRANK & CO.

FORT WAYNE, JUNE 1, 1894.

Covering a period of twenty years, we have been constant patrons of the advertising department of the DAILY NEWS. We are told the "Bee Hive" is a household word, if so, we cheerfully attribute to Mr. Page's splendid medium a full share of credit.

M. FRANK & CO.

## FRIEND'S ENTERPRISE.

We are entering on our 18th year of business in this city. During all that period have always advertised in your columns. We feel a measure of our success is due to your subscribers. We wish you uninterrupted continued success.

FRIENDS ENTERPRISE,  
Clothing. Corner Calhoun and Berry Streets.

## GEO. DeWALD & CO.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., June 1, 1894.

The big dry goods house of Geo. DeWald & Co. does not patronize newspapers for exclusively philanthropic reasons, nor does it advertise for fun. It is part of our business method, and the space used by us in the NEWS is the best proof of our appreciation of its columns.

GEO. DEWALD & CO.

## DREIER BROTHERS & CO.

FORT WAYNE, June 1, 1894.

For the past twenty years we have used the Fort Wayne DAILY NEWS as an advertising medium and are well satisfied as to the results. Respectfully,

DREIER BROTHERS & CO.

## FOSTER FURNITURE COMPANY.

FORT WAYNE, JUNE 1, 1894.

The Foster Furniture Company has held a contract for many years with the DAILY NEWS, and upon this occasion is glad of an opportunity to express its appreciation of the same, both as a progressive newspaper and as a medium for reaching the public.

FOSTER FURNITURE COMPANY.

## HELLER & FRANKEL.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., June 1, 1894.

Heller & Frankel, the Globe Clothing, congratulate the NEWS upon the occasion of its 20th anniversary, and heartily endorse all the pleasant things said of it by members of the business community.

HELLER & FRANKEL.

## WILLIAM HAHN & COMPANY.

Your editors of Fort Wayne Up To Date. We have been constant subscribers to the Fort Wayne DAILY NEWS for the past nine years, and we truly say we feel that for every dollar paid the NEWS we have received a tenfold benefit. As an advertising medium we commend it to you. Yours respectfully,

WILLIAM HAHN & CO.

## "THE JACOBS SHOE STORE."

The Jacobs Shoe Store, No. 15 Calhoun street, one of the oldest reliable shoe houses in Indiana, owes a part of its unparalleled success to constant advertising in the NEWS-every shoe this enterprising paper has been published in Fort Wayne.

I. LEBMAN.

## A. S. LAUFERTY & CO.

FORT WAYNE, June 1, 1894.

It is with a sense of pleasure that we attest our appreciation of the NEWS as an advertising medium. The intelligent advertiser seeks results, and he gets them in the NEWS.

A. S. LAUFERTY.

## MEYER BROTHERS & CO.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., June 1, 1894.

Our observation as extensive dealers in proprietary medicines, has given us peculiar opportunities to judge of the excellence of local advertising mediums and we unhesitatingly pronounce the NEWS in the first rank.

MEYER BROTHERS & CO.

## MERGENTHEIM'S BAZAAR.

We have been advertising in your paper for the last four or five years and can say, have always found it an excellent medium. Judging from the trade your paper brings us it certainly must have a large circulation. We congratulate you on your 20th anniversary.

MERGENTHEIM'S BAZAAR,  
D. HANCOCK, Manager.

## PINLEY & COMPANY.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., June 1, 1894.

From the inception of our business enterprise up to the present day, in every issue of the NEWS, our advertisement has appeared in the first column on the first page of that paper. It has been a good investment.

PINLEY & COMPANY.

## ROOT & COMPANY.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., June 1, 1894.

After twenty years of uninterrupted use of the columns of the FORT WAYNE NEWS, we cheerfully attest to their excellence as a medium of advertising. The NEWS is just what it claims to be, "The People's Paper."

ROOT & COMPANY.

## SAM, PETE & MAX.

Editor Daily News

FORT WAYNE, Ind., May 15, 1894.

Allow us to congratulate you upon the 20th anniversary of your publication of the DAILY NEWS. You are editing a clean, newsy, progressive paper and we consider it one of the best advertising mediums in the city. Wishing you the continued success that your efforts so richly deserve, we remain Truly Yours, SAM, PETE & MAX.

## THE GREAT FRUIT HOUSE.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., June 1, 1894.

The Fort Wayne Fruit House and Tea Depot commends the NEWS as a wide-sawed, progressive newspaper, and one whose advertising columns always give good results to those employing them.

J. B. WHITE.

## L. WOLF & CO.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., June 1, 1894.

The great dry goods and carpet house of L. Wolf & Co. just rising from the ashes of a disastrous fire, enters upon a new era just as the NEWS begins its 21st year and hopes we may be able to celebrate together our 20th anniversary.

L. WOLF & CO.,  
No. 31 Calhoun Street.

## Fort Wayne as a Railroad Center.

WHATEVER other claims Fort Wayne may have of superiority over the cities of hoosierdom, there is none to question her supremacy as a railroad center. Other places there are with more railroads than we have, it is true, but no city of Indiana can boast of as many great roads as are centered here. The Pennsylvania system, representing 8000 miles of railway in active operation; the Wabash system, stretching its long branches throughout the far west; the New York, Chicago & St. Louis Railway, constituting, with its eastern connections, under the Vanderbilt system, a through line from New York to Chicago; the great Grand Rapids route, running from Cincinnati to Mackinaw; the Lake Shore terminus and its northern connection, the Lake Erie & Western, compose a net work of lines that make Fort Wayne one of the best advertised of inland railway centers, and give to her the name of being one of the best distributing points in the country. Another projected line from Chicago to New York is now knocking for admission at our gates.

The importance to this city of the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne & Chicago railway, with its great shop plant, cannot be overestimated. This immense hive of industry has made possible the splendid achievements of Fort Wayne during the past quarter of a century, and has no doubt contributed more than any other single cause, to the growth and prosperity of this municipality. The value of the Pennsylvania Co.'s interests here is computed by the millions, and it pays about one-twentieth of the entire taxation of the city. During the past twenty years, an average of nearly \$100,000 per month has been paid to the employes of this great corporation here, and this vast sum, aggregating twenty millions of dollars, has been disseminated through the various channels of trade and commerce. Can any one compute the value this railroad has been to the city, or estimate its importance to us now?

Next in point of usefulness to this city is the New York, Chicago & St. Louis railway. This road, owned now and operated by the Vanderbilts, has a total trackage of 523 miles. Its monthly disbursements in this city amount to \$35,000. It is believed that not much effort would be required to secure for this city the Stony Island shops of this

great road. These shops, employing several hundred men, were lost to us by the seductions of a multitude of contractors who originally constructed the road, and who made the location of the shops a matter of private speculation. Fort Wayne has always been considered to be the most desirable point for these shops, and it has been intimated many times of late that they would be removed from their present unsightly and unhealthy locality if it could be accomplished without too serious loss to the company's interests in the abandonment of a costly plant.

The Wabash Railway, formerly had a division point here, and this is still the home of quite a number of employes, repair shops being still maintained in this city, and several thousand dollars being disbursed monthly on the local pay-roll. This road is part of a system having 2,123 miles of track, and with its eastern connection forming a great trunk line from New York and Boston to the far southwest.

The Grand Rapids and Indiana Railroad, forming a through line from Cincinnati to Mackinaw, has its division point here, Fort Wayne being nearly mid-way between Grand Rapids and Cincinnati. The disbursements of this road amount to about \$7,000 per month in this city. By means of this route we are placed in quick connection with the great health resorts, and also with the pine lumber regions of Michigan.

The Lake Shore system, represented here by a branch running from this city to Jackson, has a trackage of

1,185 miles, and by this arm our people are enabled to reach, in a few miles, one of the most popular of American passenger lines.

The Lake Erie & Western, has its station with that of the Lake Shore, and with it constitutes another long north and south road, tapping the pines of Michigan and extending to the Ohio river.

The railroads that center in this city show a combined trackage of nearly 12,500 miles, as follows.

P. F. W. & C., including the G. B. & F. Railway	7,915
Nickel Plate Railway	523
Lake Shore Railway	1,185
Wabash Railway	2,123
Lake Erie & Western Railway	711



C. D. LAW.

**BARDOW'S  
ART GALLERY**

**GROUND FLOOR**  
The finest and best appointed  
GALLERY IN THE STATE  
20 & 23 WEST BERRY ST. -  
FORT WAYNE, IND.

# MORGAN & BEACH,

19 and 21 East Columbia Street.

DEALERS IN

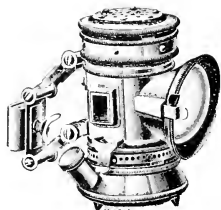
**ART GLASS,** Fine designs, harmonious combinations, handsome effects.

**PAINTS,** Strong colors, delicate shades in Lowe Bros' durable pigments.

**Cutlery and Silverware,** The best American and Foreign makes.

**HARDWARE,** Every grade and large variety. P. & F. Corbin's line of Locks and Knobs in all the latest styles and finishes.

**BICYCLES,** Refrigerators, Ice Cream Freezers, Mechanics and Machinists' Tools, Electrical Supplies.



SEARCHLIGHTS.

## The Grain Trade of Fort Wayne.

THE grain trade of Fort Wayne has always been and is to-day one of the most important branches of business carried on at this point. Prominent in the trade in its early history may be mentioned the names of Messrs. Hill & Orbison; McCulloch & Little; Bash & Aiken, now S. Bash & Co.; Hoagland, Tresselt & Co.; Compans, Hubbell & Co.; R. W. Taylor; John Orff and D. S. Beaver, as well as others whose names the writer is unable to recall. In the very early days of this trade, when Fort Wayne was the great central shipping point of a wide territory, her grain going to the sea-board mostly by canal and lake, this city enjoyed the largest grain trade of any city in northern Indiana, the grain being hauled here from a radius of fifty or seventy miles, and the storage capacity of the different elevators and grain-warehouses was much greater than it is to-day. With the completion of a net work of railroads throughout the state, our grain trade has been largely cut off, and, while still maintaining the rank of one of our first industries, it has fallen many thousand bushels short of her old-time prestige.

Fort Wayne to-day has four large flouring mills, with a capacity considerably exceeding 500 barrels per day; and in addition to this, she has one elevator with a capacity of 50,000 to 75,000 bushels, and is well equipped for handling this business economically and to the advantage of both buyer and seller. The milling capacity having grown so large, it has now become necessary to ship in a large amount of grain in addition to her local receipts to supply the same. This has had a tendency to make Fort Wayne a better market for grain, relatively speaking, than any of the neighboring markets, and also enables her to pay considerably higher prices for this article than her sister cities. From 500,000 to 750,000 bushels of grain are annually handled in this market at the present time and the trade is growing steadily above this figure. Much unfair criticism of the grain business of this city has been made in former years; and some of it, we are satisfied, has not been merited. The Baltimore & Ohio railroad and the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern railroad, traversing very rich sections north of us, both have free elevators on their lines of road, together

with people in charge at the expense of the railroad companies; and these concessions on the part of the railroads, combined with high rates of toll on the wagon roads leading to this city, have militated largely against the commercial interests, both wholesale and retail, of Fort Wayne. In the opinion of the most enlightened public sentiment, free gravel roads are essential to the prosperity of the commercial interests of this city, and they should be continuously and persistently advocated until every toll-gate has been abolished from the county. The soil of most of

Allen county is exceedingly unfavorable for good country roads. The abundance of clay and scarcity of gravel, make road building difficult and costly, and for this reason Fort Wayne has long been handicapped in the direction of rural trade. It is gratifying, however, to note a marked improvement in this direction. Under recent legislation, several new gravel roads have been finished radiating in many directions, and it is reasonably certain that no more toll roads will ever be constructed in this county. There is a steadily growing sentiment in favor of road improvement. The introduction of road making machinery has simplified the labor and expense of grading, and the outlook is altogether favorable now for the early completion of a thorough system of gravel roads all over a county whose highways have been too long neglected.

It is to be hoped that with the improved roads that are even now in sight, and the

promised abolition of all the toll roads, the railroad companies, or private capitalists, may feel warranted in building new elevators, and thus create stronger competition and a livelier market for the cereal product of the adjacent country. There are many reasons why Fort Wayne, with its great inducements as a commercial center should attract a large amount of the trade that has been heretofore driven to smaller places on adjacent parallel lines of railway. With costly tolls removed, and roads over which easy access may be had by heavily loaded teams, to this city, the advantages offered by local merchants in the way of bargains will surely result in a vast increase to the grain trade of our city which has so long suffered from the influence of high tolls and mud roads.



S. BASH.



THE ONLY EXCLUSIVE  
**CLOAK, SUIT AND**  


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**FUR HOUSE**

IN NORTHERN INDIANA.

Owned and managed by a young and energetic business man, who has been at the head of the Cloak, Suit and Fur business for the past twenty years. Never found without the very latest productions of

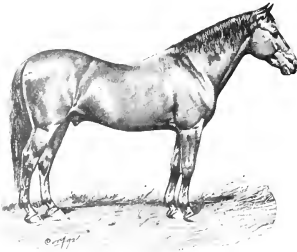
**FOREIGN AND  
 DOMESTIC STYLES.**

He is wide awake and alert to supply the ladies of Fort Wayne with metropolitan ideas. An exclusive business in this particular line has been a long felt want in our city. No lady should pass this establishment as it is bound to be patronized by those seeking goods in this particular line.

**V. GUTERMUTH,**

No. 52 $\frac{1}{2}$  CALHOUN STREET.

A FAMOUS SIRE



**"STRATHMORE,"**

PROPERTY OF

**Elmwood Stock Farm,**

FORT WAYNE, IND.

A LIBRARY FOR A SONG.

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 STANDARD BOOKS.

POPULAR NOVELS.

COMPLETE WORKS.

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 CLOTH BOUND VOLUMES

AT 15 CENTS.

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 Handsome Library Books

AT 25 CENTS.

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 AT THE

**"DAILY NEWS" OFFICE.**



## The Wholesale Trade of Fort Wayne.

LOCATED on three great trunk railroad lines, in the heart of a rich agricultural region, with four long north and south railroads having their termini here, it was impossible that Fort Wayne should not be a splendid wholesale center. The past twenty years have witnessed remarkable growth and activity in this branch of commerce. Several large, influential and highly prosperous concerns have recently been added to the number of wholesale establishments in Fort Wayne, and the jobbing trade in dry goods, groceries, boots and shoes, iron, steel and heavy hardware, and other lines, has been very largely increased.

No important branch of mercantile trade is without representation in Fort Wayne. For instance, there are only fifteen establishments devoted exclusively to the jobbing of iron, steel and heavy hardware in the United States, west of the Allegheny mountains. The great house of Mossman, Yarnelle & Company, of this city, is one of the largest of these, and decidedly the foremost concern of its class in Indiana.

In dry goods, we have two jobbing houses, DeWald & Company, and Root & Company, both of which do an extensive business, which is not by any means confined to this state, but reaches across the borders into Ohio and Michigan, and extends in some cases beyond the three states mentioned.

A few years ago, two firms represented the wholesale grocery interests of this city. Now, five mammoth establishments find this a successful

avenue to commercial success, and no better or more prosperous houses are found elsewhere in Indiana.

In wholesale boots and shoes, we have an establishment that has grown from inconsiderable proportions to one of the largest and most prosperous concerns in the west, and the firm name of W. L. Carnahan & Company is widely and favorably known as one of the most successful houses in this state.

Five large confectioneries are engaged in the wholesaling, not only of goods pertaining to that branch of business, but all of them carry on a large baking business, and two of these establishments are immense concerns, whose products are widely disseminated by wholesale throughout a wide adjacent territory.

Several houses carry on a wholesale drug trade, but there is no establishment here exclusively devoted to the jobbing of drugs and medicines.

The jobbing of fruits in this market is carried on by several large establishments, those of J. B. White, Pottlitzer Brothers, Louis Fox, McDonald & Watt and Bursley & Company being most prominent.

The wholesale hardware business is confined to five large establishments, all of which are well managed, prosperous and heavily stocked concerns.

Leather and findings are sold by one jobbing house in Fort Wayne.

Ten establishments control the local wholesale liquor traffic.

The wholesaling of meats in this city has grown to be an important industry, and the trade that was a few years ago controlled almost exclusively by one house, is now divided among several great concerns, Fred Eckart, Leikauf Brothers & Bash, Swift & Company, Armour & Company, Gottlieb Haller and George Roux being leading representatives.

One large millinery establishment holds the jobbing trade in that line of this city.

Eight concerns are devoted more or less extensively to the wholesaling of notions from this point.

Five establishments in this city are engaged in the wholesale paper trade.

The superior shipping facilities of Fort Wayne, as represented in the several important railway systems that center here, will always give

her an advantage that cannot be gained by cities less favorably endowed, and as the next decade promises another trunk line, and a new direct road to Indianapolis, we may reasonably hope for rapid development of our wholesale trade.

As pertinent to this branch of trade, it is proper to refer to the commercial travelers of Fort Wayne, a progressive class of estimable gentlemen, who stand at the forefront of Indiana salesmen. To them belongs the credit of the organization of the T. P. A. The late Herbert V. Root, of this city, was an early President of the National Association and several local travelers have been at the head of the state society, of which this city is the home of Post A., the largest post in Indiana.



GEORGE D'WALD.

"What fools these  
Mortals be"



## TO DRINK

A cheap Beer, brewed outside of this city, when Fort Wayne supplies some of the largest cities in the land.

## WHY

Pay double prices for imported Beer when a domestic Beer, brewed out of nothing but the choicest Barley and Hops, can be bought at prices not higher than injurious and adulterated goods.

# The Herman Berghoff Brewing Co.

PRODUCES IN ITS

# Dortmunder, Doppel and Salvator,

Fully as wholesome and pure an article as any imported beer.

## THEY DEFIANTLY CHALLENGE THE WORLD

To prove that their claims and affidavits are not true. They invite Chemists and Experts to Analyze their Dortmunder and Salvator Beer and to lay claims to their

REWARD OF \$5,000.

## The Large Retail Trade of Fort Wayne.

FORT WAYNE is a great retail market. No better means is afforded of judging of the thrift of any city than by the patronage accorded to her retail stores. By this standard, our city has occasion to feel proud of her position in the sisterhood of commercial municipalities, for where may we look to find a place of the importance of Fort Wayne, with the record of as few failures as have occurred here? The flattering condition of retail trade in this city is due to several causes, and foremost among these are the high character of our merchants, their

keen business intelligence, their progressive enterprise, their splendid quality of their stocks, and the uniformly good values extended to their patrons. With inducements such as are offered in the retail stores of Fort Wayne, there is no object for our people to seek the larger markets of Chicago, Cincinnati or New York. With resident buyers constantly in the eastern market to supply the local trade, our merchants are able to compete with dealers anywhere, and it is a subject of remark that not even the greater cities offer better bargains to the public than can be secured over the retail counters in Fort Wayne. There is only one obstacle in the path of the fullest achievement of our city in this direction. Our country trade is not what it ought to be, not what it has been, and may we not hope that it is not what it will be in the future. The cause of this failure to come up to her full standard of business patronage, is treated of at some

length in a previous chapter on the grain trade. It is due solely to the condition of our unimproved country roads and the costly tolls exacted on the turnpikes. Years ago, before the era of railroad building had constructed parallel trunk lines at distances of less than a dozen miles apart, the local retail market had patronage from western Ohio, southern Michigan and a large part of north and eastern Indiana. The building of these roads has lost some of this trade for our city forever; but with a widespread system of free gravel roads, much of it might be regained, and it is hoped that laws recently enacted and new legislation that is needed, will do much to give us relief in the direction of removing the embargo upon local trade established by the maintenance of toll roads by private corporations.

The dry goods trade in Fort Wayne is represented by thirty establishments, doing a business every year that takes seven figures to represent its volume. It is the boast of our people that in quality of stock, attractiveness of exhibit, and uniform lowness of price, Fort Wayne dry goods houses are not surpassed in any city.

Groceries are sold in more than one hundred and forty establishments in Fort Wayne, though not all of this number are extensive dealers.

About forty stores in this city are engaged in the selling of drugs and medicines and the dealers in this line stand in the front ranks of our merchants in point of intelligence and thrift and the trade is uniformly attended with prosperity.

There are a dozen or more establishments engaged in the retail furniture trade, which is one of the most prosperous of local commercial pursuits.

Thirty firms are engaged in the retailing of boots and shoes.

About twenty-two merchant tailors do business here.

A dozen establishments are devoted to the sale of clothing, hats, caps and furnishing goods.

Fifteen concerns carry on a general trade in hardware, stoves and house furnishing goods.

Twelve stores sell music, musical instruments and merchandise.

There are a dozen book stores here.

Fifteen notion stores do business in Fort Wayne.

The number of saloons, we don't know, but there are



AUGUST F. SIMON.

enough to supply the demand.

The character of the business blocks that house the retail trade of Fort Wayne, is first-class. Better store rooms than those occupied by our leading merchants are not found, except in the palatial blocks of the great cities of the country. The commodious quarters occupied by Root & Company, DeWald & Company, William Hahn & Company, Meyer Brothers & Company, Beadell & Company, M. Frank & Company, Sam. Pete & Max, Louis Wolf & Company, E. J. Golden, A. L. and H. Friend, Pixley & Company, Mergenthaler & Company, J. B. White and many other well known dealers, are the pride of our people and the subject of favorable comment by all who make our city a visit.

# FIRST NATIONAL BANK

OF FORT WAYNE,

CORNER MAIN AND COURT STREETS.

Oldest National Bank in State of Indiana.

Capital and Surplus, \$475,000.

OFFICERS:

J. H. BASS, President.  
M. W. SIMONS, Vice-President  
LEM. R. HARTMAN, Cashier.  
W. L. PETTIT, Assistant Cashier.

CHAS. McCULLOCH, President. JOHN MOHR, JR., Cashier.

## The Hamilton National Bank,

Capital, \$200,000.  
Surplus, 230,000.

FORT WAYNE, IND.

STEPHEN B. BOND, President.  
OLIVER P. MORGAN, Vice-President.  
JARED D. BOND, Cashier.  
JAMES C. WOODWORTH, Ass't Cashier.

Capital, \$350,000.  
Surplus, \$125,000.

# The Old National Bank,

DIRECTORS:

OLIVER P. MORGAN.      STEPHEN B. BOND.  
JOHN H. BASS.          HENRY C. PAUL.  
MONTGOMERY HAMILTON.

FORT WAYNE, IND.

JOHN W. WHITE, President.  
THOS. B. HEDEKIN, Vice-President.  
HARRY A. KEPLINGER, Cashier.  
GUSTAVE G. DIETZER, Assistant Cashier.

J. D. NUTTMAN.

O. S. HANNA.

## White National Bank.

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS, \$220,000.

Pays 3 per cent interest per annum on time deposits.

Safe Deposit Boxes for Rent at \$5.00 per Annum.

DIRECTORS:

J. B. WHITE.              R. T. McDONALD.  
R. L. ROMY.              SOL. ROTTSCHILD.  
T. B. HEDEKIN.          J. W. WHITE.  
D. C. FISLER.

## NUTTMAN & CO., BANKERS.

FORT WAYNE, - - - IND.

We solicit accounts of Corporations, Firms and  
Individuals.

Exchange bought and sold.

Collections receive prompt attention.

Our Vault and Safes are Fire and Burglar Proof.

Interest paid on deposits.

## Substantial Banking Houses of Fort Wayne.

**T**HREE are banks and banks, and there are cities having banks with larger capital, more surplus and greater deposits than those of Fort Wayne; but we challenge any city in the United States to show a cleaner record in its annals of banking than belongs to our own favored city. Never, in all her history, was there a bank failure in Fort Wayne. Never were the doors of any banking house here closed for a single hour because of inability to meet legitimate demands made over its counters. Never has the business community here been denied liberal accommodations at the hands of the local banks. Never have local business interests suffered because of a failure to secure the discounting of commercial paper.

Where is the city that can boast of a record equal to this? Where is the city of 45,000 people that can point to banking institutions so capably and intelligently conducted through a period of half a century?

During the early days of the present era of business depression, when the people, not knowing how to account for the sudden and widespread financial panic that last year swept over the country, and hearing of bank wrecks, and embroilments, and defalcations, became restless and uneasy lest their savings should be lost; and when some of our nervous ones withdrew their deposits and placed them for safer (to keep in stockings and bureau drawers, there never was anything like a run on any Fort Wayne bank, and months ago, every dollar that had been withdrawn was returned, with more dollars to keep it company, until to-day the banks of Fort Wayne have more money on deposit than when the era of hard times began; for people are beginning to realize that there is no safer place for money than in the coffers of a local bank.

Five banks of deposit are doing business in this city. Of this number, four are national banks. The total capital stock of these national banks is \$1,950,000. Their surplus and undivided profits on the 10th day of May last, amounted in round figures to more than \$620,000, and the total of deposits aggregated almost \$1,400,000.

Two of the local banks only have buildings erected especially for their occupancy. The Old National Bank, at the corner of Calhoun and Berry streets, in the very heart

of the city, has a massive and elegant three-story stone structure, built two years ago, and constituting one of the handsomest and most attractive buildings in the city. Its office is fitted up with the latest and most approved fixtures, and is a model of comfort and convenience in all of its appointments.

The White National Bank, at the corner of Clinton and Wayne streets, has most elaborate and commodious quarters. Indeed, it is doubtful if any bank in the state of Indiana is more elegantly housed than is this young but remarkably prosperous institution. Its building is three-stories in height and its office occupies the entire ground floor, having a floor space 60 x 90 feet. The furniture and fixtures of the White Bank are of the latest design, of substantial material and artistic workmanship. Most excellent taste and skill are shown in all the arrangements, and nothing could be more complete and convenient than are all the accessories of this office.

The First National Bank, which for so many years has occupied the building at the corner of Court and Main streets, is about to be established in new, commodious and elegant quarters in the Bass Block, where work will soon begin upon extensive improvements looking to that end. The room is very large, and as all the latest furniture and fixtures are to be adopted for its use, the First National Bank will soon have an attractive home.

The Hamilton National Bank has not changed its

location for many years, and it may not do so for some time to come; but as this bank owns one of the most desirable corners in the heart of the city, it is not unlikely that some day not far distant it will occupy a spacious and convenient office that shall vie with any of its contemporaries in the elegance of its appointments.

The Nuttman Bank has its home in the Bank Block, on East Main street, where it was established several years ago. This is a private bank and enjoys, to a high degree, the confidence of the entire community. It is a sound and conservative institution.

Among names prominent in banking circles here in other days, are those of ex-Secretary Hugh McCulloch, Allen Hamilton, Charles D. Bond, J. D. Nuttman and S. Cary Evans.



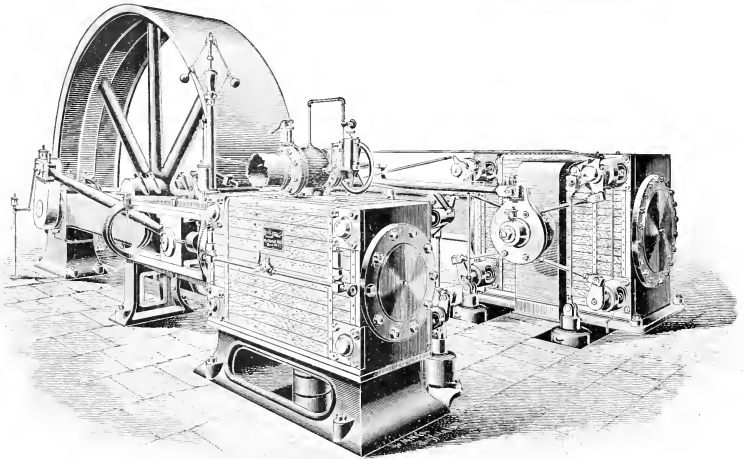
S. B. BOND.

# Bass Foundry and Machine Works,

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA.

## IMPROVED CORLISS ENGINES,

*SIMPLE, COMPOUND AND CONDENSING.*



MEDAL AWARDED AT WORLD'S COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION.

ALSO MANUFACTURERS OF

**TUBULAR BOILERS, FEED WATER HEATERS,  
AND STEAM SEPARATORS.**

COMPLETE POWER OUTFITS FOR

**FACTORY, ELECTRIC LIGHT, STREET RAILROAD,  
AND ROLLING MILL PLANTS.**

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## The Bass Foundry and Machine Works.

Taking up the subject of the greater manufacturing industries of Fort Wayne, the Bass Foundry and Machine Works naturally suggest themselves, because of their overwhelming importance to this city and her interests. The railroad shops employ more men, and disburse more money to employees; but, because they are owned and managed by capitalists of other states, they do not possess exactly the place in popular esteem which is accorded to the great industry whose title heads this chapter, and which has grown from a little machine shop of slight importance, into a great hive of industry, whose product is known wherever railroads have been made, and which is itself a magnificent monument to the wonderful business capacity of the man under whose skillful direction it has grown into its present magnificent proportions.

The Bass Foundry and Machine Works is not as old an institution as some of its compeers of the Empire State and New England; but it wears the distinguished honor of making some lines of manufactured products which in quantity and quality are without successful rivals in the world. It is the pride of every citizen of Fort Wayne to be able to say to visitors from abroad that our city holds the parent plant of the great Bass Foundry, and that the big institutions at Chicago and St. Louis are only branches of the Fort Wayne establishment. It is with feelings of profound satisfaction that the Fort Wayne visitor to other cities may truthfully proclaim the fact that this great enterprise,

located at his home, produces more and better car wheels than are made by any foundry in the world. Go where you may, on this continent, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from Hudson's Bay to Patagonia, and wherever there are railway tracks, beneath the rolling stock may be found iron wheels, emblazoned with the legend "Bass Foundry, Fort Wayne, Indiana." And should you visit Europe or the Antipodes, England, France, Germany, Russia or Australia, the car wheel product of Fort Wayne would greet you, everywhere. The capacity of the Bass Foundry is several hundred wheels per day, and in seasons of average commercial activity, the full powers of the works are tested to supply the demand for their popular product. So important to the successful carrying on of any railway, is the item of

strong wheels, and such a magnificent reputation have the wheels of this great factory, that many railroads would not buy wheels from any other source at any price that could be named.

But the item of car wheels is only one of many important branches of manufacture carried on at this great establishment. The Bass-Corliss Engines are famed everywhere for their remarkable excellence in points of material, construction and wearing capacity, and the demand for these great machines comes from all points of the compass.

As showing the ability of the Bass Foundry to compete with the world, it is in point that eight huge boilers have just been constructed here for use at New Castle, Pennsylvania, which is not exactly "carrying coals to New Castle," but it seems very like it, in view of the great iron foundries that abound in that locality.

The Bass Foundry and Machine Works during the past twenty years, when running to their full capacity, have employed from one thousand to twelve hundred men, with a pay-roll aggregating about \$35,000 a month, which very large sum has been disbursed through the regular channels of trade in this city.

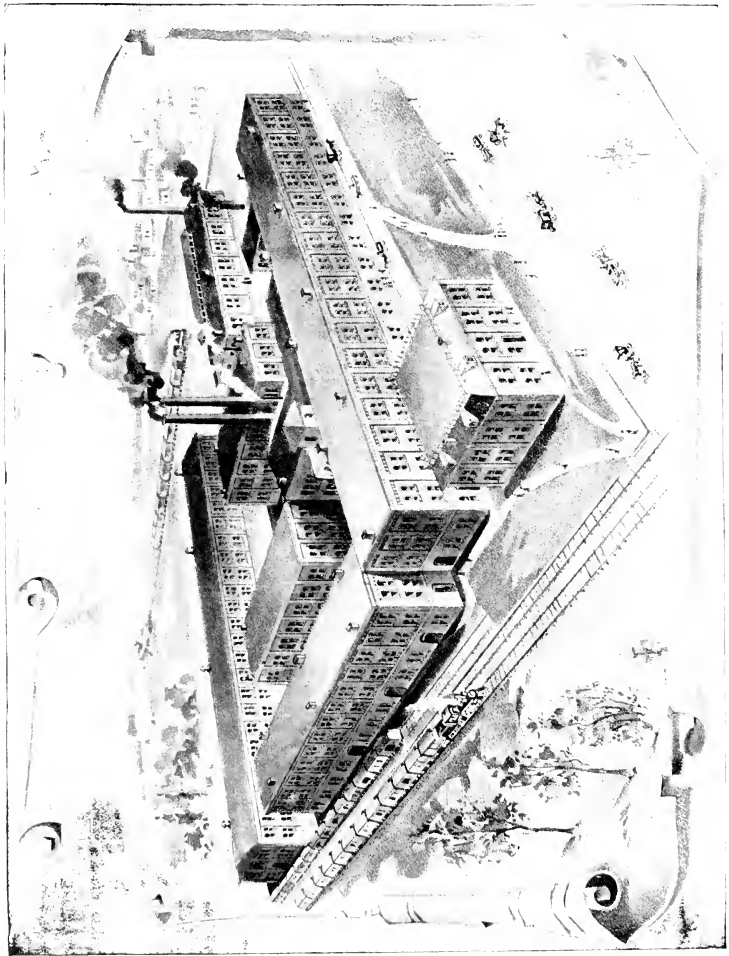
It has been popular, sometimes, and in certain circles, to inveigh against the successful manufacturer, whose business skill and foresight have enabled him to amass a competency; but we have yet to meet that citizen of Indiana who begrudges to Mr. John H. Bass the fruits of his

labors in building up a manufactory that through forty years has given employment, at good wages, to hundreds of competent workmen, enabling them to live in happiness and contentment, to rear and educate their families of children, to buy and improve their homes, and to fill respected and honorable places in the community.

Since its establishment, and up to date, the Bass Foundry and Machine Works have disbursed to employees many millions of dollars, and upon this vast revenue other hundreds of trades people have lived and prospered. In estimating the value to our city of its great manufacturing, what they contribute indirectly to the general public should always be considered. A great boon to Fort Wayne has been the Bass Foundry.



JOHN H. BASS.



The Fort Wayne Electric Co.



## The Fort Wayne Electric Works.

UNPARALLELED, in a city of wonderful manufacturing successes, has been the remarkable rise and progress of the Fort Wayne Electric Co., an establishment which was in its infancy ten years ago, and which to-day stands in the very first rank of our great industries. A history of this enterprise would read like a romance. The story of its early struggle of its tenacious fight for existence, of the lack of confidence of some of its stockholders, of the hopeful and enduring contest of its manager, of its slow but steady growth, of obstacles met and surmounted, of its final triumphant and brilliant success, gaining victory over every rival in the great field of electrical science.

would fill a volume teeming with interest to those who delight in the contemplation of splendid achievements.

To Mr. R. T. McDonald belongs the undivided honor of projecting, carrying forward and preserving for this city one of the foremost of her manufacturing enterprises. He was at its head when, with a paid-up capital of a few hundred dollars, it occupied an old frame structure on the Nickel Plate tracks west of Harrison street. He was its manager, when, having outgrown these dilapidated quarters, it moved into a more commodious building erected for its occupancy on East Columbia street. He was in control of its affairs when land was purchased and a new factory was erected on the P. F. W. & C. Railway, on Broadway. He controlled its destinies through following years, and saw its great possibilities of growth if only

capital might be placed in his hands with which to develop it. He chafed over the indifference of stockholders, who had invested \$1,500 each, and who were clamoring for dividends on that investment, while declining to put another dollar into an enterprise that was suffering for need of widespread improvement. And then, one day he went to New York, and startled his Fort Wayne conditors by wiring for their acceptance of \$800,000 apiece for their interest in a property that had cost each of them the magnificent sum of \$1,500. The deal was made, and the Fort Wayne Electric Company passed into the hands of a great and wealthy corporation; but, as Mr. McDonald had been true to the interests of the local stockholders, securing to them the rich results of the sensational sale, so was he true to the

interests of his city, for he made the sale conditional upon the plant being maintained at Fort Wayne. Then came the disastrous fire that left the electric works a crumbling mass of ruins. The corporation controlling the works again desired to remove the plant to the east where vacant factories, owned by them, awaited the business of the local works. Again Mr. McDonald's strong individuality and his never flagging loyalty to Fort Wayne were shown. The company was obdurate in its determination to move, but it desired above all to retain Mr. McDonald's services. The

eastern managers insisted. Mr. McDonald was firm and threatened to resign. Finally, a compromise was effected to the end that if the citizens of Fort Wayne would rebuild the plant on a scale commensurate with the demands upon it, the works should remain here. A committee, comprising some of our leading business men, made a prompt and active canvass, securing contributions in the sum of \$25,000 and the works were saved to us. The plant was immediately rebuilt on a very extensive scale, new land was acquired, and the company extended the building far beyond its promises to meet the steadily increasing demand for the products of this great establishment. Hundreds of new men were employed. The highest class of skilled artists and artisans were brought from abroad to this city. A large contingent of expert workmen came from Brooklyn to Fort Wayne, and never was an investment of \$25,000 made to better purpose than that which per-

manently secured the Fort Wayne Electric Works for Fort Wayne. It would be impossible, in the few words left for this subject, to tell all that has been accomplished for us by this great industry. It has disbursed among our citizens from \$20,000 to \$30,000 per month. It has given employment to an army of workers. It has developed new suburbs and has caused the erection of hundreds of homes. It has made Fort Wayne the best lighted place in America, and has advertised this city as no city in the country is advertised. It has brought visiting delegates of councilmen from other cities to our hotels, and has secured the money of other municipalities to enrich our people.

This enterprise shows what the loyal efforts of one man may accomplish for his city.



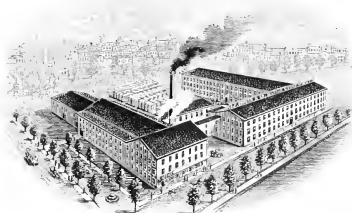
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## The Bowser Oil Tank Industry.

IN 1885, the above industry was established, of which Sylvanus F. Bowser and Allen A. Bowser are proprietors. They began in unpretentious quarters on the south side. Since then, they have been buying ground and enlarging their plant from year to year, until now they have well on to two blocks of ground, at the corners of Creighton avenue, Thomas and Julia streets, about half of which is used for factory purposes and the remainder for their homes and several tenement houses. This business was made a success by the very discreet management of Mr. S. F. Bowser, who had fourteen years experience as traveling salesman, and he was the first man in this country, if not in the world, who undertook to go on the road and sell oil tanks alone, which gave him a thorough knowledge of how to handle agents as well as a thoroughly practical knowledge of the tank business, which understanding he has used to the best possible advantage.

A comprehensive idea may be formed as to the growth of this establishment when it is known that no longer than eight years ago S. F. Bowser was its salesman, book keeper and manager. To-day it requires ten clerks to handle their office business, even in these depressed times. Although business is not as lively as at this time last year, they have lately begun the manufacture of several new articles, which make up for the deficiency in trade, when compared with last year.

This firm's great growth and popularity are due to several things, some of which we have mentioned and some more we will now mention; they are the inventors of all their patents in oil handling appliances. That is, they are the first inventors and manufacturers of modern oil handling devices, hence with a clear untraversed field before them, they were enabled to invent, without hindrance or intruding, such devices as well merit the name "Perfection," hence they are inventors and not imitators. Therefore, they have without question, the simplest, most durable and practical self measuring oil pump made; one that is free from complications. Anybody can put it up, simply put it into tank and it is ready for operation; it will discharge a correct half gallon or quart at a stroke, at the will of the operator. Another reason is, they have always made their

goods of the best material possible, and of first-class workmen, and in substantiation thereof, they warrant all their goods to arrive at destination in good order and so remain for three years; but few lines of goods, if any, are thus warranted, which shows the confidence the makers have in them. For these reasons and several others which might be mentioned, this firm has had a continuous growth and the steady demand for their goods, which has increased very rapidly in the last few years, has rendered their present quarters inadequate to the demand, hence they have about completed an office 22x65 feet, which will be finished and furnished in oak, having all the modern electrical appliances and speaking tubes, so that every department of the main shop can be communicated with from the office, with the utmost satisfaction.

They expect to occupy their new office about June 1st, at which time their present capacious quarters will be converted into a machine room which department is now very much crowded.

This enterprise furnishes a remarkable illustration of what may be accomplished by grit, energy, intelligence, and close application to business. The Messrs. Bowser knew that their tank was a good thing; that it served a desirable purpose; that there was a demand for just such an automatic time-saving, cleanly machine for the handling of oils. This much proven, all that remained was to manufacture the goods and place them upon the market. How to do this without large capital, was the problem suc-



S. F. BOWSER.

cessfully solved by these gentlemen, and it is a problem as to other inventions that has distracted and impoverished many bright men ever since the era of invention began. That the Bowser brothers were able, by sheer force of personal integrity and their own tireless energy, to carry on this enterprise, gradually increasing its capacity to meet the great demand, without incurring liabilities fatal to its prosperity, is a consummation over which they have cause for self congratulation and in which every citizen of Fort Wayne should have an interest, for the product of this great factory has done much to advertise the name of our city. Having about sixty traveling salesmen covering the United States, the most remote parts are as much under their immediate supervision as is Indiana.

# Fort Wayne City Government

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## Some Great Industries of Fort Wayne.

THERE are many establishments engaged in manufacturing here, whose achievements it would be a pleasure to chronicle, and whose products it would be a labor of love to extoll; but they are so numerous and their interests are so varied, that in the few pages allotted to this subject, it will be impossible to give more than a brief mention.

The history of the Fort Wayne Organ Company is about co-extensive with that of the NEWS. Its twenty years of life have been twenty years of triumphant and brilliant success.

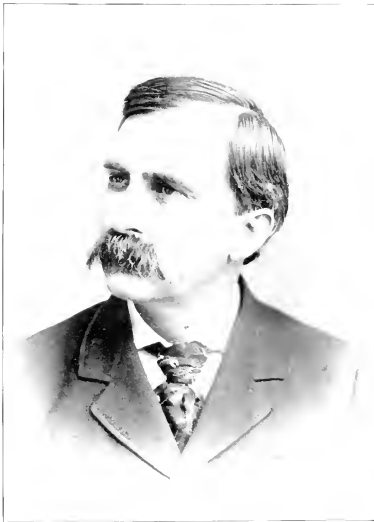
The products of this factory have won recognition all over the globe, and it is believed that there is no country in the world, inhabited by civilized beings, that has not heard the strains of the Packard Organ, manufactured in Fort Wayne. There is a Fort Wayne Organ in the boudoir of the Empress of Germany. Fort Wayne Organs are sold by the foremost music-houses of London, England. The great firm of Steinway & Sons are proud to be counted agents of this superior instrument. George W. Morgan, S. B. Mills, Clarence Eddy, Harrison M. Wild, George F. Root, Albert Ross Parsons, S. N. Penfield and Ad Neuendorf and other renowned organists have vied one with another in terms of praise over its superlative merits. Fort Wayne is proud of her Organ Company.

The Olds Wagon Works are among our substantial great industries. Here, the art of wagon making has been reduced to *fin de siècle* science, and the occupation of the cross-roads blacksmith of forty years ago, who took three months to build a buggy that cost \$150, has given way to the modern application of brains to the business of carriage making, as employed at this great factory, whereby a better quality of work is accomplished at less than half the cost and in a few hours of time. The Olds Wagon Works produce Farm Wagons, Spring Wagons, Surreys, Open Buggies, Top Buggies, Phaetons, Buck Beards, &c., and their wagons are sold all over the world, carrying the name of Fort Wayne to all nations and all people.

The Indiana Machine Works stand high among our more recently established industries. This company makes all kinds of wood-working machinery of the most modern design and most exquisite workmanship, and it requires a

catalogue of nearly one hundred and fifty pages to illustrate the different machines and to print the numerous testimonials of their excellence. Mr. John C. Peters, who has long been prominently identified with Fort Wayne manufacturing, is president of this company, and the business management has been for several years in the capable hands of Mr. John Landenburg, to whom great credit is due for his intelligence and enterprise in building up a large and important industry.

Of the Wayne Knitting Mills, it may be said that the exact nature of this infant industry is not indicated by its name. It certainly is one of the most prominent manufacturing features of Fort Wayne, and is deserving of special mention. This is the only exclusively full-fashioned hosiery mill in the United States, and while only about two years old, the fame of its goods has already extended from coast to coast, and its products are sold by the most prominent houses in the trade throughout the country. The production has steadily advanced, until it has now reached about \$12,000 per month, employing about 115 people, with a pay-roll of \$1,000 per month. From this it can readily be seen what a factor in Fort Wayne's prosperity this institution has already become. This company is now making an indestructible black stocking for both ladies and gentlemen, which is guaranteed both in color and wear. Few, if any, mills in this line have ever guaranteed the wear of their goods. This is a new



P. A. RANDALL.

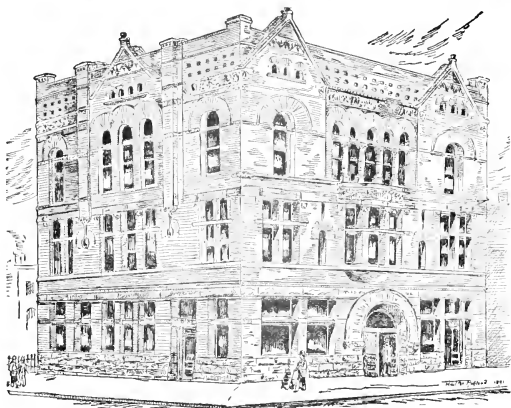
departure in hosiery business and promises to be quite popular. The company is officered by the following gentlemen: H. C. Paul, President; W. H. Dreier, Vice-President; John Ferguson, Treasurer, and T. F. Thieme, Secretary. Fort Wayne capital exclusively is interested in this mill and its stockholders deserve the thanks of the community for bringing this industry from Chemnitz, Germany, where it has been established over one hundred years.

The Fort Wayne Iron Works are a branch of the Bass Foundry, the lesser concern having been absorbed some years ago by its greatest rival. This establishment has been successfully conducted for a period of many years, and its manufactures are celebrated for their uniform high quality. The manufacture of gas engines is a recent innovation.

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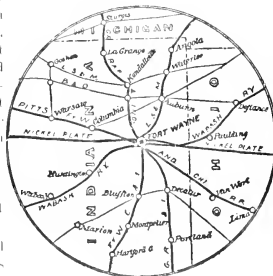
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## Other Noted Fort Wayne Factories.

**P**ROMINENT among manufactories established during the past ten years, is the D. N. Foster Furniture Company, manufacturers of the celebrated Brunswick Folding Bed, and furniture of all the better grades. This establishment is located on East Columbia street, and does an extensive business, its folding bed trade reaching all parts of the country, and its manufactured furniture being widely distributed through the various wholesale and retail establishments under the same management at Fort Wayne, Lafayette, Terre Haute and Jackson. A very important addition to this plant has recently been consummated in the purchase of the Auburn Church Furniture Factory, which has been merged with the Fort Wayne concern, increasing the working force very considerably.

The Pape Furniture Company is also an extensive establishment, devoted to the manufacture of all kinds of office and household furniture. This manufactory, located on the north side, has been in operation only a few years, but in that time it has won an excellent reputation for the high character of its goods.

The Peters Box and Lumber Company, under the management of Charles Pape, of the Pape Furniture Company, manufactures packing cases and does a large business in that staple commodity, and also in hand saw mills. Several hundred hands find employment in Mr. Pape's enterprises.

Mr. Paul E. Wolf conducts a large upholstering establishment, in which a considerable force is employed in the making of all kinds of mattresses, cushions, ottomans, etc. He also makes the higher classes of upholstered furniture in easy chairs, sofas, divans and parlor suites, and manufactures awnings and tents to order.

The washing machine industry of this city is one of our most important interests, and the claim is made for Fort Wayne that more washing machines are made here than in any city in the world. The Weisell Washer, made by Diether & Barrows; the Roeker Washer, manufactured by Frank Alderman; the Anthony Wayne Washer, made by the Anthony Wayne Manufacturing Company, and the Western Washer, of the Horton Manufacturing Company, are all products of the highest character, and the output of

these machines is something enormous. When it is stated that one establishment in Philadelphia recently ordered two car loads of washing machines from a local manufactory, some idea of the extent of this industry may be obtained. The "Utility" is another new washer.

The manufacture of overalls, shirts, cheap pants, and shirt waists for children is carried on extensively in this city, the Hoosier Manufacturing Company, D. S. Redfshneider & Company, and S. M. Foster being the principal manufacturers, and each of these large plants has been exceedingly prosperous.

Road Machines constitute a very important element of our manufactures. The Indiana Reversible Road Machine is made by the Indiana Machine works, and is making wonderful strides in popularity for so young a claimant to public favor. It is a model in the way of beautiful outlines, as pretty as a trotting sulky, and it is a veritable giant in its capacity for work. The Fleming Road Machine is also an excellent road-maker, and has enjoyed a large sale throughout the country for several years.

The manufacture of beer is carried on extensively in the two great breweries of Berghoff Bros., and Centlivre Bros. The products of these great concerns is very popular with the trade and the output is very large. This business gives steady employment to several hundred men, and yields large revenues to the government and to those engaged in the manufacture.

The establishment of L. Rastetter, manufacturer of bent wooden work of all kinds, employs a large force, and does an extensive business in buggy bows, bicycle tires, base ball and lawn tennis goods. A dozen firms are engaged in brick making in our city.

There are about fifteen carpet weavers in Fort Wayne. Ten establishments are devoted to the manufacture of wagons, carriages and buggies.

About thirty-five cigar factories are carried on in this city, giving employment to about two hundred men.

The Kerr Murray Foundry and the Western Gas Construction Company, two large establishments, are largely devoted to the making of gas works.

L. Diether & Bro., Hoffman Bros., J. Klett & Son and Blinesmith & Simonson are in the planing mill business.



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## Fort Wayne's Natural Gas Resources.

It is with a feeling of profound gratitude and a sense of pardonable pride that every citizen of Fort Wayne contemplates the introduction to this city of an abundant supply of natural gas from the seemingly inexhaustible gas fields of Indiana. To the gentlemen composing the Salimonic Mining and Gas Co., to their enterprise in risking large sums of money; and to their intelligence and pluck in developing what is now conceded to be the finest gas territory in the world, the people of this city are indebted for an ample supply of nature's fuel, brought through fifty miles of large and costly pipe, and introduced, at about three-fourths the cost of coal into the heating and cooking stoves of every household, and beneath many of the boilers of our numerous factories. All other benefits, all other innovations, all other recent additions to our city's material welfare dwarf into utter insignificance when brought into comparison with the supreme convenience and the overwhelming importance of this grand achievement. With natural gas in their homes, the people of Fort Wayne cannot be too grateful that the gas fields, with their unsightly derricks, with their offensive odors, with their grime and smoke, and noise, and dirt, are fifty miles away. Having gas, we are better off without the concomitants that attend its getting; without the boring and the pumping, and the blasting and the exploding; without the oil and the toil, and the hurry and the scurry that accompany the development of wells that now produce salt, and now oil and now gas.

There is no occasion here to recall the era of coal scuttles, of coal dust, of coal ashes, of coal cinders, and of sprained backs, and wrenched consciences, and kindling wood, and cord wood and stove wood. The time is not so far remote, when all these were a part of each one's daily life, that there is any difficulty in remembering them. These days are gone, we trust forever, and the people of Fort Wayne should rise and call thrice blessed the names of those citizens who brought about the change.

The Salimonic Mining & Gas Co., was originally formed at Montpelier, Ind., on the Salimonic river, by a few pioneers in the natural gas business, embracing among them the names of such men as R. C. Bell, W. W. Worthington,

Charles McCulloch, Alvin H. Hensley, H. C. Paul, John Ferguson, B. S. O'Connor, H. C. Paul and E. S. Bass. From a capitalization of a few thousand dollars, the same has grown to such magnitude as to now exist upon the largest banking or manufacturing institutions. This company employs regularly between sixty and seventy men, and is supplying natural gas to the entire city of 15,000 people, for both heating and lighting. Few of our readers are aware of the urgent tide of this plant and well, nor do they be surprised to know that the pipe line embracing the supply distribution of natural gas for Fort Wayne embraces over 207 miles, distributed in a field of over 200 square miles of territory and being drawn from 115 wells. From this line nearly 35,000 fires and lights are supplied and 7,500 homes made cheerful by its presence. The economy of meters has been demonstrated to such an extent that now nearly one-fourth of the consumers are thus supplied. The decrease in supply of gas has become very apparent and the utmost economy and care should be used by every citizen to protect the same.

The diminution in supply and the increasing amount of sulphur and moisture in natural gas, thereby rendering it unfit for an illuminant, has necessitated the purchase of the artificial plant so as to combine the two companies and enable the Salimonic to continue in the illuminating business. It is the intention to at once remodel the artificial plant so as to increase the present candle power from sixteen to twenty-

two, or in other words to give our people forty per cent. more light without increasing the price, and it is the further intention, if possible, to reduce the price of artificial gas as the consumption of same increases. The Artificial company has elected Messrs. Paul, Bash, Peters and Leuett as directors. Our citizens can certainly be congratulated on the fortunate change in ownership of this plant.

The board of directors is composed of J. H. Bass, S. B. Bond, C. S. Bash, W. L. Canham, John Ferguson, Charles McCulloch, B. S. O'Connor, H. C. Paul and E. R. Leland, all but one citizens of Fort Wayne.

The officers of the company are: H. C. Paul, President; C. S. Bash, Vice-president; F. E. W. Scheiman, Treasurer; C. McCulloch, Secretary, and G. M. Hoffmann, Superintendent.



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## Drug and Chemical Trade and Manufactures.

THE drug trade of Fort Wayne is a most important part of the city's commerce. It is carried on in forty establishments, and next to the grocery trade is the most widely distributed branch of the legitimate business of the city. The druggists of Fort Wayne comprise in their membership many of the most progressive, influential and altogether estimable citizens in the community, and such establishments as those of Meyer Brothers & Co., Dreier & Brother, Gross & Pellens, C. B. Woodworth, H. W. Mord-hurst, George H. Loesch, William L. Moellering, Martin Detzer, Fred Hoham and others, are a credit to any city. In addition to a general drug and prescription business, nearly all the leading houses in this line carry stocks of surgical and dental appliances, and Gross & Pellens are manufacturers' agents for barbers' and dentists' furniture and fixtures.

The firm of Meyer Brothers & Co., of which the local establishment is the parent house, is one of the largest drug establishments in the United States, and every part of the country pays tribute to one or another of the branches of this big concern. Mr. E. P. Williams, formerly of this city, several years ago withdrew from active participation in the business of Meyer Brothers & Co., of which firm he is still a member, and the remaining members of this firm have amassed goodly fortunes in this large and flourishing enterprise. Not only this house, but several other local establishments, engage more or less extensively in the wholesaling of drugs. The trade in paints, oils, glassware and putty forms also an important adjunct to this business, and probably no city of Indiana, except the capital city, dispenses so largely of these articles.

The manufacture of proprietary medicines and of culinary supplies from chemicals, is an industry that has assumed of late years considerable importance in this city. Aside from his regular drug trade, there is scarcely a pharmacist in the city who does not make a specialty of some formula with whose merits he has become acquainted, and the great drug house of Meyer Brothers & Co., with its branches at St. Louis and Kansas City, has numerous proprietary articles and patented medicines, whose merits are as familiar as household words all over the country. The "Imperial

Crown" Baking Powder, manufactured by this house, ranks beside the products in that line that have brought fame and fortune to Dr. Price and the Hoaglands, of New York.

The Lincoln Tea Company, of Fort Wayne, is a concern of only a few years standing, but its product has become famous from Maine to California, and its popularity is attested by large orders daily received from all parts of the country. The business of this company has grown so rapidly that it has been found necessary to greatly enlarge the plant and to enter upon

the manufacture and sale of Lincoln Tea on a very extensive scale. The advertising department has recently been placed under the control of Mr. Joseph B. Davis, a newspaper man of wide experience, who is issuing a vast amount of printed matter setting forth the merits of this splendid article. 365779

The Keller Medicine and Dental Company, manufactures medicines, extracts and dental supplies of all kinds, and on an extensive scale. It enjoys a very large patronage through many states of the union, and its proprietor and manager, Dr. J. O. Keller, has amassed a comfortable fortune in the last decade from his profitable enterprise.

Dr. Henry A. Read, V. S., manufactures quite an extensive line of medicines used by him in his wide practice as a veterinary surgeon, and some of these have gained such prominence for their curative qualities that he has been compelled of late years to carry quite a stock of his prescriptions, already compounded, to meet the demands of those who know their value.

Drs. Dodge, Langtry and Meyers also compound a good many excellent prescriptions to be used in their veterinary practice, which are on sale, and which form a considerable part of the proprietary medicine commerce of Fort Wayne.

Dr. Biddle, the originator of Royal Baking Powder, which has brought fame and fortune to a great New York house, still manufactures his popular perfumes in this city, and has a large trade in his own manufactured baking powder, extracts and spices.

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## The Real Estate Interests of Fort Wayne.

NO higher tribute to the substantial prosperity of Fort Wayne can be cited, than rests in the fact that in no city of her class in the United States have values in real estate been so uniformly retained, save with an undeviating tendency to advance, as in Fort Wayne. About twenty years ago the twenty feet frontage on Calhoun street, opposite the Court House, was purchased from the late John Hough at one thousand dollars per foot. The price was regarded as extravagant; but the same property could not be bought to-day at that figure, and the investment has proven a good one.

About three years ago, thirty feet, on the same street, but with a depth of lot only a little more than one-half as great, brought \$1,100 per foot. The reason for the high value on desirable real estate in the heart of this city, is that the property will earn a handsome return on the money it costs. In the city of Albany, New York, the capital of the Empire state of the Union, a city of 100,000 people, at the head of navigation on the great Hudson river, property can be bought on Broadway or State street, the principal thoroughfares, for less per foot than Calhoun street real estate commands in Fort Wayne. The cause of this difference is as stated above. Fort Wayne business realty will produce better financial results than the same class of property in much larger cities elsewhere. The great dry goods house of Root & Company, on Calhoun street in this city, pays an annual rental of between \$6,000 and \$7,000, and some idea of the

advantages of Fort Wayne as a trading center may be obtained from the fact that merchants here are willing to pay higher rents than obtain in other places.

The development of Fort Wayne's suburbs during recent years, has produced great activity in the local real estate market. The opening up of the large plants of land owned by the Hamilton and the Williams estates in the southern part of the city, was attended by a very brisk demand for residence property. The establishment of the electric light works, on Broadway, gave a strong impetus to real estate in that direction, and resulted in the opening up of some most excellent property in the south-western part of the city. Lambard's addition attracted many home-seekers and home-builders to Nebraska, where the Nickel Plate yards and the

establishment of the Horton Manufacturing Company's plant and the Wayne Knitting Mills (others) strong inducements. Then came the grand scheme of the Land and Improvement Company, an organization under whose intelligent management, some neglected and dilapidated farm property, lying between the St. Joseph and Maumee rivers, was reclaimed by dykes from the possibility of overflow, and transformed into a beautiful and most popular suburb, with modern homes and grassy lawns, and shade trees, and flowers, and fountains, and lakelets.

In the meantime, while all these additions have been filling up, other parts of the city have grown and spread, encroaching so rapidly upon the adjacent country that it has been found necessary, upon occasion, to extend the city's limits.

And what is better still, and that which speaks volumes for our city's thrift, is the fact that all the time this has been going on, the influx of new people has kept pace with the city's growth, and the tenement houses in the central part of town have been kept well filled, and neither the price of property or the rate of rents have materially declined.

Fort Wayne has long ago outgrown her chrysalis stage. Time was when every citizen knew every other citizen. Not so now. The man who has lived for years in the sixth ward may have never seen his neighbor of the tenth. This, of course, is not surprising nor is it peculiar to Fort Wayne. On the contrary, it is a condition that

belongs to every place that has changed from a village to a city; but the fact is mentioned here as showing the rapid recent extension of our city's borders, and the consequent large number of real estate transactions that have taken place in the past decade.

As stated elsewhere, real estate in Fort Wayne is not held at abnormally high figures. Desirable business lots are valuable, of course, because of what they will produce in rents; but good residence lots in any portion of the city can be had at reasonable prices, as is evidenced by the fact that so many of our people find it cheaper to own their own homes than to occupy tenements.

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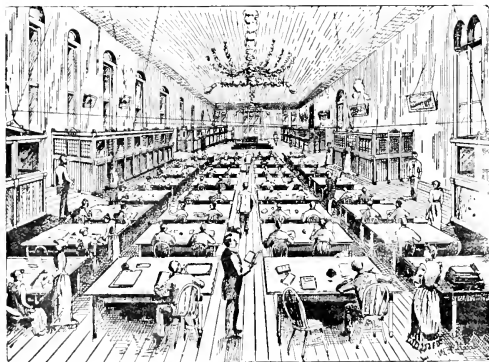
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## Something About the Wayne Club.

A VERY recent innovation is the Fort Wayne Club, an institution that had not been thought of five years ago, but which is now comfortably housed in its own commodious building where it has flourished for two years of prosperous existence. The Fort Wayne Club is one of the metropolitan features of this place, and as such is entitled to more than passing mention in a work whose province is to deal with the leading enterprises of the city. There had been clubs, and clubs, social, literary, terpsichorean, political, religious and what not, but there

seemed to be a demand for an organization, with attractive apartments, where the business men of the city, without regard to political or other affiliations, might meet in a social way, and where they might, in a becoming manner, entertain visitors from abroad. To the enterprise of Mr. P. A. Randall, whose plethoric purse has always been prompt to fly open at the behest of any enterprise looking to the public advancement, the Fort Wayne Club is indebted for means to carry out its project. This gentleman had a fine piece of property, on Harrison street, between Berry and Wayne streets, and there was erected thereon a large, substantial and altogether comfortable and convenient club house, which came into possession of the club on terms that made it possible for the organization to secure the whole property and make payments from the revenues of the club, from year to year. The "Wayne Club" was a success from the hour of its inception. Its financial man-

agement has been such as was to be expected from the shrewd business men in charge. Its revenues have been more than sufficient to meet all accruing liabilities, and its high standing has been maintained from the day of its first opening. Its social status is recognized everywhere, and here it has the high endorsement of many of the best women of Fort Wayne, who frequent its parlors in a social way, and also at meetings of various literary and musical gatherings, for the entertainment of which the "Wayne Club" is a popular rendezvous.

The "Wayne Club" has a membership of more than four hundred gentlemen, and derives a handsome income from dues, amounting to about \$10,000 per annum.

Several thousand visitors are most cordially and hospitably

entertained at the "Wayne Club" every year, and among these are eminent men from all over the country, governors, congressmen, judges, politicians, merchants and professional men of every rank.

Probably by no other instrumentality is the name of our city given such wide and favorable publicity as through the "Wayne Club's" hospitality to visiting guests of friends in this city. The gentleman who has received the welcome that is uniformly accorded to guests of members of this organization, leaves the city with a sense of social obligation

conferred upon him, which prompts him to oft repeated and kindly expressions of regard not only for the club, but for the city whose people constitute its membership.

In many ways this organization contributes to the welfare of the city. Not a few public enterprises that have been successfully carried out, have had their origin in the parlors of this popular club-house, and many projects for the improvement of our streets, our parks, our pavements, our sewers, are likely to spring from the consensus of opinion of business men gathered for social purposes at their favorite resort.

Mr. Robertson J. Fisher has served the Fort Wayne Club as President ever since its organization. Mr. Fisher is one of Fort Wayne's most enterprising citizens, and his selection as the head of this organization was made not more on account of his fitness for the important place, than in recognition of his prominence as a citizen and

a most affable gentleman at all times, and one who knows and seeks to advance the interests of the city.

The club officers for the current year are as follows:

President R. J. Fisher.

First Vice-President R. T. McDonald.

Second Vice-President S. C. Lombard.

Third Vice-President H. C. Paul.

Fourth Vice-President Henry Rothschild.

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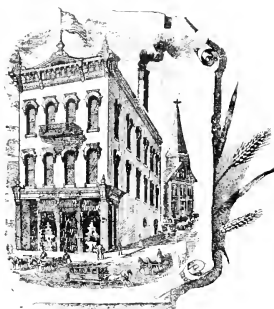
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## Our Loan and Savings Associations.

THE past decade has seen the introduction and wonderful growth of an innovation along financial lines in this city that is simply astounding as to some of its results. The formation of the first loan association of late years took place in 1884 and was organized under the title of the Fort Wayne Building, Loan Fund and Savings Association, almost exclusively by railroad men. An association among German American citizens, followed soon after, and this in turn was followed by several others. Subsequently, the Tri State Building and Loan association, No. 1, was organized in 1889, and its stock was taken so rapidly that Tri-State No. 2, was found necessary to meet the demands. The Allen County Loan and Savings Association was incorporated in 1890 and several minor Associations have since been established. It is not the intention here to discuss the comparative merits of any of these excellent institutions, but to show, by facts and figures, some of the many advantages that have accrued to our citizens because of the opportunities presented by them. The pastor of one of the largest congregations in the city, said to the writer that the benefits that had come to members of his congregation through loan associations were simply incalculable. "In the first place," said he, "they have begotten a spirit of thrift among those who have heretofore not known anything about saving money. I know of men who are now systematically laying by for a rainy day, that which formerly went



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to the saloons, and which would be going there yet but for the premium upon economy and sobriety paid by savings associations." And that which is true of this pastor's congregation is true of every congregation, and of all classes of society. The prospect of having one's capital, paid out in little dribbets, double itself in a few years, offers a strong inducement to everybody to become a capitalist in a small way. It is estimated by an expert that \$2,000,000 in money has been saved by investors in loan association stock by citizens of Fort Wayne in the last ten years; and this money would for the most part have been frittered away in useless luxuries and extravagant living.

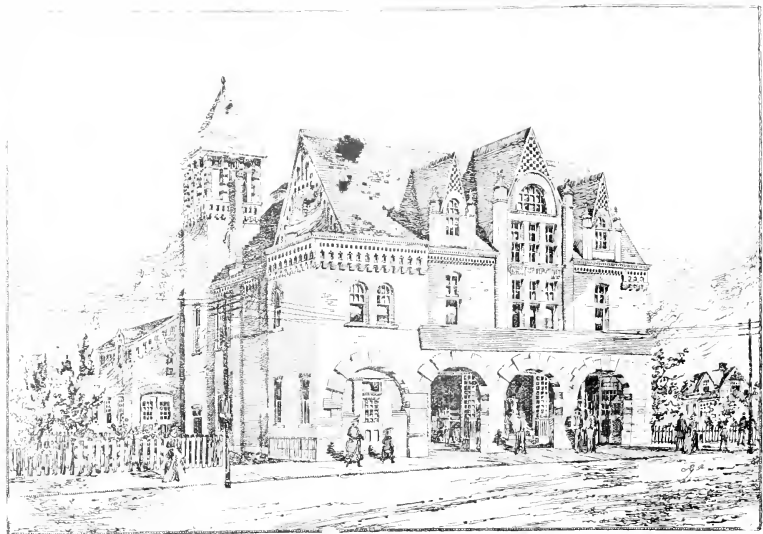
To loan associations belongs entirely the credit for the remarkable era of home building that has been in progress

during recent years. An officer of the Fort Wayne Building, Loan Fund and Savings Association, assures the writer that his association alone has furnished money for the erection of not less than one thousand homes, and a similar ratio would give at least three thousand new homes as a conservative estimate of the number that has been made possible through this instrumentality. Another interesting fact in this connection is, that with an average of five to a family, these three thousand new homes are just about sufficient to shelter the 15,000 souls added to our population during the past ten years, or, more properly, these three thousand homes have received their owners; who were formerly renters, and the tenements vacated have been filled by the influx of new people. The question is, where would we have housed our new people had it not been for the loan associations, for there are not many empty houses in Fort Wayne.

Another boon conferred by loan associations to our people is worthy of mention here. Under provisions of these companies, a stockholder may borrow a sum equal to three-fourths the amount paid in on his stock, at any time. How many of our citizens have profited by this beneficent provision during the present era of business depression, only the books of the associations could disclose, but that in many homes the dark clouds of privation and want have been dispelled because of the savings laid away in loan associations, we do not doubt.

There are nineteen Loan and Savings associations in this city, with a paid up stock of \$324,165.08, representing 55,558 shares; they had on hand at last report the sum of \$42,686.97; they had loaned on mortgage security, \$1,864,098.81; they had loaned to their stockholders, \$98,431.99; their real estate was valued at \$18,117.52; (this item has since been largely increased by the purchase of the old engine house property by the Tri State Company). The receipts of the last fiscal year were \$565,365.68, and their loans aggregated \$694,877.32.

The introduction of Loan and Savings associations in this country, has almost entirely done away with the Savings Banks that formerly flourished in almost every state of the Union, and whose mismanagement so frequently resulted in total loss of the accumulations of the poor.



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FOR no possession belonging to this city, have the people more cause to give thanks, than for the admirable and altogether complete and satisfactory water works system, that provides for us one of the first essentials. Next to the air we breathe, the quality of the water that comes into our homes is the most important consideration; upon its purity the health of our people depends. That we have an abundant supply of absolutely pure water, drawn from wells driven deep through strata of solid rock, is a fact with which every householder is quite conversant, and one over which there is universal satisfaction. The water supply of Fort Wayne is taken from forty-eight wells of an average depth of about 250 feet. Four of these wells, just finished, it is believed, would alone nearly supply the needs of the entire city, and the Trustees are confident that there will be enough water to supply any demand that is likely to be made upon their resources. When it is stated that in exceedingly dry weather, the requirements of this city sometimes reaches 7,000,000 gallons per day, the excellent producing character of our wells will be fully understood.

But, while the character of our water supply is the first consideration, the intelligence and remarkably successful management of the water works from their inception, is not less a cause of congratulation. The water works were begun in 1879, fifteen years ago, and the following year the first service was rendered. The bonded debt of our water works, amounts to \$270,000,

and the cost of extensions, and renewals to the pumping facilities will bring the total cost of the system up to date, in round figures to half a million dollars. There are fifty-two miles of pipes, supplying 4,570 consumers and 64 fire hydrants. Five hundred consumers are served by meter, and statistics show that the cost of water to local takers is less than in any city in the country. Water is sold by meter measurement here at 10 cents for the first one thousand gallons and 6½ cents for each subsequent one thousand gallons in one day. Thus it will be seen that a family may use one hundred gallons of water per day at a total cost of less than \$4.00 per annum.

The Fort Wayne water works, moreover, although supplying the purest water, at a heavy cost for the wells pro-

ducing it, are conducted as to make a magnificent showing when brought into comparison with those of other cities using the same system. The city of Des Moines, with 6,112 consumers, paid for its operating expenses last year the sum of \$439,470, or an average of a little more than \$70 to each patron of the water works. In Fort Wayne, with 4,570 consumers, the operating expenses last year, including salaries of clerk, inspector, engineers, assistants, fuel, and all the cost of running the department, were \$117,790, or a cost of but \$25.00 to each consumer. These figures are taken from the official reports of the Trustees of the two cities, and should be not only very gratifying to our people, but are also highly complimentary to the management of the local works.

That the Fort Wayne water works have proven a magnificent investment, is not alone demonstrated by the quality of the supply, and the comfort and convenience that comes from an abundant quantity of wholesome water; but a few figures will demonstrate that from a financial point of view, the investment was a good one. The annual interest on our water works bonds amounts to \$15,260; the operating expenses last year were \$117,790, making a total of \$39,720. To offset this, the income from water takers last year amounted to \$11,250, leaving over \$28,000 surplus to be invested in improvements, extensions, etc. And in estimating the income, no account is taken of the fact that the entire city is provided with fire protection without a dollar's cost for an

abundant supply of water distributed through the mains for that purpose.

It cannot be out of character here to recall the long protracted efforts put forth by the News in behalf of city ownership of her own water works; and, as the politicians say, "we point with pride" to its part in that consummation as one of the best achievements of this paper's twenty years of life. We honestly believe that the city of Fort Wayne to-day possesses the best and most economically managed water works plant of any city of her size in the west, and that the quality of water provided our citizens is unsurpassed in excellence, goes without saying. Fortunately, indeed, was this city, when her council declared against company control of this important department.



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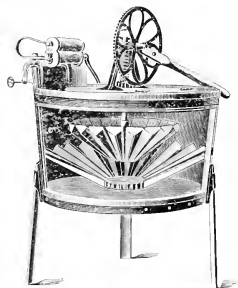
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IN no one particular has Fort Wayne made more active and commendable progress during recent years, than in the matter of hotels and hotel accommodations. There are plenty of young people in their "teens" who can remember when the Aveline house was the only hotel in the city worthy of that title, and when any considerable number of transient guests were unable to find comfortable quarters in the city of Fort Wayne. The last decade has witnessed a surprising change in this most important matter. The Aveline House has been rebuilt, enlarged, refurnished and renewed throughout, making it one of the cosiest, pleasantest and altogether attractive public houses in Indiana. It is located at the corner of Calhoun and Berry streets, in the very heart of the city, and has elegant accommodations for one hundred guests.

The Wayne Hotel, built by John C. Peters, in 1887, is a hotel of which any city might be proud. It has about one hundred large, well ventilated and splendidly furnished rooms, and under the management of mine-host W. M. McKinnie, has enjoyed a patronage such as was never before accorded to any hostelry in northern Indiana. The cuisine of this splendid first-class hotel is noted for its excellence and the *menu* always embraces all the delicacies of the season. The Wayne Hotel has the honor of entertaining that class of transient guests whose well-filled purses open readily to the skill of one so well up in catering to tastes epicurean as is the proprietor of this fine hotel.

The Randall Hotel, formerly the Robinson House but rechristened by the name of the present owner, Mr. Perry A. Randall, was rebuilt and very greatly enlarged a few years ago, and its history since it came under the management of the genial Dick Townsend, has been one of uninterrupted success. The Randall has one hundred rooms, all tastefully and comfortably furnished, and all the appointments of this large hotel are substantial, convenient and modern. The Randall Hotel has the reputation of being the best 82 house in the State of Indiana.

The pretty little Aldine Hotel, owned by D. N. Foster & Son, and which was recently destroyed by fire, was also a comparatively recent innovation, and added considerably to the comfort of the traveling public. It was well located,

and handsomely furnished, and consequently popular, not only with its transient guests, but with a large class of our citizens who found pleasant refuge beneath its hospitable roof.

The Rich Hotel, while not so new as some of its more pretentious rivals, is still of quite recent construction. Its erection by the gentleman whose name it bears, about ten years ago, really inaugurated the series of great improvements that have culminated in giving our city ample and most satisfactory hotel accommodations. The Rich Hotel

has about thirty well furnished rooms, and is well equipped throughout to cater to the comfort and pleasure of its guests. Its present popular landlord is Mr. J. J. Pauley.

This paper would be incomplete and unsatisfactory were it not to mention to be made of the McKinnie House, at the station of the Pennsylvania railroad. This old hostelry is probably more widely known to the traveling public than any of its present contemporaries, and the days when Capt. McKinnie presided over the destinies of this popular house, are often recalled with satisfaction by old time travelers who have not forgotten the splendid table that made it famous.

Our city has also a number of other hotels, among which the Harmon House, the Windsor, the Weber, the Diamond, the Riverside, the Custer, the Jewel and the Hedekin may be named.

In these hotels, one thousand guests may be comfortably and well cared for, and upon recent occasions great

National and State Conventions have been creditably entertained. After Indianapolis, no city in this State can compare with Fort Wayne in the number, character and excellence of her hotels.

The fact that ten years ago commercial travelers planned their routes to avoid Fort Wayne, lest the dearth of accommodations here might subject them to serious inconvenience, while now this class make special efforts to arrange to spend as much time as possible at our magnificent hotels gives some idea of the advancement that has been made in this important adjunct to our city's greatness.

Fort Wayne has also a number of very high class boarding houses, that provide comfortable homes for many families, and which entertain some of our very best people.



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## Our Life and Fire Insurance Interests.

It is exceedingly difficult to give any positive data in the way of statistical figures regarding the amount of life insurance carried by citizens of Fort Wayne, and yet, were reliable figures at hand, there can be no doubt but that the showing would be highly creditable to the provident character of our people, and show that at the present time millions of insurance has been written upon the lives of Fort Wayne men, who thus testify not only to their belief in the stability of the companies carrying these enormous risks; but also to their own desire in this way to provide for

those who are naturally dependent upon them for support. Through interviews with a number of leading insurance men, and after gaining from them a consensus of opinion upon the subject, the writer feels authorized in making the estimate, which he regards as conservative, that not less than five millions of dollars in life insurance is now in force, in reliable companies, upon the lives of citizens of Fort Wayne. There are a few individuals who carry \$100,000 and over; quite a number who have \$50,000 and more; a good many with \$25,000 at least; hundreds with \$15,000 and upwards, and thousands of policy holders in the sum of \$1,000 to \$1,500. We give these figures, not as susceptible of actual demonstration or proof, but as an estimate made by the best informed insurance men of the city, and as showing an important fact regarding a strong characteristic of our people. No higher tribute to the citizenship of any community could

be given from a business standpoint, than to say that its members rightly understand and appreciate the blessings of life insurance, and we devote this space to the subject, not in the interests of any individual or any insurance company, but simply as showing the intelligence and provident spirit exhibited by the men of Fort Wayne who annually expend hundreds of thousands of dollars in order that their dear ones may be protected against penny and want when the Grim Reaper comes. We believe it would be possible to demonstrate from statistics, were they accessible upon this point, that no people surpasses our own in their enterprise along this particular line.

Regarding fire insurance, our manufacturers, merchants and the house-holding class generally are appreciative of the

importance of being well indemnified against loss. About \$12,000,000 worth of personal property, representing more than fifty per cent. of the assessed value of all property, real and personal, is insured against loss by fire, in policies issued by members of the local board of underwriters. One hundred thousand dollars per annum are now regularly paid in premiums in this city; and during the past ten years the sum annually expended for indemnity against loss by fire has been about \$800,000. But during this ten years, we have had a series of disastrous conflagrations.

The White Wheel Works were totally destroyed, the Electric Works were twice burned out, the Street Car barns were consumed, both the Centlivre and the Berghoff Breweries were severely damaged, the Abline Hotel was gutted, the old Academy building was burned, the great dry goods store of Louis Wolf & Co., was destroyed, Vordermark Bros., and Meyer & Bro., were burned out, and many minor fires during the decade swell the total loss to a vast sum, upon which insurance companies paid losses aggregating between \$800,000 and \$900,000. So it appears that fire insurance has been a good investment to our people in these years that have gone, for it is susceptible of proof that about every dollar paid to fire insurance companies during the past ten years by citizens of Fort Wayne has come back in cash to indemnify those whose property has been destroyed by fire. This statement does not take into consideration

the additional indemnity that comes from a well equipped and most efficient fire department, through whose intelligent efforts thousands upon thousands of dollars have been saved to the people of Fort Wayne, in the saving of many buildings from destruction and in the stopping of numerous incipient fires.

The subject of insurance, both life and fire, is one that never loses its interest, and as a community advances in intelligence and thrift, its people come to understand more fully the benefits that accrue from this beneficent source. It should be a matter of local pride that Fort Wayne citizens are so fully abreast the times on this great subject, and that so large an amount of money stands against wealthy corporations to indemnify our people in case of calamity to life or property.



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## Our Superb Electric Railway System.

IT is the proud boast of Fort Wayne, that while in almost every city of the United States, including all the greater ones, horses and mules are still in use to propel street cars on some lines, in this city quadrupedal propulsion of passenger cars on the street railway lines long ago gave way to electricity. In this regard, we may fairly claim to be in advance of many of the largest cities in the world. But it is not alone the fact that Fort Wayne has an exclusively electric system that is our chief cause of gratulation; it is the character of the equipment, the quality of the road-bed, the intelligence and public spirit of the management, and the courtesy and accommodation of the employes, that gives to the Fort Wayne Electric Street Railway its claim to being one of the most perfect of any in the country. Having its center at the intersection of Main and Calhoun streets, in the very heart of the city, the various lines radiate in every direction, and are so planned as to meet the best requirements of passenger traffic not only in the crowded marts of trade, but also in the far out-lying suburban districts. Go where you may, east, west, north or south, and it is next to impossible to find a home that is distantly removed from some of the various lines that constitute the net-work of our street railway system. There are twenty miles of track in the system of the Fort Wayne Electric Railway company, **it** has fifty-seven new and commodious coaches, of the **latest** and most luxurious pattern known to manufacturers, of street railway carriages, and twelve trailers. Mammoth sprinklers keep the track free from dust in the summer, and huge cyclone snow plows quickly remove the winter's snow. The introduction of electricity as a means of propelling street cars in the city of Fort Wayne has solved the problem of rapid transit for our people. The cars are run as rapidly as is consistent with the safety of people using the streets for the purposes for which they are intended, and passengers have no cause to complain of delays or loss of time in passing from one part of the city to another.

The plant at which power is generated for the Fort Wayne Street Railway system is a model in every respect. Located near the center of the system, it furnishes easily abundant power to transact all that is required of it, not

only to meet every day demands but also to supply any exigencies that can possibly arise on an occasional influx of visitors, or the necessity of carrying large numbers of our own citizens on any special occasion. The three huge engines, of two hundred and seventy-five horse power each, that drive the dynamos to generate electricity for this large system are the product of the great Bass Foundry of this city, and the dynamos are made by the Thomson-Houston company, of which the Fort Wayne Electric company is an important and rapidly extending branch.

This subject would be incomplete without reference to the line of electric railway owned and operated as a private enterprise by Mr. R. T. McDonald for the accommodation of the people of Lakeside. Its road-bed is good, its equipment is excellent and its purpose is to aid in building up one of the most beautiful of Fort Wayne suburbs.

The Centhvre Street Railway line, running from the corner of Superior and Calhoun streets to the Indiana School for Feeble Minded Youth, is not properly a part of the general system, as its right of way is almost exclusively beyond the city limits, still it serves a very desirable purpose, and reflects credit upon the public spirit of the gentlemen who own and operate it, and especially is this true now that the owners of this line are projecting a double track from the corner of Calhoun and Superior streets to their park north of the city, and the changing of the entire system

to an electric line, thus removing the last vestige of horse car traffic from the city.

Taken as a whole, the street car lines of Fort Wayne are unsurpassed anywhere, and visitors from other cities invariably comment upon the cleanliness of the cars, the excellence of the equipments, the courtesy of the employes and the efficiency of the general service. Improvements on an extended scale have already been commenced, and they are to be most vigorously pushed throughout the summer, so that before snow flies the street car service of Fort Wayne will be in all respects as nearly perfect as men who know the city's needs and have a desire to supply them, can make it with the very best of modern equipments and appliances. A single fare for all the systems is a prospective innovation.



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## The Park System of Fort Wayne.

It must be conceded that our park system is yet in its infancy; still it is not too broad a claim to assert that within the next decade Fort Wayne will possess parks commensurate with her growing needs in that direction. Twenty years ago, not a foot of ground was there within the corporate limits of this city, permanently devoted to park purposes. Ten years ago not a spadeful of earth had been lifted in the way of such improvement. To-day, we have nearly one hundred and fifty acres in and about the city that have been devoted to this most desirable end. To the late

Colonel Swinney belongs the credit of having first given substantial impetus to a local park system, by providing in his will for the conditional bequest to the city of forty-five acres of valuable land, magnificently situated and peculiarly adapted for a large and beautiful park. Within the past few months, this splendid property has come into the possession of the city, by lease, and preliminary work has already begun upon what will ultimately constitute a spacious and exquisitely attractive public park. It was the oft-expressed wish of the late Oscar A. Simons, that this city might some day own all that tract of land lying west of St. Mary's river, between Swinney Park and Lindenwood Cemetery. He saw then, as we are all beginning to see now, the desirability of thus obtaining a grand park, nearly a mile in length, beginning at the Washington street entrance of Swinney Park, and extending to the gates of Lindenwood, the silent, beautiful "city of the dead." It is not too late to carry out this long cherished and much to be desired consummation.

In 1886, the Hon. Hugh McCulloch, one of the best beloved of Fort Wayne's greater men, gave to the city the four acres on Broadway that had heretofore constituted "The Old Broadway Cemetery." By conditions of this donation, the city assumed to maintain the grounds as a public park, and well has the city kept faith with the donor; for years ago the old burial ground became a lovely park, the broad shade of its grand old oaks making it quickly convertible into a park with foliage that had taken a century to grow, and having its undulating surface tastefully laid out, with gravelled walks, and fountains and flower-beds interspersed.

The city had for many years owned a tract of land north of the St. Mary's river and west of Spy Run, and a few years ago, the park spirit having at last found a permanent lodgment in the heart of the body politic, the lots in the city park which had not been sold were regularly platted, and now we have twenty acres of land on the north side, within five minutes walk of the court house, exquisitely laid out as a public park and grazing spot that until recently was a dreary common, the pasture ground of roaming herds.

Shortly after the inception of the enterprise of introducing water works, a tract of about twelve acres, lying between Clinton and Lafayette streets, and extending from Creighton avenue to Sutfenfield street, was purchased from the Hamilton heirs. Here stands the great reservoir that holds the city's surplus water supply, and adjacent thereto is a considerable plat upon which work has already been commenced under superintendency of the civil engineer, whose plans provide for a very pretty park, with lake, rustic bridges, greensward, flower-beds and shrubbery.

The eastern portion of the city has not been generously treated in the matter of parks, only one little tract of less than an acre having been laid out east of Hanna street.

The Williams' estate holds a fine park, consisting of about eleven acres, lying south of Creighton avenue, and just outside the city limits. This, although available to all the people, is strictly a private park, and does not belong to the public

park system. It is to be hoped that Williams' grove will some day become the property of the city, either by part donation or entire purchase.

The Centlivre Brothers own a large and most attractive park of forty acres north of the city, which they have improved at a considerable outlay, and which is used for athletic and sporting exhibitions, and utilized frequently for picnic purposes.

Thus it is seen that our people have access to more than one hundred and forty acres of pretty parks, all of which have been acquired during the very recent past, and all has been brought about by a complete revolution of public sentiment on this important subject. There should be no backward step along this line.



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## A Closing Word in Retrospection.

WHEN we recall the changed conditions, the remarkable growth, the marked prosperity, the substantial advancement that have characterized the past twenty years of Fort Wayne's history, there is very much cause for gratulation, not more on account of past achievement than in prospects for the future. In 1874, when the career of the News began, Fort Wayne had been suffering from a most disgraceful era of misrule, prodigate extravagance, official corruption and social disorder. A crowd of desperate ruffians were holding a reign of terror over the

people. Murders, robberies and assaults were of almost nightly occurrence; the police and constabulary were powerless to enforce the laws, and a reign of plug-uglyism held high carnival. Gambling, licentiousness, drunkenness, and all forms of lawlessness flourished unchecked. Bad as was the condition of social life, public affairs were even worse, if possible. The extravagance that grew out of the money-making epoch during the war, had beget a spirit of carelessness and indifference, and the people's money was squandered in a most reckless and altogether criminal manner. At last, there came a change. The people, weary of the long continued and outrageous abuse of power by the city officials, united in an overthrow of the unscrupulous ring of corruptionists, and the "books were opened." The revelation was astounding! The city treasurer was found to be a defaulter. The city clerk, to escape disgrace or punishment, took his own life,

and then began a thorough and systematic over-hauling of affairs municipal. The assessed valuation of property in the then little city of Fort Wayne was \$19,000,000! The rate of taxation was \$1.40 on each \$100 of assessed valuation, and about \$260,000 was the sum raised from the tax payers. Fortunately, this amount was not realized by the bootleggers, for so badly had the city's finances been managed that city orders were only worth a little more than one-half their face value. As showing the reckless waste of the people's money at that time, an ex-mayor of the city tells the writer that a well under the old market house, which was recently abandoned, and which could be built to-day for \$50, had cost the city of Fort Wayne the sum of \$1,200,000! And this is only one of almost countless ways in which the

people's money was recklessly wasted and thrown away.

It took the best efforts and the strong financial wisdom of such men as S. B. Bond, Wm. Fleming, John H. Bass, Chas. McCulloch, J. D. Nuttman, O. A. Simons, in the banks, and such men as J. B. White, C. Hottel, W. T. McKean, C. F. Mulder, Geo. H. Wilson, W. H. Withers, Henry Grattle, C. A. Munson and others, in the council, to extricate the city from threatened bankruptcy and start her upon the era of prosperity that sees her in 1894 with credit surpassed by no city in Indiana, with a law-abiding and happy popu-

lace, and with a debt quite insignificant compared with the value of her water works, her city hall, her fire department and other municipal property.

The era covered by the past twenty years has witnessed the building of a system of water works, at a cost of \$400,000 that is to-day worth \$2,000,000! It has seen the erection of elaborate, spacious engine houses in all parts of the city. It has completed the construction of over twenty miles of street pavement, and has considerable more nearing completion. It has given to the business portion of the city broader, more perfect and altogether more substantial sidewalks.

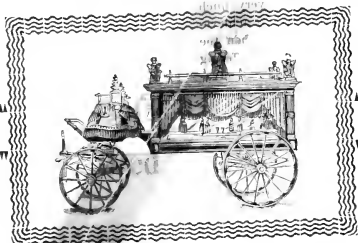
It has long to our city—the only one to be seen in the State—its fine Electric Light and Power Works, the Sawyer Works, the Lumber and Mill, the Iron and Machine Works, the Rocker, Wash. Co., the Anthony Wayne Washing Machine Co., the Fort Wayne Organ Co., the Horton Manufacturing Co.,

the Foster Furniture Co. and dozens of lesser industries, adding thousands to our population, of thrifty, well-to-do citizens. It has seen the hotel accommodations which were meagre and uninviting, increased to a point where our city has comfortably, and with credit to herself, entertained several great state and national conventions. It has noted the inception and carrying forward of a system of extensive park improvements. It has witnessed the establishment of a horse-car street railway and its final change and completion to a system of electric street railway. It has been the welcome recipient of an abundant supply of natural gas, and has seen the almost total abolition from our midst of wood and coal in our homes and under the boilers of our factories as fuel.



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