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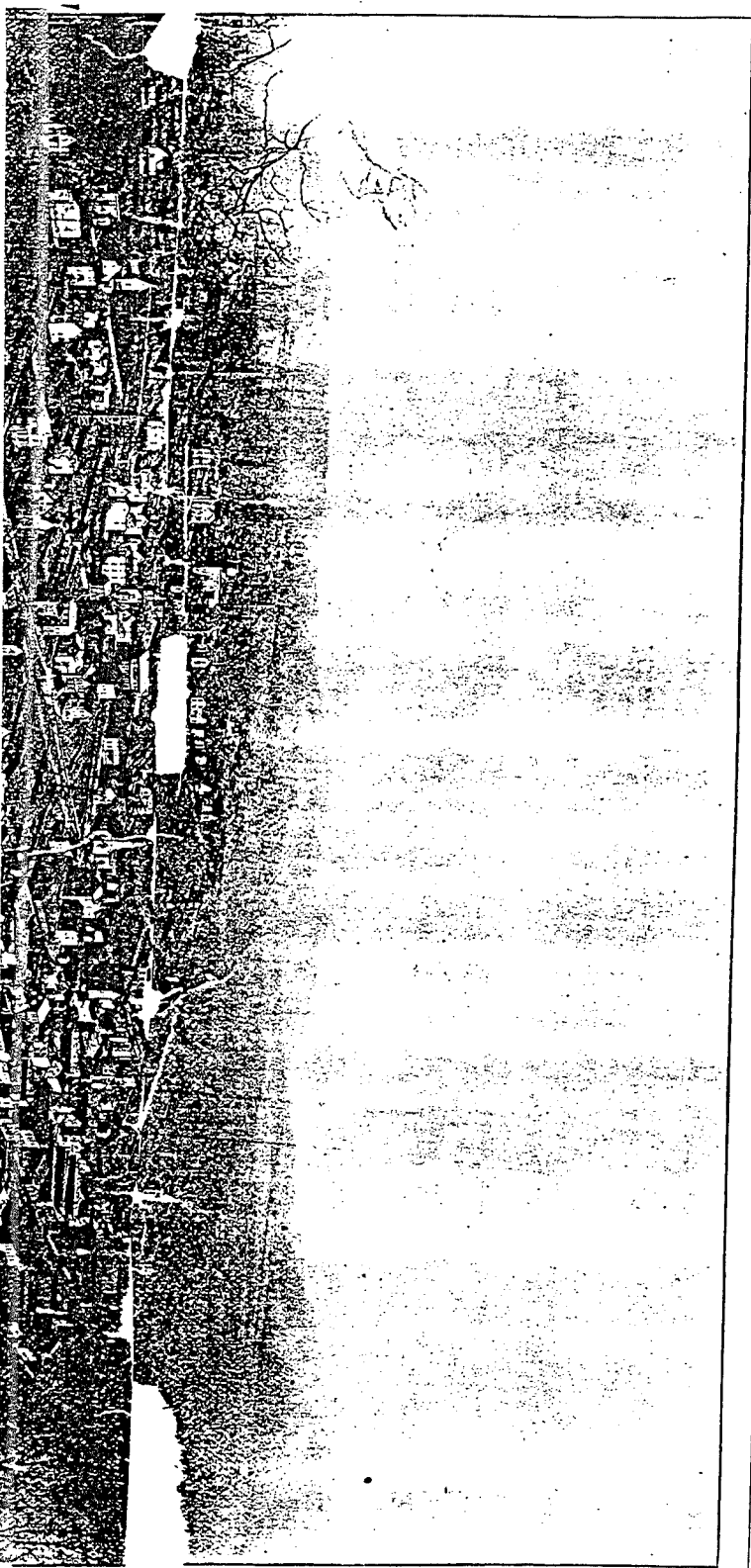
Emlementon presents a shining example of what energy, business sagacity and enterprise will accomplish. It truly represents the character of the citizens who are responsible for the high standing and enviable position the town occupies in the commercial and social world. That it is not due to the many favorable conditions or legislative enactments that have made Franklin and Oil City, but has reached its present size and importance under different influences. In point of commercial importance and the volume of business transacted, it is rated the third town in the county. Emlementon has an interesting

was left to indicate its location in 1834, except a pile of stones. Kerr was a waterman and was drowned while loading a flatboat with building stones for the Pittsburg market. This painful occurrence took place two miles down the river, where he slipped from a large flat rock, and the sad event is commemorated by calling the rock his name, and as such is known to this day and will be handed down to future ages.

John Cochran next succeeded to the early improvements, but it is not certain that he remained long. He changed his place of abode to the vicinity of Richland Church, where his descendants still rep-

As indicated by present landmarks, the line between Fox's land and McCaslin's possessions ran from the river bank at the Valley hotel to the Public school building and thence at an angle over the hill. McCaslin was elected sheriff in 1832, removed to Franklin and afterwards engaged in the manufacture of iron. His house was a small log building, to which a frame addition was made about the year 1834, and which occupied the present site of the flourishing woolen mills of Flynn Brothers. An unmarried man by the name of Andrew Solinger, in 1834, had charge of the ferry which belonged to Mr. McCaslin. M. McCullough, Jr., laid out part of the

Caslin and his third daughter, Keziah, was the first white child born in the town. The fourth building was that used by P. G. Hollister for a store room. It was erected in 1836. Two new houses were built in 1837, and both are still standing—the Valley hotel, by Andrew Truby, and a frame building adjoining Flynn's store, built by Jacob Truby, his son. Walter Lowrie made the next improvement in 1838 on Water street. John Dlem bought two lots on Main street in 1840 and became the first blacksmith of the village. The first storekeeper was Andrew McCaslin. Merchandise was transported from Pittsburg in large covered wagons, of which he





VIEW OF EMLENTON.

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and varied history which will be read with interest, not only by its citizens, and those whose interest are identified with the town, but by every one in the county. It was a prosperous little village long before the possibilities of Oil City became manifest, and to-day would have put the blush on Franklin had it been favored with half the opportunities of foreign capital and investment which has given the county seat its prestige.

The first improvement upon the site of Emlenton was made by John Kerr, a squatter. He cleared that part of the town between Ritchey's run and the Allegheny Valley depot, and built a cabin near the residence of John C. Porterfield. Nothing

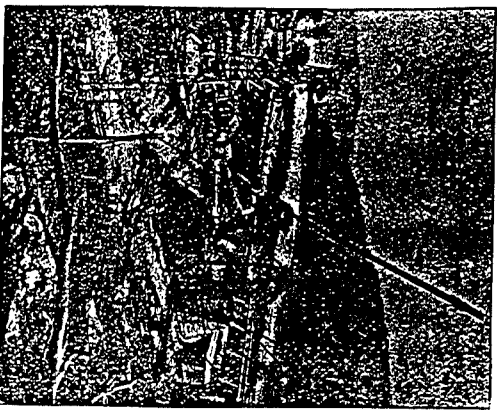
resent him. The owners of the town site at the time it was surveyed were Joseph B. Fox and Andrew McCaslin. The former was of English origin, a member of the Society of Friends, a man of great wealth, and one of the earliest settlers of Clarion county. He owned a large tract of land and founded the town of Foxburg, four miles below Emlenton, the intervening territory forming part of his estate. Before their marriage the name of Mrs. Fox had been Hannah Emlen and when the time arrived that the struggling village on the northern border of his land should rejoice in "that strange spell a name," the present designation was conferred in her honor.

McCaslin land, in 1868, in town lots and James Devlin was the surveyor. Nathaniel D. Showden was the first doctor of the locality, who began his professional career in the county at Emlenton, in 1828. He removed to Franklin two years later, where he lived the remainder of his life. In 1834 Jacob Truby succeeded Sollinger at the Ferry. He was a native of New York State and settled in Scrubgrass township in 1832. The house where Truby lived was located about 25 rods above the McCaslin, where the old cellar is still visible. It was kept as a public house. Dr. James Gowen built the third house in Emlenton in 1834, which occupied the site of the Moran hotel. He was the first to purchase lots from Mc-

owned two, and kept them constantly on the road. His trade embraced the territory extending 25 miles inland east of the river and 10 miles on the west side. It is probable that McCaslin established his business in 1830 and when he left the town in 1832, P. G. Hollister became his successor.

The next merchant was John M. Keating, whose eventful career was a striking example of what an indomitable will, honesty and enterprise can accomplish in the face of adverse circumstances. A biographical sketch of Mr. Keating is given in another column of this edition. William Canan, Captain William Karnes and George Morgan were also named

Among the early merchants of Emmlenton, Brown, Phillips & Co., of the Kittanning Iron works, established the "Iron store" in 1849, with J. C. Porterfield, manager. In August, 1857, Porterfield, Teitzell & Co. succeeded to the business and in 1865, they were followed by Porterfield & McCombs so that the "Iron store" is the



MOUTH RICHEY RUN.

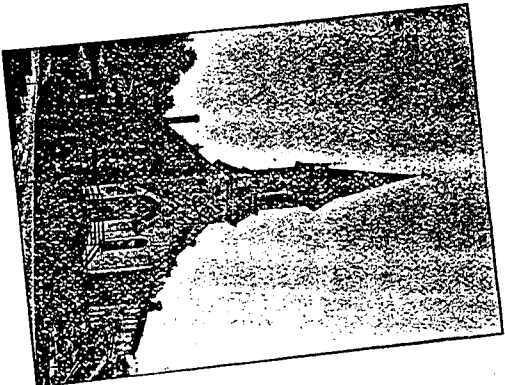
oldest of the present business houses in Emmlenton. Henry Aliebach was the first jeweler and Joseph Weller was the first tailor. In 1855 Henry Gormley kept store opposite the Valley house and in a small building on Water street repaired and sold watches and clocks.

As early as 1840 there were 20 iron furnaces in operation within a radius of 20 miles of Emmlenton, nearly all of which were located on the eastern side of the river and, as was usual in this industry, there was a store in connection with every furnace under the same management, at which the operatives were paid in goods of every kind. The base of supplies was Pittsburg and during the spring and fall seasons, the only time the Allegheny river was navigable for steam boats, the iron

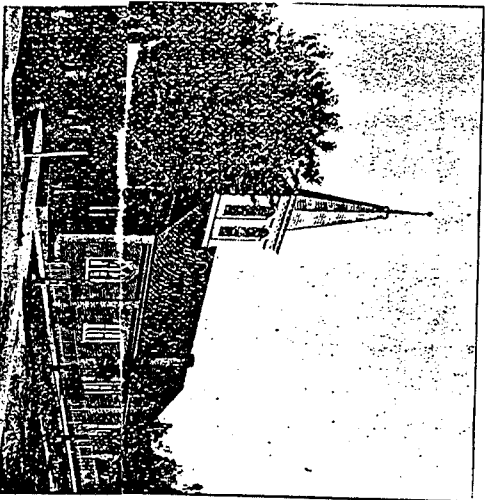
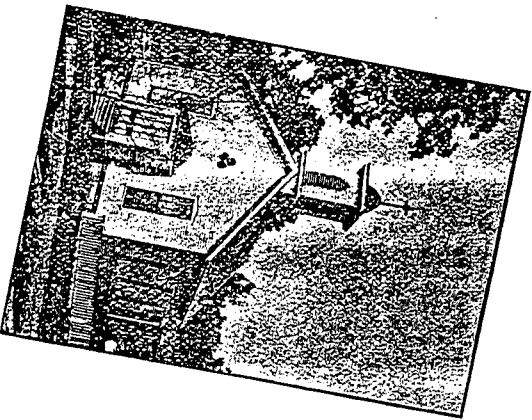
of this area.

Emmlenton thus naturally became a distributing point of considerable note and importance. The principal warehouses were conducted by Jacob Truby and John Long. That of the latter is still standing on the river bank, opposite the

The Emmlenton bridge is Emmlenton's greatest pride. The undertaking of such a project, while the town was a struggling village, indicates an exceptional degree of co-operative enterprise. The company was organized May 2, 1854, at the Valley house, by the election of Samuel Fox, president, and a board of directors consisting of John Keating, Joseph Weller, R. S. Porterfield, Henry Kohmeyer, Samuel Anderson and J. J. McGinnis. At a second

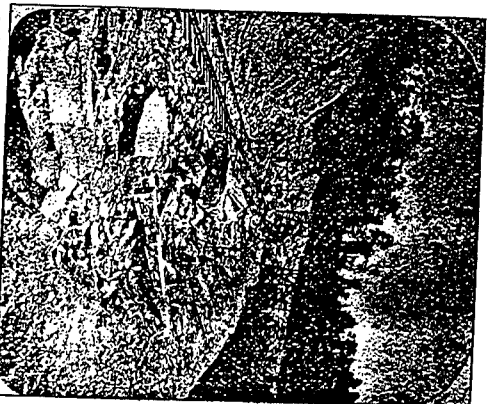


an enterprise which indeed reflected great credit upon the town and clearly indicated the progressive spirit of its citizens. While not so salutary in its financial results or so permanent, it gave Emmlenton a boom such as the town never experienced before or since. The corporation was organized June 17, 1875, by electing Mr. James Bennett, president; J. W. Rowland, secretary; R. W. Porterfield, treasurer; P. F. Kribbs, Jacob Black, Jr., William R. Shilpen, Mar-



distance of seven miles. In September, 1876, and by the close of the year the road was in full operation to Edenburg.

The great activity of this section of Clarion county at this period gave promise of permanent prosperity, which induced the projectors to extend their road on to Clarion, a distance of 30 miles, but the



ROUND THE CURVE-RICHEY RUN.

added receipts never justified the movement. At this time another road was opened from Foxburg via St. Petersburg, and a favorable opportunity being presented to the company to dispose of their line, they accepted it without financial loss, but in the consolidation of the two roads Foxburg was selected as the terminus, and the line between Emmlenton and Clarion Junction was abandoned.

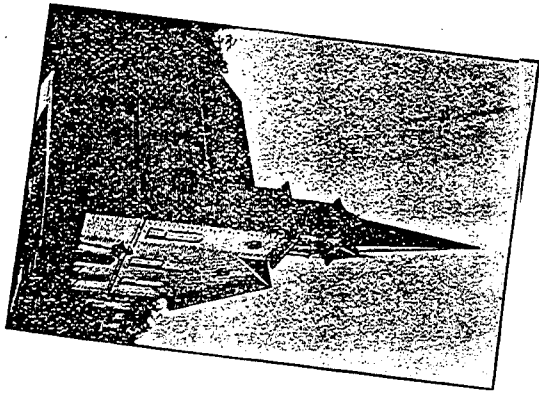
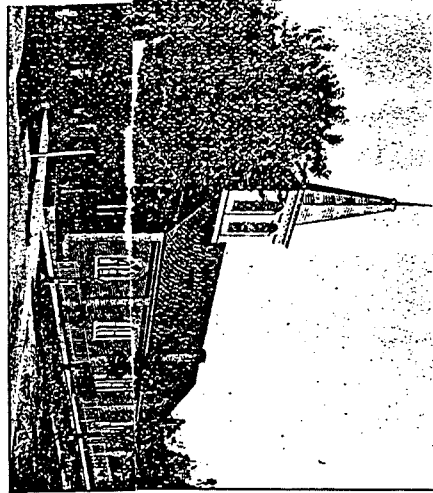
The spirit of enterprise has always been one of the leading characteristics of the citizens of Emmlenton, and especially is this so in the establishing of manufacturing industries. The earliest local manufactory, if it may be denominated as such, was a saw mill built and operated by Walter Lowrie, on Foxburg road, in 1800. A few years later built at the mouth of the same run, by Elias Wagle, John Whitting, in the same locality, established a tannery, which was consumed by fire, rebuilt by his son and burned a second time. The old stone building on Hill street was erected by Joseph Weller, previous to the late civil

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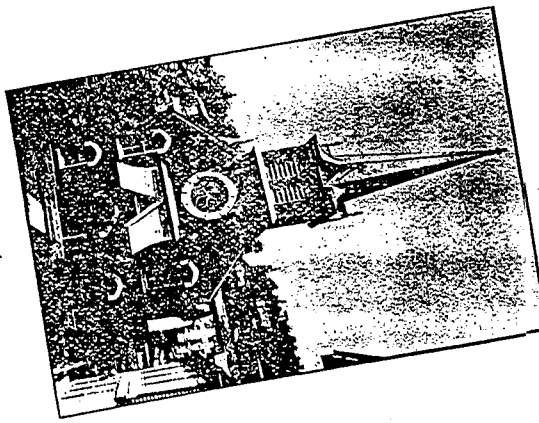
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Emlenton, it seems, has been, from its earliest existence, blessed with the very



LUTHERAN CHURCH.
METHODIST CHURCH.



REFORMED CHURCH.
CATHOLIC CHURCH.
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

TRUSTED NO. 3, RICHIEY RUN.
best hotels and it is questionable whether there are any towns the size of Emlenton in the State that can produce such fine hotels, especially in this the case with the Moran house, located at the northern end of the town, which is regarded as one of the leading hostels of the town.

meeting, May 13th, the first secretary, J. F. Winsch, was elected, and on November 25, 1854, Joseph Weller was elected treasurer. The location was decided upon, the contract awarded Daniel McCain, and work commenced in the fall of 1855. In the winter of 1856-57 the pier was injured by flood involving an expenditure of several thousand dollars, and on April 10th, 1883, the bridge was completely destroyed by flood. The Emlenton & Shippenville railroad was

cus Hillings, H. C. Bradley, J. C. Porterfield, directors. W. H. Smith, civil engineer, was employed to make a preliminary survey in the spring of 1876, and at the second election of officers Hon. C. W. Mackey was elected solicitor, and V. J. McConnell superintendent. Mr. McConnell resigned his position in November, 1876, and was succeeded by J. V. Patton, who had charge of the road from the time it was constructed until it was abandoned. Trains were running to Turkey City, a

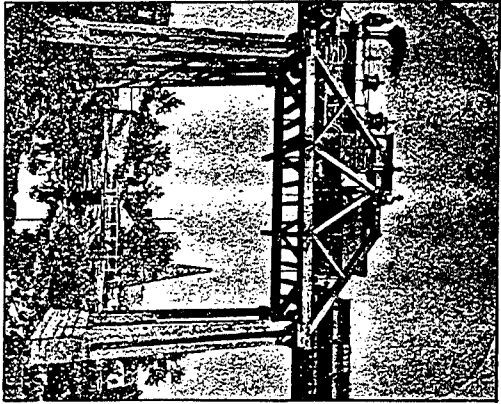
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RAVINE VIEW, RICHIEY RUN.
tion and A. H. Crawford & Son became proprietors, and in 1881 the latter, D. A. Crawford, became individual owner. In 1882, G. M. Shetter established the Emlenton Machine works, which has since been in constant operation. The specialty of this institution is general repair work,

and being centrally located in the oil producing pools which surround Emlenton, has always done a flourishing business.

The Emlenton Flouring Mills is one of the largest and most important industrial acquisitions of the place. It was organized upon a sound basis, involving a large amount of capital and has from its earliest existence been conducted upon the most



BEAVER CREEK BRIDGE—JEFFERSON FURNACE.

thorough business principles. It has gained a high reputation throughout the northwestern counties solely upon the excellent products turned out. It is fitted up with all the latest improved machinery and appliances for the prosecution of the business, and upon the whole the Emlenton Flouring Mills stands upon a par with the best institutions of this kind in the country.

The most important of the manufacturing industries of Emlenton is the Woolen Mills, established by the enterprising Phoenix Brothers in 1888. The success that has crowned their efforts is simply surprising, and the large growing business of the institution is but a monument to the untiring efforts and business sagacity of its projectors. Started upon a limited basis, the volume of business has steadily increased from year

may be included the Emlenton Planing Mills, Sloan Brothers proprietors; established by Sloan, Camp & Allebach in 1880, the carriage and wagon works owned and conducted by Mr. Fred Roschey are the carriage and wagon manufactory of L. F. Ball.

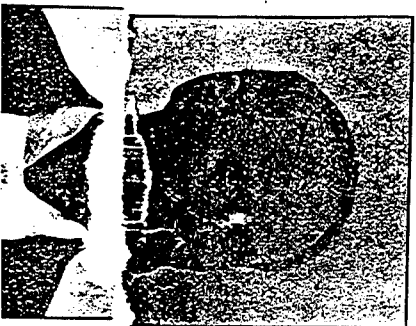
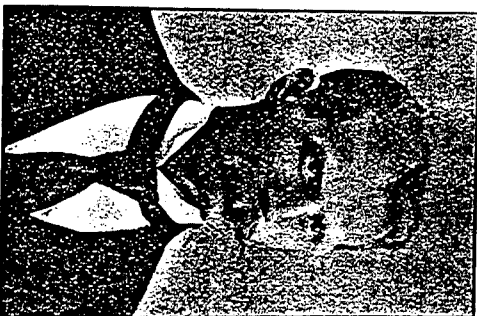
Emlenton is also blessed with a fine water works as one will find in the State. It was organized May 14, 1877, under a charter granted February 5, 1874. The first officers were: President, J. J. Gosser; secretary, D. D. Moriarty; treasurer, J. M. Mitchell.

The Bank of Emlenton is one of the

laws with a nominal capital of \$100,000, of which 10 per cent. was at once paid in.

The Borough Organization.

By a decree of the court of quarter sessions the borough was incorporated January 27, 1888. At the first election Henry Allebach was elected burgess; Joseph Waller, R. Colbert, A. B. Crawford, Elias Wilde and Ebenezer Crawford as members of council. The present burgess is A. A. Anderson; council, E. B. Borland, S. W. Crawford, J. A. Dreibelbis, Fred Roschey, L. A. Richards and E. C. Hamilton. The municipal building was erect-



ford, H. P.; F. F. Sand, S.; Joseph G. Smith, O. S.; J. A. Boozel, S. W.; William D. Crawford, T. In 1873 Colonel C. Redd decided to B. F. Camp, Peter Kling and Ebenezer Crawford, trustees, the hall in which these bodies meet. It is one of the most commodious in this section of the country.

Emlenton Lodge, No. 11, A. O. U. W.,



PHEASANT HOLLOW TRESTLE.

was instituted January 12, 1872, with the following officers: W. D. Crawford, P. M. W.; Charles Babst, M. W.; John A. Barnard, A. F.; L. E. Mallory, O.; G. R. Eichbaum, R.; Joseph Hamilton, F.; J. T. Jamison, R.; W. E. Jolly, G.; J. K. Zink, I. W.; J. M. Wick, O. W.

The Hollings Hose company effected a permanent organization September 19, 1877, with D. D. Moriarty, president; Jacob Mitchell, vice president; Thomas Johnston, secretary; J. W. Rowland, treasurer, W. J. Arters, foreman.

Allegheny Valley Lodge, No. 552, F. & A. M., was instituted December 18, 1877, with J. A. Patton, W. M.; A. M. Comstock, S. W.; James S. Young, J. W.; W. J. Sullivan, S.; John McComb

FRED ROSCHY.

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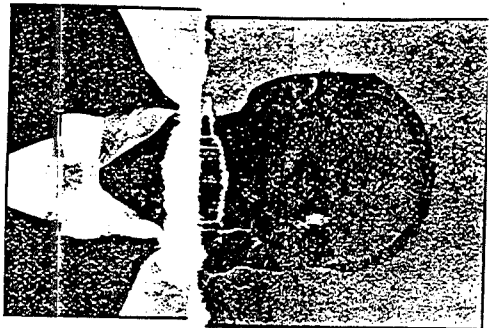
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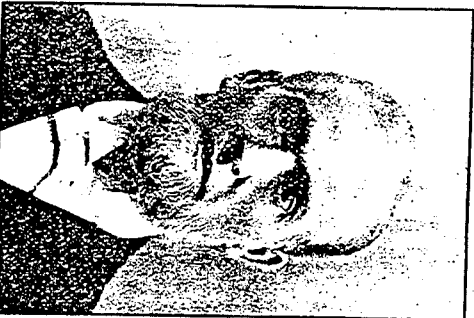
CLARION BRIDGE AND TRESTLE, 376 FEET LONG.

town to some degree, likewise shares in its prosperity. These works not only give employment to many in humble walks of life but have created the highest cash market for all the high grade wool produced in this and adjoining counties for miles around.

Of the other local industries of Emlenton



REV. McCLOSKEY, REV. ASH, REV. CRAWFORD.



REV. CELLY, REV. DAREBAKER.

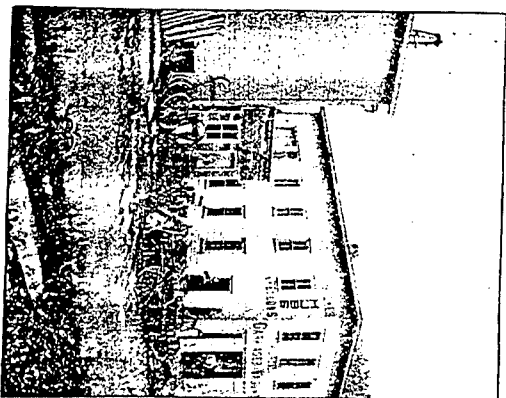
conspicuous establishments of the town. It is rated as one of the soundest monetary institutions in the country, and the excellence of its management is found in the confidence of a large patronage. It was organized August 3, 1873. The first directors and stockholders were: James Bennett, Marcus Hillings, H. E. Bradley, R. W. Portersfield, J. W. Rowland, R. C. Cochran and C. H. Van Schalck. The following gentlemen were chosen officers: President, James Bennett; vice president, Marcus Hillings; cashier, J. W. Rowland. The bank was organized under the State

secret and other societies. Emlenton lodge, No. 644, I. O. O. F., was instituted October 17, 1868, with 14 members, of whom the following were officers: James Fowler, N. G.; James Colligan, V. G.; B. F. Hamilton, secretary. Emlenton Encampment, No. 203, I. O. O. F., instituted March 4, 1871. The first officers were: O. C. Redic, C. P.; J. J. Gosser, J. W.; Peter King, I. S.; G. G. Crawford, S. J. Sternberg and John Mitchell.

Mr. Fred Roschy, located at the corner of Main and Third streets, has been in business in Emlenton for 14 years, and is one of the best known carriage and wagon makers in this section of the country. His business has been steadily increasing because of the superior class of work which he always turns out. He is a genial, whole-souled citizen, and at the present time is a member of the Town Council. Mr. Roschy was born in Bavaria, Germany.

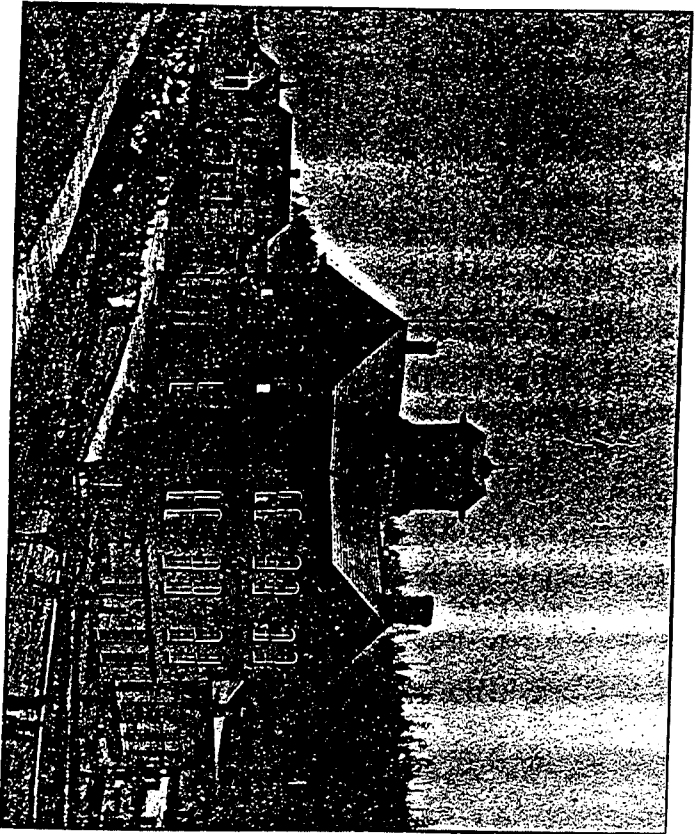
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ROSCHY'S CARRIAGE WORKS.

In 1852, and came to America in 1870. In politics Mr. Roschy is an ardent Republican. Mr. Mitchell, James Bennett, J. C. Portersfield, J. W. Rowland, F. F. Farmer, Robert Tetsworth, H. E. Bradley, S. W. Portersfield, N. E. Libby, D. C. Hill and C. H. Van Schalck charter members.



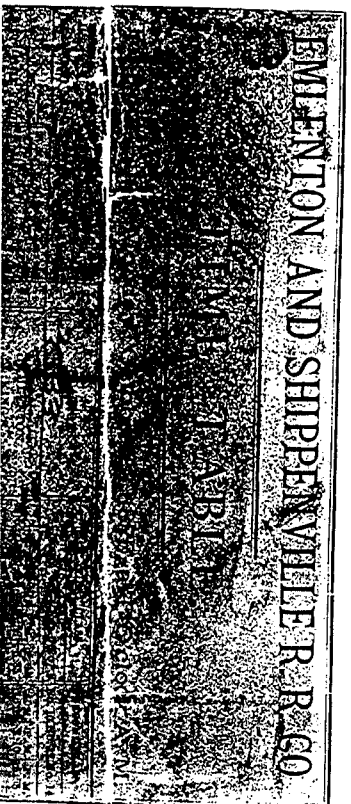
PUBLIC SCHOOL.

Americus Council, No. 34, Royal Temp-
lers of Temperance, was instituted Sep-
tember 8, 1880, with 24 members of whom
the officers were: M. Miller, S. C.; Eben
Crawford, V. C.; John A. Boozel, P. C.;
R. W. Porterfield, chaplain; S. Morrison,
secretary; M. C. Treat, treasurer.

Lucretia Union, No. 426, Equitable Aid
Union, was instituted March 27, 1882, with
J. M. Truby, chancellor; J. T. Jamison,
advocate; E. Goodrich, president; Nancy
Bennett, vice president; S. H. Morrow,
secretary; Levi Allebach, treasurer.

Colonel Chapman Biddle Post, No. 238,
G. A. R., was mustered May 23, 1882, by
Colonel Millard Rickards. The organ-
zation occurred in the hall of the Ancient
Order of United Workmen and embraced
the following comrades as members and
officers: Merrick Davidson, commander;
J. T. Jamison, S. V. C.; Uriah Sloan, J. V.
C.; Andrew Kream, adjutant; F. M. Kings-

The second school building, a frame
structure, is still standing. In 1873 a sub-
stantial brick building was erected. Daniel
Brenneman was principal in 1873, G. A.
Walker in 1874-87, H. J. Rice 1888-89. For a
number of years the town enjoyed the ad-
vantages of an academic institution. Ta-

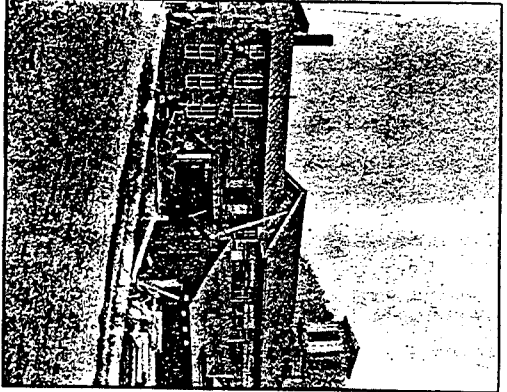


of Rev. R. Beatty, of the Erie Confer-
ence. This took place in the old town hall.
Among the first members were Peter
King, Robert Teitsworth, William Hunter,
John Hunter, Mrs. J. S. Bennett, Mrs.
J. C. Boyce, Samuel Livingston and Jos-
eph Smith. The first leader of the class
was John Boney, and the first resident
pastor was Rev. Fay, in 1872. The present
frame church building was built in 1872.

St. John's Reformed church originated
as a mission in connection with the St.
Petersburg charge, and was organized as
such by Rev. Shoemaker. In 1869, in part-
nership with the Lutherans, the brick
church building on Main street was erect-
ed. It was jointly occupied until 1885, the
Reformed congregation having secured the
interest of the Lutherans. This building
was remodeled in 1885.

St. John's Evangelic Lutheran church
was organized June 30, 1869. The first
members were Henry Allebach, John
Whitting, wife and daughter Christina,
Mrs. Stephen Lowell, Marietta Lowell,
Mathias Gilbert and wife and Mrs.
Thomas Taylor, of which Henry Allebach
was elected elder and John Whitting dea-
con. The first services were held in the
old town hall. In 1869 this church, with
the Reformed congregation, built the
brick church on Main street, jointly oc-
cupying it until 1885. At a congrega-
tional meeting January 7, 1884, it was de-
cided to dispose of their interest and the
partnership expired the following June.
In 1885 a frame church building was com-
menced and dedicated January 9, 1886, by

adjoining parishes, particularly Reverend
John Koch, of Char'ron, one of the pio-
neers of this church in this part of the
state. The first steps toward building a
church were taken in 1867, when Michael
McCallough, Jr., of Pittsburgh, donated
three acres of ground and also a small
additional tract for burial purposes.
Through the liberality of the heirs of John
Keating, this has been enlarged to the pro-
portion of a small cemetery. Rt. Rev.
Tobias Mullen, bishop of the diocese of
Erie, laid the corner stone of the church,
a frame structure, in the fall of 1870, and
officialated at its dedication the following
year. Father Smith was pastor until his
death, August 2, 1888.



SLOAN BROTHERS.

Sloan Brothers, composed of two sons
of Uriah Sloan, Frank L. and Norman,
began business on February 15, 1853, pur-
chasing the well known plant from Uriah
Sloan, who has been connected with the
business for some 25 years. The mill is
furnished with the latest machinery, capa-

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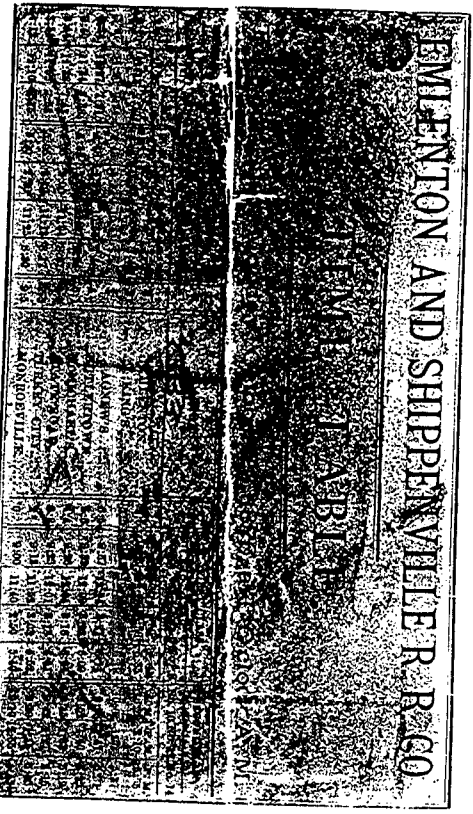
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Woman's Relief Corps, No. 67, auxiliary to Colonel Chapman Biddle Post, was organized August 28, 1886, with Mrs. Leah E. Balsh, president; Cynthia J. Moriarty, treasurer; Mrs. Sarah Sloan, chaplain. Emmenton Assembly, No. 10,475, K. of L., was organized July 23, 1887.

Schools.

Properly speaking the educational history of Emmenton begins with the year 1839. Mrs. Lavilla Lovrie taught the children of her neighborhood to the number of seven or eight, in a small room of her house, and which has already been referred to as the residence of Mr. Andrew McCaslin. She was raised near Tidoute and was in delicate health. The second teacher was Miss Sarah Perry, and the third was Miss Lanna Milford, of Scrubgrass township. The house in which she instructed her pupils was located on the bank of the river, in front of the Valley House. Authority differs as to the time when the first public school house was erected. One authority fixes the time in 1845, while another places it 1848. However, it was a small frame building, and occupied the same site as the present public school; the ground was given for the purpose by Joseph B. Fox. This was also utilized as a town hall and a place of worship and nearly all the religious bodies of the town were organized here.

Brenneman was principal in 1873. G. A. Walker in 1874-87, H. J. Fere in 1888-89. For a number of years the town enjoyed the advantages of an academic institution. Ta-



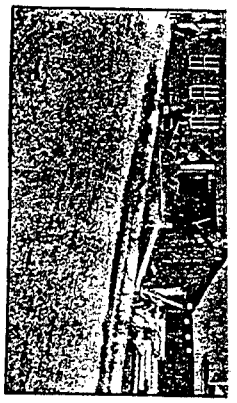
bleau Seminary, founded and conducted by Rev. J. B. Fox. He built the large brick structure above Shippenville street, but with the improvement in the public schools the seminary was discontinued.

Churches.

The Presbyterian church was organized January 13, 1858, with the following membership: Alexander Crawford, Margaret Crawford, Mary S. Junkin, Mrs. Louisa Wyde, Robert Colbert, Mrs. Ellen J. Russell, Mrs. Lucy Truby, B. F. Junkin, John F. Agnew, James Agnew, Mrs. Julia P. Agnew, Mrs. Susan M. Agnew, Benjamin Junkin, Mrs. Ann M. Junkin, J. F. Agnew, Dorcas Porterfield, Hannah J. Willson, John Camp, Mrs. Nancy L. Camp, Jane Ohort, Ann Ohort, of whom Alexander B. Crawford and Benjamin Junkin were elected ruling elders. Rev. John McKean was stated supply, 1860-63, and Rev. M. M. Shirley, the first pastor, took charge 1864, and remained three years. The first place of worship was in the old town hall, while a frame edifice was erected on Water street in 1859, and dedicated January 13, 1860. The present brick building was built in 1874. It is located on Main street.

The Methodist Episcopal church is successor to an organization effected many years since at a school house about one and one-half miles distant from Emmenton. The class in the borough was organized in the autumn of 1860, under the stewardship

town meeting January 7, 1884. It was decided to dispose of their interest and the partnership expired the following June. In 1885 a frame church building was commenced and dedicated January 3, 1886, by

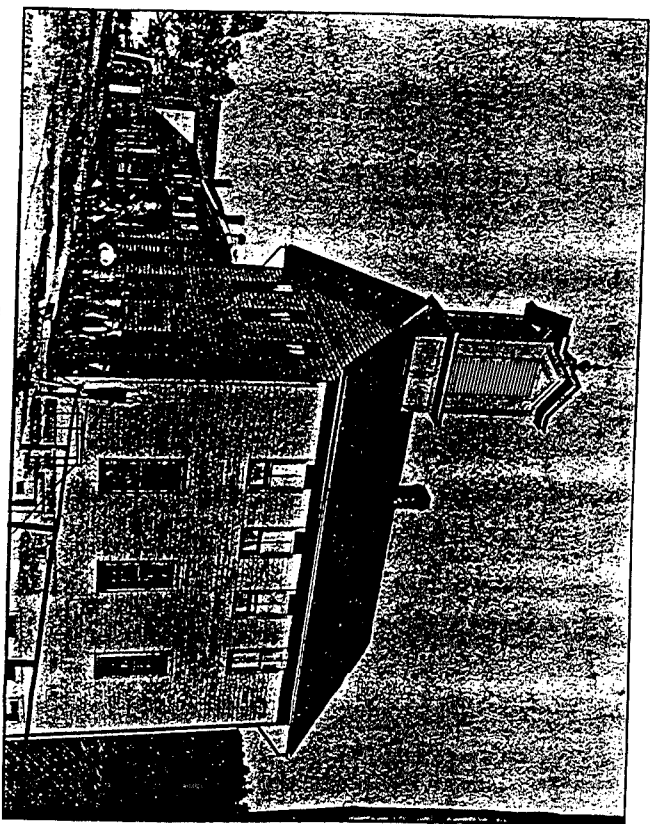


SLOAN BROTHERS.

Rev. W. A. Passavant, D. D., of Pittsburg. Rev. J. Ash is the pastor. St. Michael's Church was organized as a parish in 1871 by Reverend Patrick J. Smith. There had been several Catholic families in the town from its beginning, among whom were Judge John Keating, Henry Gormly, T. A. Moran and T. J. Moran and were visited by the pastors of

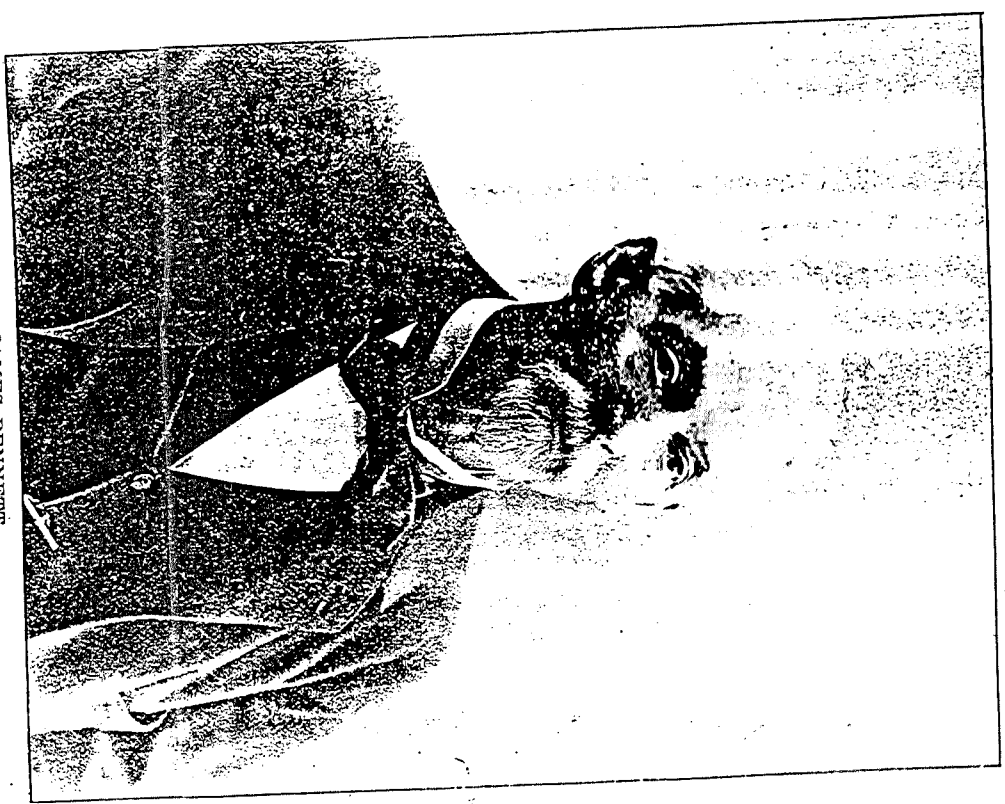
Sloan Brothers, composed of two sons of Uriah Sloan, Frank L. and Norman began business on February 15, 1885, purchasing the well known plant from Uriah Sloan, who has been connected with the business for some 25 years. The mill is furnished with the latest machinery, capable of turning out the best and latest styles of house furnishing material, such as doors, sash, blinds, mouldings, brackets, flooring, siding, stair railing, etc. Also headquarters for bull wheel canis and oil rig material. Carry a full stock of all kinds of hard and soft wood, lath and shingles. Custom work done on shortest notice. They have a complete stock of window glass.

This is the largest planing mill within a radius of 35 miles. Sloan Bros. are experts in their line of business and are young men worthy of public patronage.



CITY BUILDING.

JAMES BENNETT.



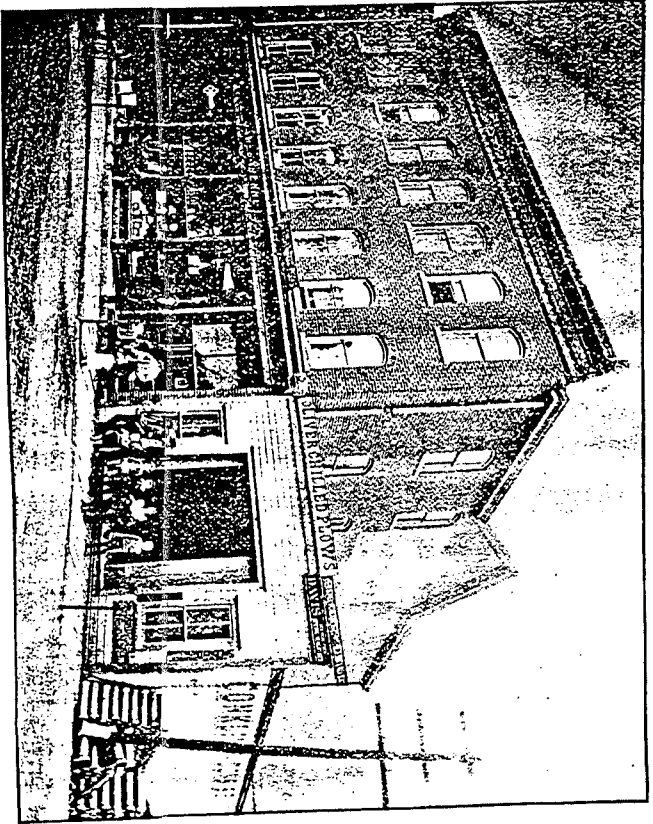
JAMES BENNETT.

No citizen of the past or present of Emmenton, has figured more conspicuously in its history of contributed more to the material welfare of the town than James Bennett, one of the oldest merchants and now the leading hardware man in this section of the county. Mr. Bennett in every sense of the word, is truly a self-made man, and but few have developed such a master mind in the conception and execution of large business projects and industrial schemes. Philosophizing upon his record made in the little town of Emmenton, it is but fair to assume that had he possessed a location presenting oppor-

when only a boy worked as a laborer to support his widowed mother. At the age of 20 he apprenticed himself to John P. Greer, of Clarion, Pa., to learn the tinning trade. With close attention to his work, a strict application of every means at his disposal to acquire a thorough knowledge of the business, he gained a mechanical education, which, in after years, served him well in successfully conducting the same business in which he engaged for himself a few years later. Mr. Bennett's first business enterprise was established in Franklin in 1839. He opened up a small tin shop with a very limited capital, and notwithstanding adversities and hard times, he not only kept his head above water but managed to make a little

earned a wide reputation as an expert workman. During this period he managed to save \$100 and with this capital he embarked again in the tinning business for himself. His establishment was located on Water street and was a very primitive affair, its dimensions being only 16x24 feet. By closely watching the corners and a strict application to business, he managed each year to put away a small amount of money. His business steadily increased and after running the tin business for a number of years, he branched out into the general hardware business. Success attended his additional investment so much

cities. Certainly his establishment would be a credit and honor to a much larger and more pretentious place than Emmenton. In an ordinary year Mr. Bennett transacts over \$100,000 in business, while the capital involved in stock is between \$25,000 and \$30,000. Practically speaking, he was the founder of the Emmenton bank, which was established in 1873, and is still one of the leading stockholders of the concern. In 1877 Mr. Bennett built and set in operation the Emmenton Flouring mills, one of the largest and most successful industrial enterprises in the town. To Mr. Bennett belongs the honor of the building of the old



so that in 1839, circumstances and the outlook justified him in building a large store room, in which he placed a large stock of goods. With the breaking out of the oil excitement, he at once recognized the opportunity of establishing an oil well supply department to his general hardware store, which he at once did and has ever since held the bulk of the trade in this locality and is looked upon as headquarters for supplies by the contractor and producer alike. Subsequently Mr. Bennett, seeing the growing demands for agricultural implements and machinery, added to his already large establishment, an agricultural department, which was highly appreciated by the farmers of this section and which they have liberally supported.

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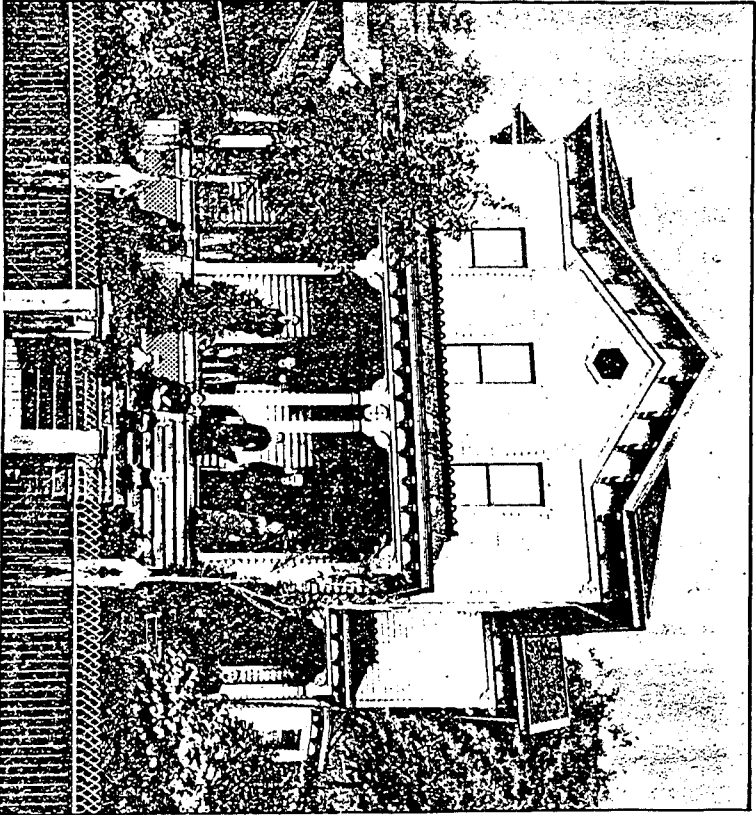
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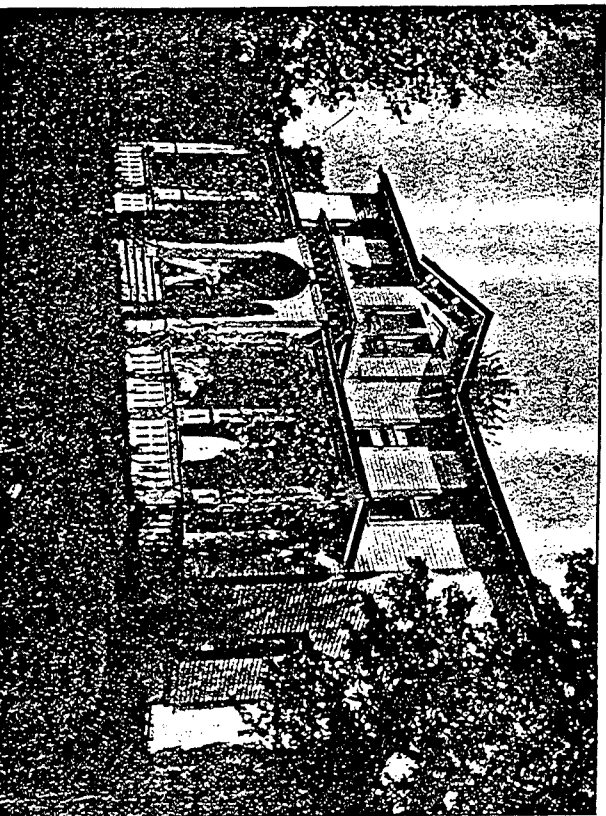
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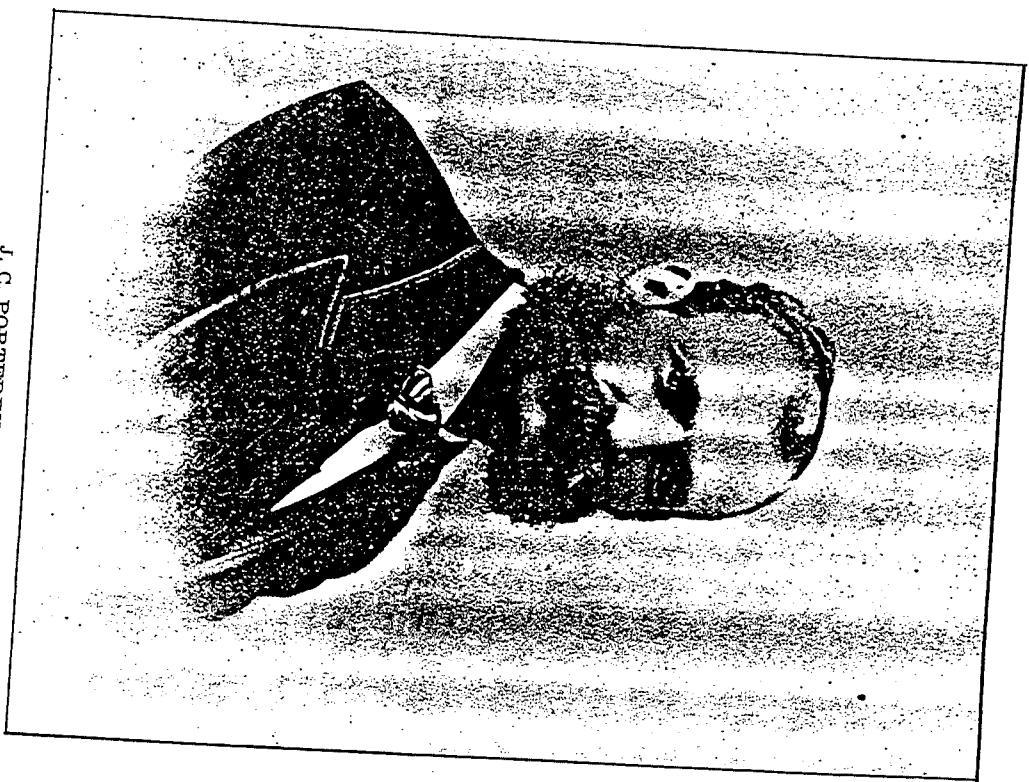
RESIDENCE OF JAMES BENNETT.



JAS. BENNETT'S HIGHLAND AVE. PR OPERTY, OCCUPIED BY J. W. WIDDLE.

H. H. PORTERFIELD, MANAGER.

The general merchandise establishment and conducted by H. H. Porterfield, is an establishment of which Embleton has reason to be proud, and one which, in every sense, would be an honor to a much larger and more pretentious place. It is the oldest business house in the town, and the solid business principles upon which it was founded have always been strictly adhered to, marking its career with the most phenomenal success. This noted establishment not only bears the distinction of being the oldest general merchandise house in the town, but the largest in this section of country. Besides handling an immense retail trade, its reputation as a wholesale house extends over a large area of country, in which it enjoys a handsome trade. The Porterfield establishment has from its first inception been particularly noted for the large and varied stock of goods it carried, while the quality was the cardinal principle which won it fame and success. From the beginning it was the aim and motto of the proprietors to handle nothing but first-class goods and to handle them at the least possible margin. No customer was ever willfully deceived in the purchase of an article here, and everything is a ways found just as represented. This immense establishment is divided into four departments, each of which is stocked to its fullest capacity with the very best class of goods. There are but few dry goods and notion houses in the large cities of Western Pennsylvania that carry a better and more varied stock than does the Porterfield establishment. Especially is this true in the dress goods and fabrics, which are selected with much care and pains and which meet the demands of the trade. In fact it is the only dry goods house between Oil City and Pittsburgh where one has the advan-



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age of selecting from a large stock command of the latest styles and varieties of the season. This affords a great advantage to many desiring anything in this line, as they can find right at home cheaper than they can buy the same articles in Pittsburgh, besides saving railroad fare. This is a fact people of Embleton and those residing in the lower end of the county should not fail to make a note of. The boot and shoe department, too, in every respect, is up to date and embraces a very large stock, purchased direct from the best and

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Mr. Porterfield has just received one of the largest invoices of goods for the fall and winter trade ever brought to the town. The goods in each department have been carefully selected, and all who are contemplating a purchase should not fail to visit his establishment. Owing to the honest, straightforward policy of doing business, and the handling of only first-class goods, the Porterfield house has always led the trade, and the volume of business transacted each year runs into the hundreds of thousands. This establishment was founded in 1857, the firm being known as Porterfield, Teitzell & Co., Mr. John McCombs, deceased, being known as the Co. end of the firm.

In 1890 the firm name was again changed, this time to Porterfield & McCombs. Thus the firm remained until the death of the latter, in August, 1890, a period of 30 years. Soon after the death of Mr. McCombs Mr. Porterfield purchased his interest from the estate.

On the death of his father Mr. Howard H. Porterfield was made executor of the estate, and has since been conducting the business. Mr. Porterfield also has charge of the Porterfield estate; large general merchandise store at Foxburg, and the success that has attended his efforts clearly demonstrate his business sagacity and executive ability in directing affairs of so large a concern.

John C. Porterfield, to whose master mind the Porterfield firm owes its high reputation, was the oldest son of Joseph and Hannah Porterfield, of Richland township, and was born September 6, 1838. His parents were of Scotch-Irish descent. His father was a native of Westmoreland county, Pa., and his mother was born in Richland township, and was a daughter of James Hall. The father of the deceased built the first furnace in this section, on Mill creek. He also the same saw mill and a grist mill on the creek.

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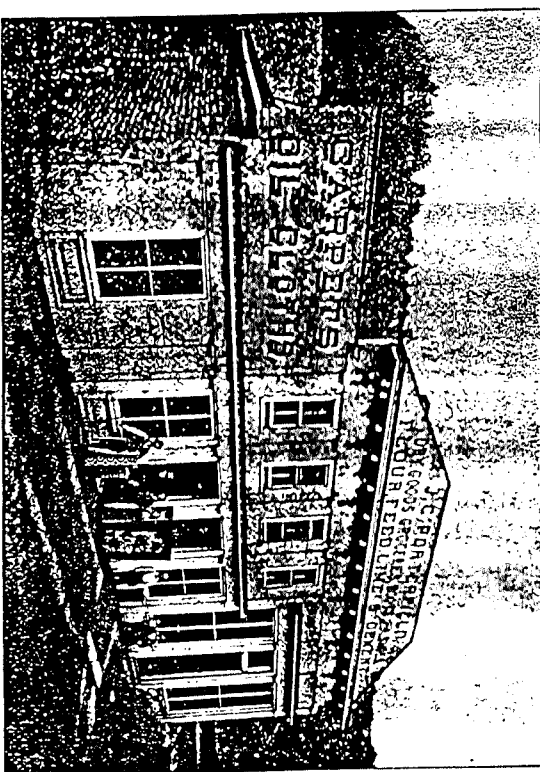
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The writer was particularly impressed with the carpet department, which he has no hesitancy in saying surpasses anything in this branch of the mercantile trade in all this section of country. So far as quality and cheapness are concerned, the purchaser is only spending time and money by going away from home. Here you



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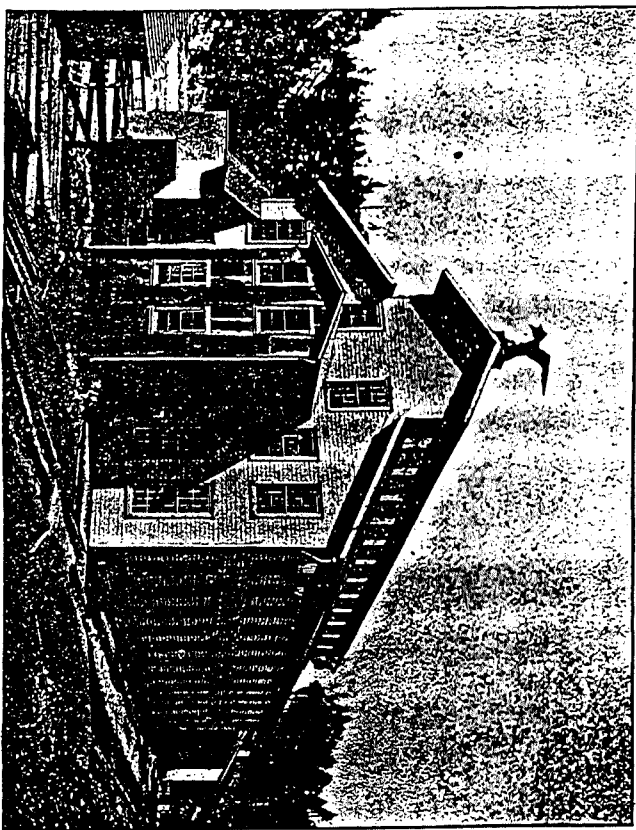
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Mr. Porterfield was married to Susan Allebach, daughter of the late Henry Allebach, in 1851. The children are: Mrs. Emma Watson, Mrs. Jessie Hestley and Harry Porterfield, of Allegheny City, and Howard Porterfield, of Foxburg. Three brothers and one sister survive the deceased, viz: James and Cyrus, of Richland; William H., of Oil City, and Mrs. Frazier, widow of Captain Alex. Frazier, of Canal township, this county.

FLYNN BROS.

The Flynn brothers were born on a farm in County Meath, Ireland. The mother, a widow with ten children, eight sons and two daughters, was one of the fourteen families dispossessed of their comfortable homes by an English landlord. Thomas, now aged 50 years, whose photograph appears above, came to America in 1865, went to work in a sawmill in Forest county on December 1 of the same year. He soon rose to the position of head sawyer. Out of his small earnings he saved sufficient to purchase a small interest in an oil well. It proved a profitable investment. In 1872 with his two brothers, Joseph and John, he commenced business in Emlenton. Their combined capital did not exceed \$1,000, but by strict attention to business he has earned the reputation of being among the best and most widely known business men in Northwestern Pennsylvania. His brothers, Robert and Michael, whose lithographs also appears on this page, received their early education in the public schools of Clarion county, moved to Pittsburg in 1869 and finished their schooling at St. Frances college, this State. Moved to Emlenton and clerked for their brothers; were admitted to partnership in the firm of Flynn Brothers in 1876. Robert looks after the stock of their large general merchandise business, Michael has charge of the buying of general merchandise and finances of their entire business. Thomas superintends the woolen mill business, which is second to none in Western Penn-



FLYNN BROS' WOOLEN MILLS.

In different sections of the country. That committee, in its report, decided that the wool produced in Western Pennsylvania was superior in every respect to that of all other sections. And this is the only kind of wool they use. The Emlenton woolen mills has unquestionably been one of the greatest helps to the town, and has created the highest cash markets the year around for all the wool grown in this section of

cities of New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago, St. Paul, San Francisco and, in fact, nearly every State in the union.

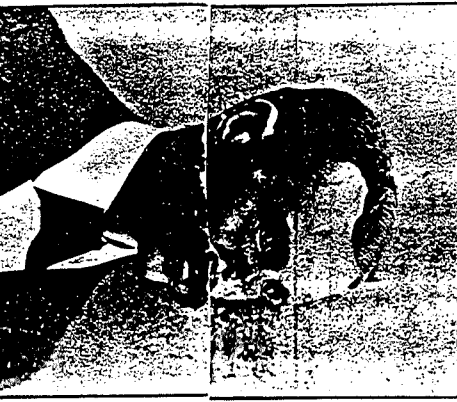
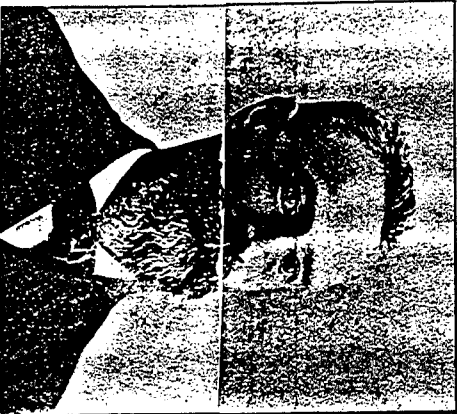
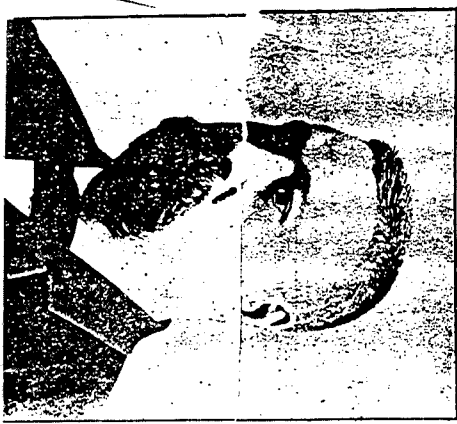
Flynn Brothers' Large Store.

The fruits of enterprise, hustle and business sagacity was never before more forcibly illustrated than is shown in the wonderful and almost miraculous development and progress of their immense general merchandise establishment. In a very

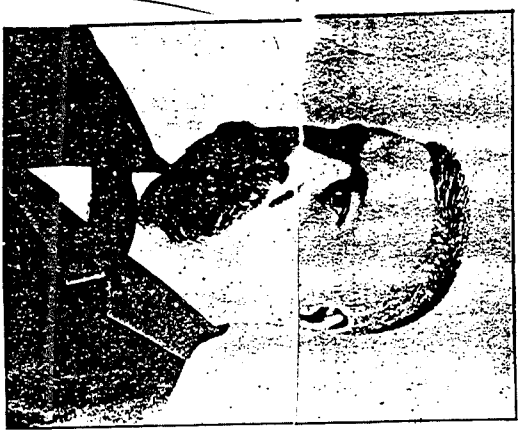
and dissension was an element that never found an abiding place in this household. On the start cut their capital being small and their quarters large, they found it very difficult to fill up the space so as to make a good display and showing of their stock.

Although it was well known by the different wholesale establishments with whom they dealt that their capital was limited, yet their credit was never questioned, and any order, no matter how large, was always promptly honored. In 1875 Michael and Robert became members of the firm. During these three years the most phenomenal success had crowned their efforts, and the business had increased nearly one-half. And so it has been from that period until the present time, and their star has been in the ascendent, and is still on its upward flight. The institution covers over 30,000 square feet of ground and has a frontage of 100 feet by 96 in depth. It is two stories high with basement, and in every department fitted up with all modern improvements and conveniences for the facilitating of business. One is lost in wonder and amazement when drawing a comparison of their business as they started 23 years ago and with the situation of to-day. The crowded store, the animated scenes, the little army of clerks now required to wait upon the large patronage, are things that their fondest hopes and happy dreams had pictured but never expected to witness their realization. Truly, "truth is stranger than fiction." But such is the case, and Flynn

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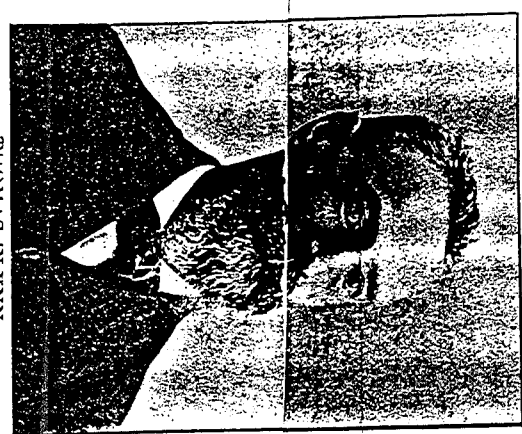
superintends the woolen mill business, which is second to none in Western Pennsylvania or Eastern Ohio. We give a brief description of their two large enterprises.



ROBERT J. FLYNN.

The Embleton Woolen Mills, owned and operated by Flynn Brothers, are located at the west end of the town and along the Allegheny Valley railroad track. On a limited scale this industry was started about seven years ago, and from the inception of the undertaking until the present time, success has marked its career. As each year passed by their business increased, necessitating the enlargement of their producing capacity until at present the Embleton woolen mills have a reputation second to none in the country. The establishment is fitted up with all the very best and latest improved machinery and appliances for the prosecution of the business. The main building is 55x100 feet, besides a dye and finishing department 45x50 feet. Their special products are flannels, blankets and skirts. The goods are all of the very highest class and manufactured from the best wool obtainable. The reason that the products of the Embleton woolen mills are in such high demand is because the raw material which enters into their composition has been pronounced the best by a committee appointed by Congress to ascertain the relative values of wool grown

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THOMAS FLYNN.

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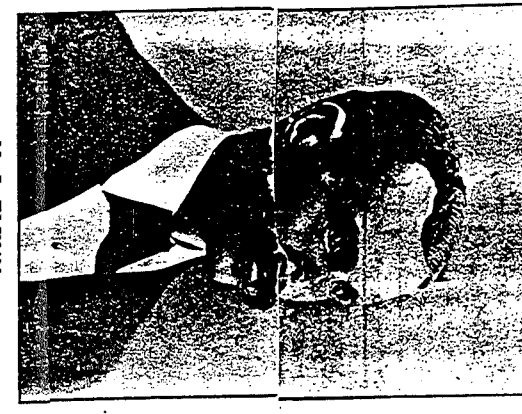
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modest way the establishment was started September 1, 1872, by Joseph, Thomas and John Flynn. Michael and Robert, the two younger brothers, 15 and 17 years old respectively, were the only clerks. With one common interest they all pulled together



FLYNN BROS. STORE.

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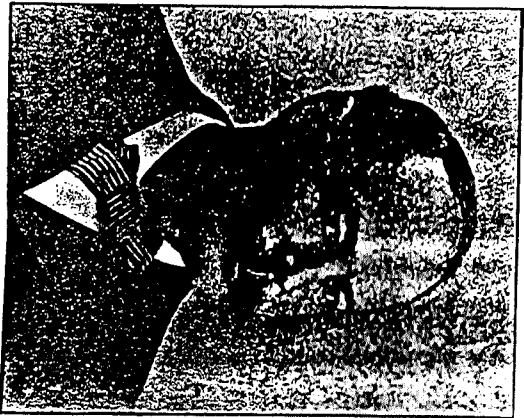
Brothers to-day conduct an establishment and do a business that would be an honor to Pittsburg or Buffalo.

There are six separate departments, each of which is the most complete in every respect. They are as follows: Dry goods, notions and millinery, clothing, furnishing goods, boots and shoes, carpets and house-furnishing goods and groceries, flour and a quarter-million dollars. It requires the service of fourteen clerks to wait upon their customers. They buy all their goods direct from headquarters for spot cash, which enables them to give the profits of the middleman to their patrons. On the first of April, 1885, they adopted the cash system and the result has shown an increase of nearly 200 per cent. in their business.

By the adoption of the cash system they have found it much better all around, and the buyer and consumer are alike benefited. By selling for spot cash they are enabled to sell goods at least 10 per cent. cheaper than by the credit system, while at the same time the quality of the goods is maintained to a high standard. While the consumer saves this large percentage the merchant can turn his capital several times and make more money in the end than by the time, six and twelve months credit system. That the consumer has recognized the great advantage of paying as he goes is found in the fact that Flynn Bros. have increased their patronage to such a large percentage.

S. P. BARNARD.

S. P. Barnard, the senior member of the firm, was born in West Moreland county, Pa., September 20, 1852. He was educated under Dr. Donaldson at Eldersridge, Indiana county, Pa. He came to Emlenton 25 years ago and has since been identified with Emlenton and its interests. He was



S. P. BARNARD.

married to Miss Minnie Lawall, of Northumberland county, Pa., a highly accomplished lady. Mr. Barnard has been engaged in the oil business, both in Pennsylvania and Ohio, and in which he has met with success. He is president of the Emlenton Milling company, and is one of the enterprising and influential citizens of the town.

J. M. GRANT.

Mr. J. M. Grant, the junior member of the firm of Barnard & Grant, was born December 27, 1854, in Allegheny township, Butler county, Pa. He worked on a farm until 16 years old when he came to Emlenton, where he has since been closely allied



BARNARD AND GRANT.

The general merchandise establishment of Barnard & Grant is by no means the least important or conspicuous among the business houses of Emlenton. In fact this is one of the most popular firms in the town and if its past history is to be taken as a criterion for its future, we have no hesitancy in predicting that the day is not far distant when they will stand at the head of the list of the successful and prominent merchants of this section of the country. In every sense of the term, both members of the firm are self-made and the high position they have attained in their chosen avocation is attributable alone to their own efforts. Each of these young men practically started alone and single handed in the world, with no capital but their own brains, and won for themselves a record worthy of emula-

cess in every particular has attended their efforts. Their place of business is located at 505 Main street, in the bank building, and in dimensions is 100x25 feet, with an annex 20x40, both of which are two stories high. They now have invested in their business a capital of \$50,000, and their yearly transactions amount to over \$20,000. The establishment is divided into four departments—dry goods and notions, grocery, boots and shoes and carpet and cloak. In each of these departments they carry a full and complete stock and there is nothing usually kept in these lines but what will be found here. This firm has always borne the proud distinction of handling only the very best quality of goods which they invariably sell at the lowest possible margin. Quality and cheapness has been their motto from the beginning and that the public have not only recognized but appreciated this fact is evidenced by their

J. M. BLACK.

The subject of this sketch, while not in the strict sense of the word a citizen of Emlenton, has resided in its immediate vicinity for many years and has always been closely identified with the best interest of the town. He was born in Mercer township, Butler county, December

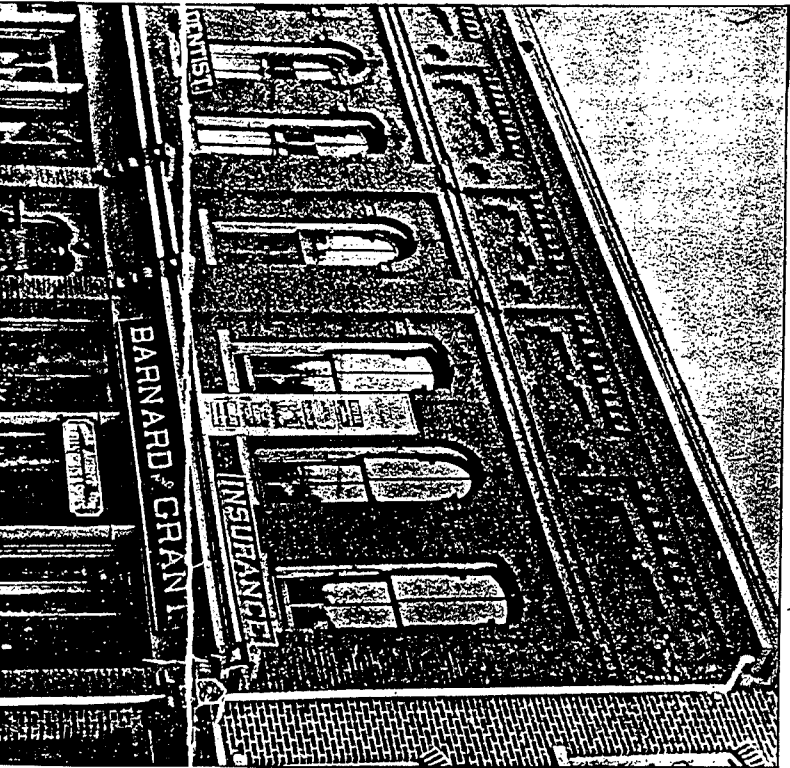


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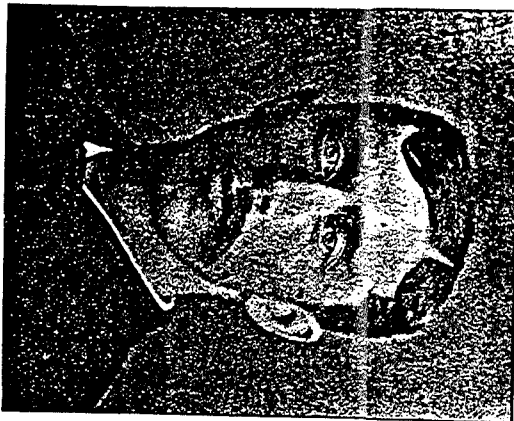
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passed lady. Mr. Barnard has been engaged in the oil business, both in Pennsylvania and Ohio, and in which he has met with success. He is president of the Emlenton Milling company, and is one of the enterprising and influential citizens of the town.

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J. M. GRANT.

Mr. J. M. Grant, the junior member of the firm of Barnard & Grant, was born December 7, 1851, in Allegheny township, Butler county, Pa. He worked on a farm until 16 years old when he came to Emlenton. Since that time he has since been closely allied

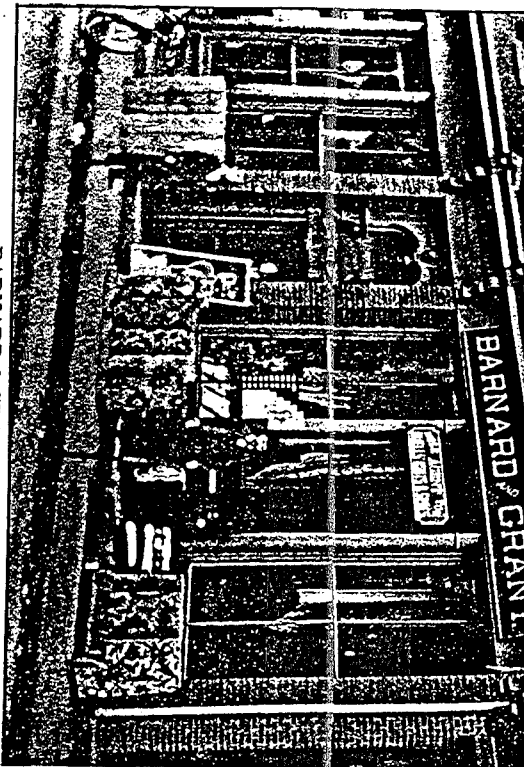
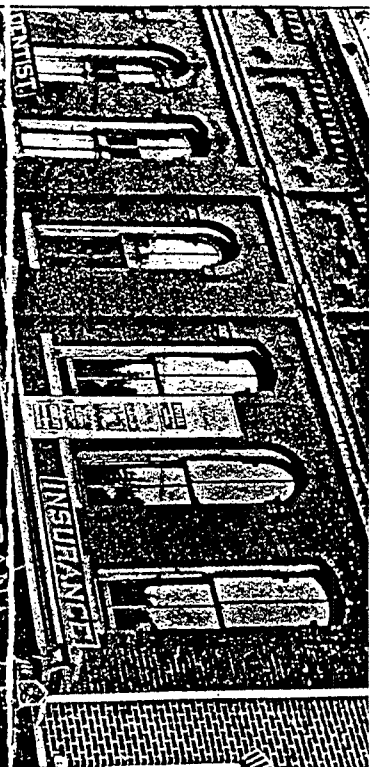


J. M. GRANT.

to the interest of the town. Mr. Grant was married to Miss Jennette Crawford, who resided in the same township.

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FRAZIER & KOCH.

The millinery firm of Frazier & Koch, next to Gosser's block, Main street, is composed of two young ladies, Miss Elizabeth Frazier and Miss Clara Koch. They carry a full line of the latest in millinery, and their patronage has been large and increasing. They make a special effort to please their patrons, and their knowledge of the millinery art is second to none. This month they held their first millinery opening, and the large number who visited their store were more than pleased. Their window display was very attractive. Call and inspect their new fall and winter goods.



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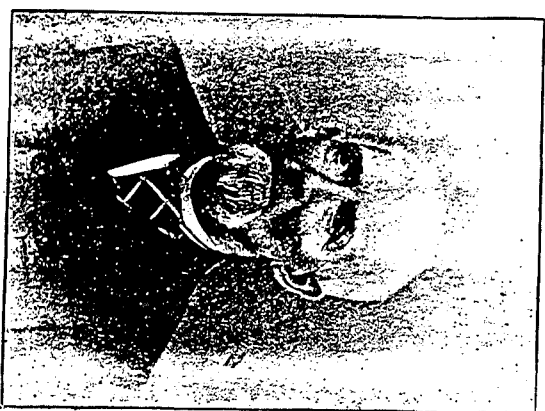
tion. They were both reared on a farm and received such an education as is afforded by the district schools. Early in life, they left the parental roof and as day laborers engaged in different pursuits and finally secured positions in stores where they, by strict attention and close application to their duties, gained a thorough knowledge of the business, which so ably served them in the years to come when they assumed the responsibilities of a large and flourishing business. From youth they formed habits of industry and frugality and their hard earned wages were not spent in dissipation, but carefully laid by. They were thus enabled in a limited way branched out in the general merchandise business. The six years of the firm's existence have been marked with the most gratifying results and suc-

large and growing trade. They aim to please and study the wants and needs of their patronage and make it a pleasure with all to trade with them. They devote their entire time to their business, do much of their own work and in every possible manner reduce expenses that they may be able to give to the consumer the necessaries of life at the very lowest figure. They buy all their merchandise as far as it is possible direct from headquarters, saving the percentage of the middle man which they give to their customers. This firm has also gained a reputation for keeping strictly fresh goods. In groceries and provisions, they never buy in large quantities, but buy often, and to find an article that has lost strength by age is a rare exception. This principal is carried out in the fullest sense in all the other departments and goods do not have time to become shelf-worn.

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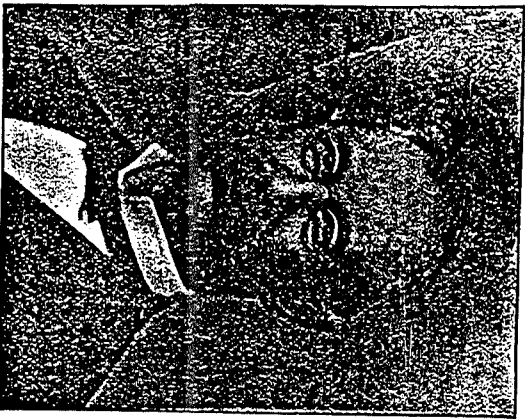
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be written in full it would form an interesting part of the memoirs of the town. Early in life he learned the carpenter trade, which he followed until age demanded a cessation from toll. Mr. Crawford was married in 1842 to Miss Margaret Anderson, of Allegheny township, Butler county. To this union there were three offspring, J. A. Crawford, E. J. Crawford and the late Mrs. John McCombs.

EMLENTON REFINING CO.

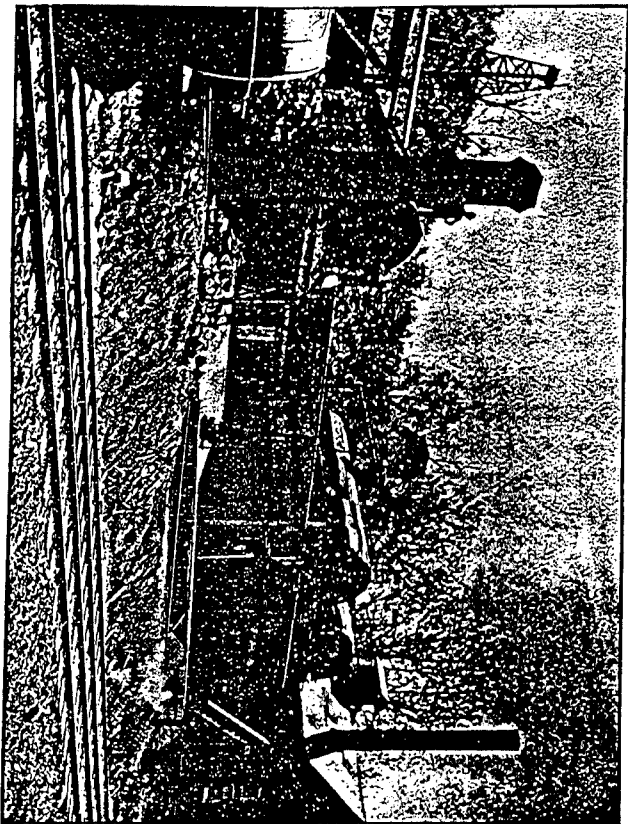
Among the companies lately formed to make Emlenton their field of operations, and which will undoubtedly play a large part in the future progress of the place, none take greater prominence than the Emlenton Refining Company.

The stock of this new enterprise is held by H. A. Jamieson, P. J. Boyer and Chas. H. Hatton, all of Warren, Pa. Mr. Jamieson, president of the company, is vice-president of the Warren National Bank, and is one of the principal stockholders in the Pennsylvania Gas Company, besides being largely connected with other industries and enterprises which have made Warren the progressive city she is. Mr. Boyer, treasurer and manager, formerly held the same position with the



P. J. BAYER.

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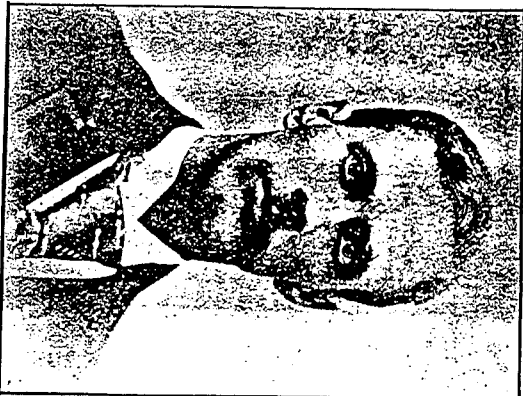
EMLENTON REFINING CO.

refined stocks of all grades have no equal in the market. They are also extensively engaged in the manufacture of paraffine wax.

The quality of the goods being manufactured is extending their trade constantly, and it may be said the company has only entered upon their era of real prosperity.



A. E. MIDDLETON,
Attorney at law and notary public, was born in Rock Island county, Illinois. He attended various schools, including Mt. Union college and St. Louis Law school, and taught several terms. Since his admission to the bar, four years ago, he has



been engaged in the practice of law in Venango and adjoining counties, his office being in Emlenton.

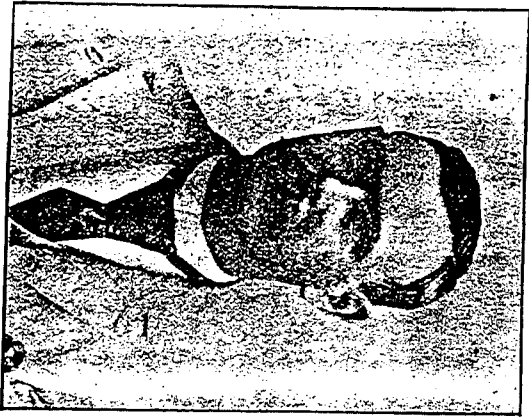
EMLENTON BOILER WORKS.

Not the least conspicuous among the manufacturing industries is the Emlenton Boiler works, located at the upper end of the town, a short distance north from the woolen mills. The establishment is conducted by Mr. George Kiel, one of the most thorough and practical boiler makers in the oil regions. On April 1, 1892, Mr. Kiel purchased the old shop from Mr. H. Knight and at once rearranged the entire business, infused new life into every department, the results of which was soon seen by overflowing orders and a greatly increased business. The affairs of the institution continued in a prosperous way until larger and more commodious quarters were necessary to meet the demands of the present season the rental proprietor erected a building 60x32 feet near the site of the old shop. This Mr. Kiel conducted in the most substantial manner and equipped it with all the modern machinery.



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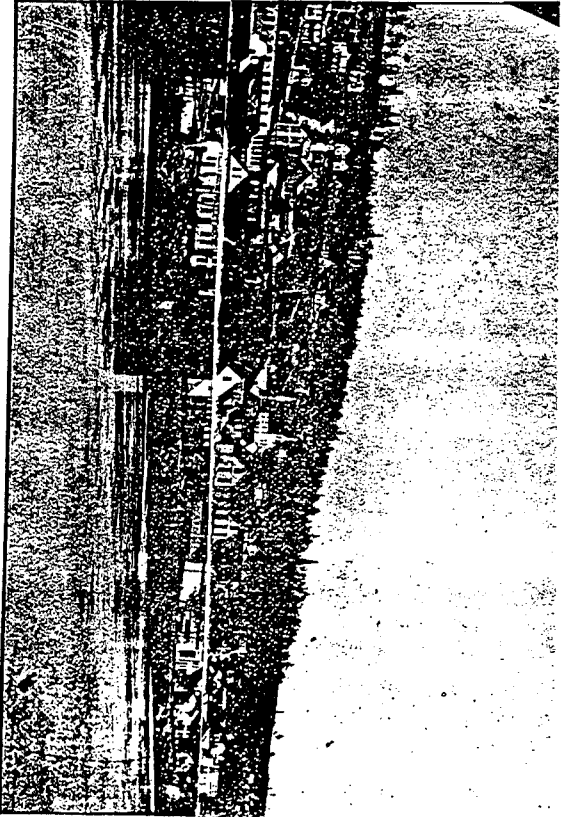


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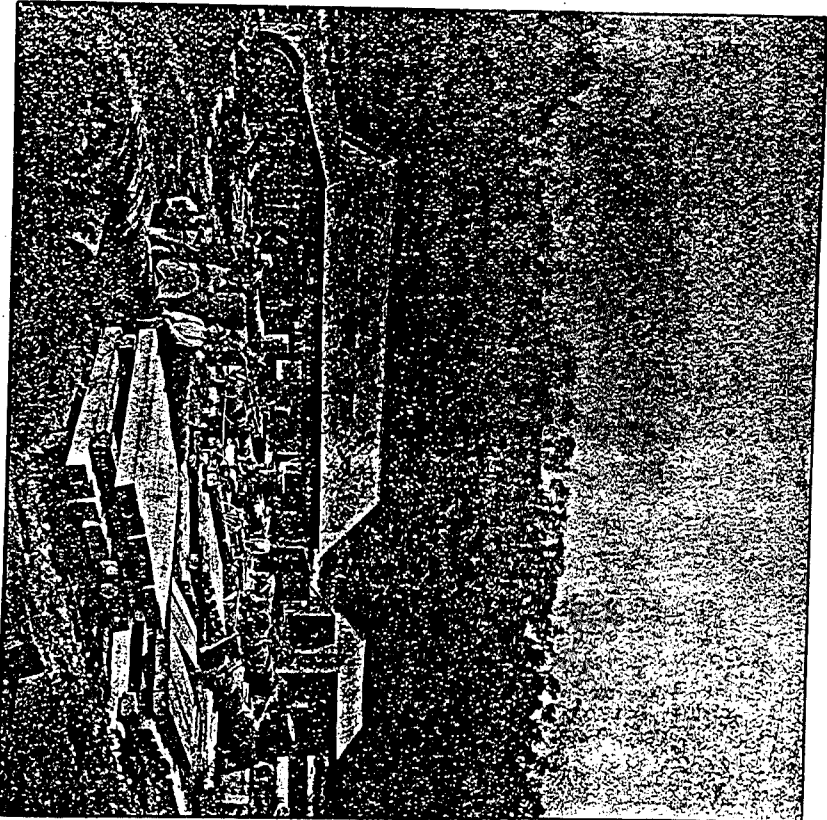
business a perfect success. They are noted for their sound judgment and sterling integrity, and enjoy the confidence and respect of their trade in all sections of the United States.

Since the refinery has been purchased by the Emlenton Refining Company, it has been thoroughly overhauled and refitted throughout, the capacity increased, and it is in most excellent shape for the business for which it is intended.

The company prides themselves on their 110, 120, 150 and 300 fire test, water white illuminating oils, and 30, 32, 34 and 36 neutrals, while their spindle, dynamo, engine, bloomless, wool oil and filtered and steam



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KIEL'S BOILER WORKS.

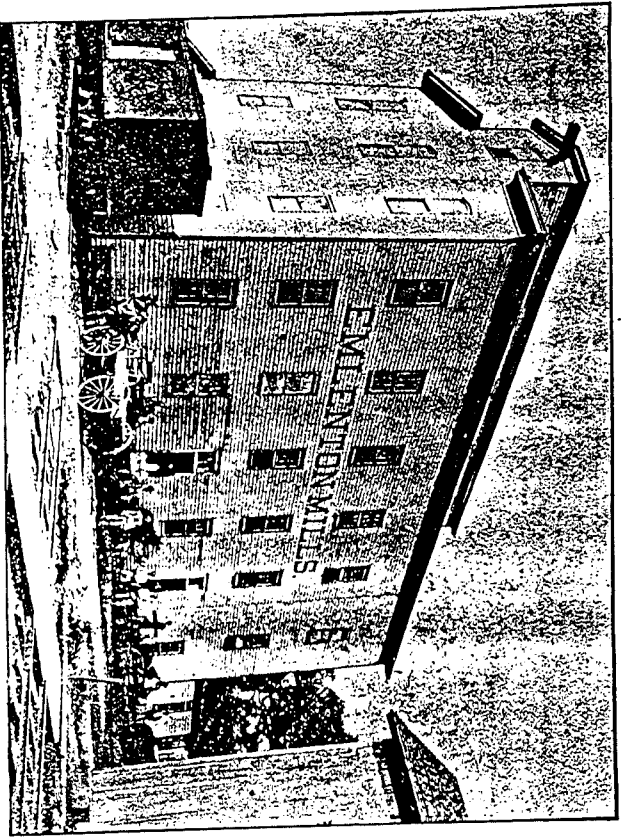
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GEORGE KIEL.

tion of doing only first-class work, a fact highly attested by the large amount of business he does. Mr. Kiel was born in Buffalo, N. Y., on the 31st day of March, 1848. For 32 years he followed his present business and has met with the most gratifying success.

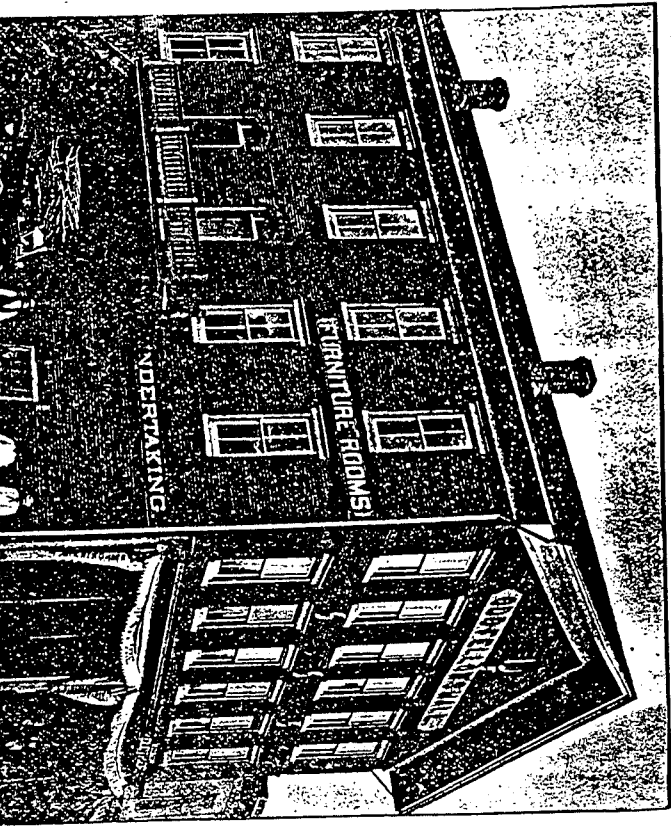
He came to the oil country in 1869 introducing himself upon the theatre of oil regions life in the then busy and tumultuous city of Titusville. Subsequently he worked in Oil City and Foxburg, from which latter place, after a period of 17 years, he came to Emlenton. In conducting his business he makes a specialty of repair work, and in this particular line has acquired an enviable reputation for promptness, dispatch and good work.



EMBLETON MILLS.

EMBLETON MILLING CO., LIMITED.

Among the industrial establishments of Embleton, there are none more conspicuous and important than the Embleton Milling Company, Limited. It is an industry of which the town has every reason to be proud of, and one which contributes much to its general welfare, and high standing. It is also an industry the stability of which is recognized throughout the western part of the State, while its manufactured products, under the present management, have gained a reputation in the wide field of competition which is not only gratifying to its owner, but points to a future full of promise and results of the most salutary nature. The high reputation the Embleton Milling Company enjoys is due to the outgrowth of a careful study of the various needs and demands of the trade both from a local and commercial standpoint. The management have given the branch of industry their undivided attention, and are thoroughly conversant with the business in all its phases. In other words they are master of the situation, and are governed and actuated by the fundamental principles which contribute to the success of every business enterprise.



H. COHEN'S CLOTHING EMPORIUM.

from top to bottom, practically making a new mill. Nearly all the old machinery was taken out and replaced with the latest improved new machinery and appliances used in the prosecution of the business. Everything was made as near perfection as possible, and nothing was left undone that money and skill could accomplish to make this one of, if not the best, milling plants of the times. Subsequent results have clearly proven the wisdom of this course and the large amount of capital required in putting the plant in first class condition was an investment that will bring many returns. By so doing they were enabled to meet competitors of any section or locality on an equal footing in the manufacture of high grade flour and feeds. They use nothing but the very best grain obtainable. Of a recent year the company has very fortunate in securing the service of Mr. Logan, of Warren, Ohio, who is a practical millwright, and enjoys the reputation of being one of the very best millers of the times. He has full control of the flour department which is a guarantee that nothing but A No. 1

goods will be sent out. Among their many brands of flour they make a specialty of flour, all of which are having a big run wherever tried, and are as follows: "Banner," a strictly straight grade winter wheat flour, "Calla Lilly," is a blend of spring and winter wheat flour, "Old Gold" and "Medal" are both made from Minnesota No. 1 hard spring wheat. There is, and always has been much complaint about good buckwheat flour, and this complaint is well founded, as there is but little pure buckwheat flour on the market to-day. The Embleton Milling Company especially pride themselves upon the manufacture of this product, which they guarantee to be strictly pure. In the feed department their line of goods surely cannot be excelled anywhere. It is all strictly pure, and not an ounce will be found adulterated. As manufacturers of pure corn meal they have gained an enviable reputation, and have a large and growing trade. The company have a large capital at their command and do a big wholesale trade. They are prepared at all times to fill any kind of an order no matter how large on the shortest notice.

Exchange Department.

The farmers of this locality will consult their own best interests by dealing with the Embleton Milling Company. It is impossible to find a better grade of flour than they manufacture; they will give you the advantage of exchanging grain for any of their goods. They can get the same grades of flour that is given to the commercial trade. The Embleton Milling Company have also created the highest cash market for the farmer's grain in the year round, and should receive the hearty support of the entire country, for it always pays to support home industry.

GEORGE F. FOX

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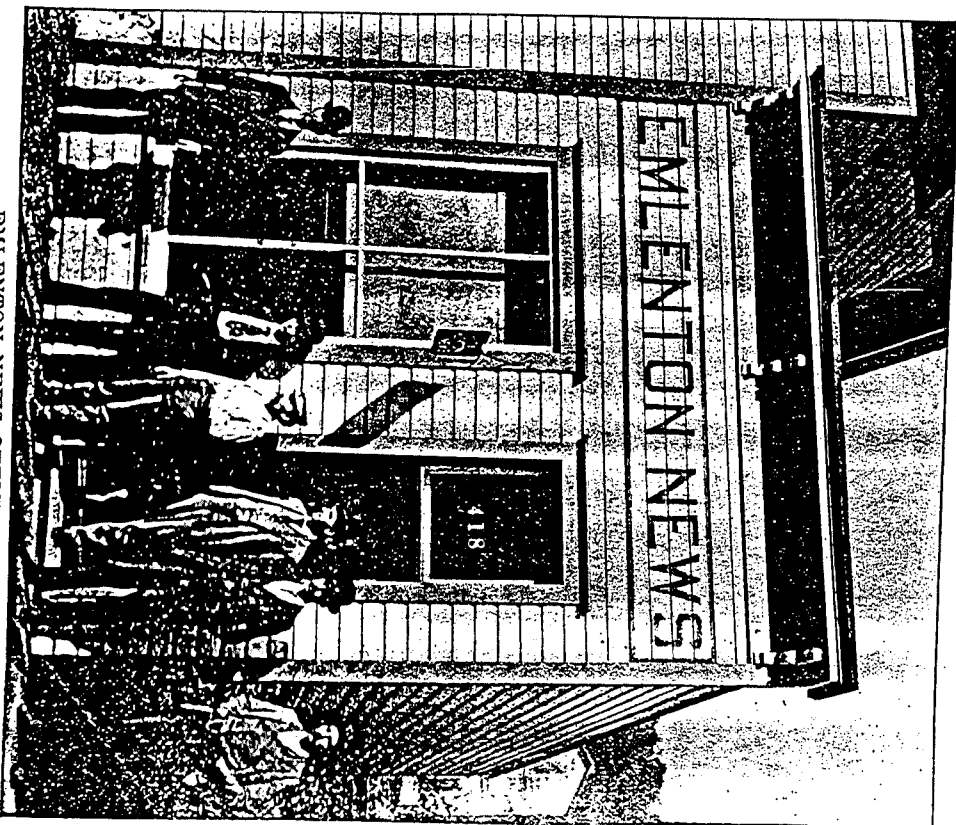
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GEORGE F. FOX.

The subject of this sketch was born in Emmenton, January 22, 1870. He was educated in the public schools of Emmenton, finishing with an academic course. Mr. Fox was married to Miss Gertrude E. Crawford, daughter of Samuel W. Crawford, of Emmenton, September 6, 1888. He first engaged in business with L. M. Hall,



in the insurance and real estate business, and represented an oil well supply and machinery establishment. He was also associated with C. J. Crawford in the same business. He became associated with the Emmenton Milling Company Limited, and besides being secretary and treasurer, is the general manager.



EMMENTON NEWS OFFICE.

JOHN MCCOMBS.

John McCombs was born in Loyalhanna, Butler county, Pa. The subject of this sketch followed farming until 25 years of township, Westmoreland county, Pa., September 20, 1822, and consequently, at the time of his death, August 9, 1889, he was in the 67th year of his age. He was a son of Allen and Alice McCombs, the former being a native of Elder's Ridge, Indiana county, Pa., and the latter of Fairview, Pa., and during his time at home secured an education afforded by the common schools of that day. He left home August 6, 1847, and traveled quite extensively, going to Mexico with a company of volunteers. Returning to his native State he located in Kittanning, Pa., where he followed the occupation of puddler in the old Kittanning iron works. In 1857, in company with Andrew Teitzell, of Kittanning, and the late John C. Porterfield, of Emlenton, the iron store, then owned by Brown, Phillips & Co., was purchased, and conducted under the firm name of Porterfield, Teitzell & Co. A few years later, in the winter of 1858-59, Mr. Porterfield made a trip to New Orleans, La., and upon his return Mr. McCombs returned to his trade in the Kittanning iron works, but still retained an interest in the iron store. He returned to Emlenton, and in 1865, with Mr. Porterfield, purchased the interest of Mr. Teitzell in the store, and the firm name was changed to Porterfield & McCombs. Mr. McCombs was married to Sarah, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Crawford, February 9, 1869. To this union were born four children, two of whom are living. Mrs. McCombs died December 23, 1875. Mr. McCombs was of a quiet, unostentatious nature, possessed of wonderful energy and force of character, fearless in expressing his views and in the performance of his duties. The community suffered a great loss in his death. He was an ardent Republican.

E. H. CLUBBISON.

Editor and proprietor of The Emlenton News, was born and grew to manhood in Emlenton. He secured his education from the public schools of his native town, learned the printing business, and on May 14, 1885, established the News, which has become recognized as an elegant local paper, read by many hundreds in his community weekly. Mr. Clubbison is a young man of ability and highly respected by the people of his town and locality.



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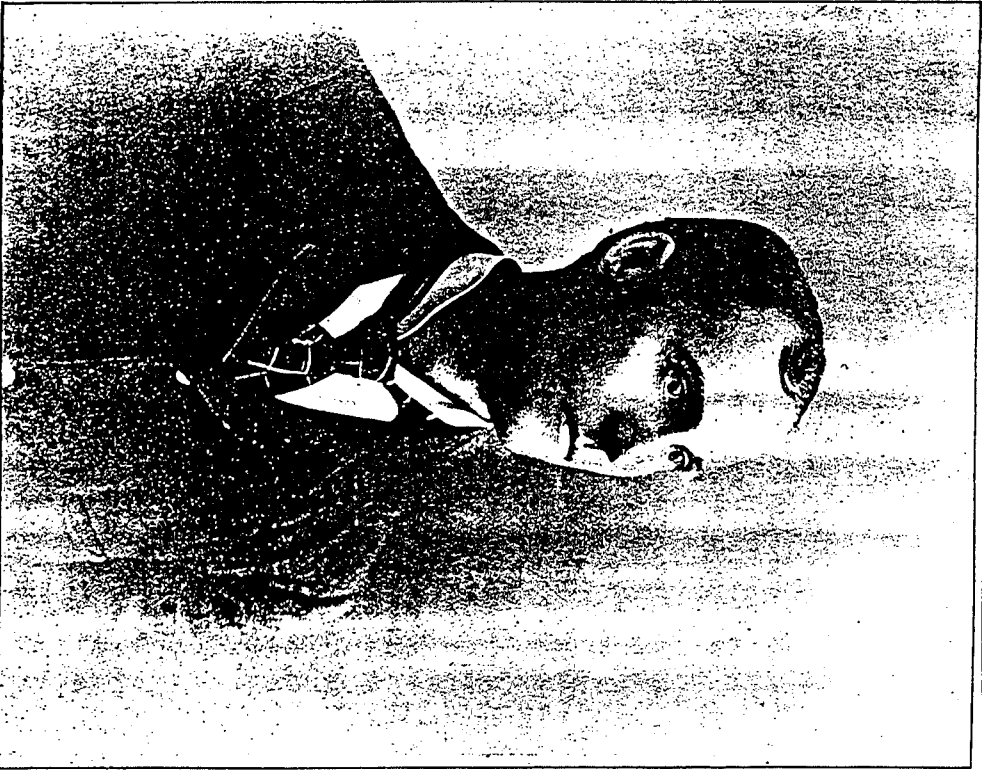
CRAWFORD & FOX.

The partnership firm of Crawford & Fox was formed in 1891. Both members of the firm are numbered among Emlenton's most active, enterprising and influential citizens. They are what may be termed as hustlers of the first water, and are classed with the school of young blood. Their interests have long been identified with Emlenton and they have cast anchor here apparently for many moons to come. They represent the Titusville Iron Company and are known as two of the most popular and accommodating agents of oil supplies and machinery in the country. Our Titusville friends could not have found two better representatives in the country who would in every respect look carefully after their interests. From the fact that they handle one of the best boilers and engines manufactured for the oil trade and are well received by the oil trade and have built up a good trade and have firmly entrenched themselves in the confidence of the producer and contractor. Their aim is always to please and satisfy their customers. While they are able to give them this class of goods at figures as low if not lower than the same can be purchased elsewhere. The reputation of the Titusville engine and boiler is well established throughout the world of oildom, and the improvements that have been made in both during the past few years make them most desirable of the many different manufactures now on the market. With these improvements many objections have been overcome. The boiler is now considered the most durable, the strongest and the most economical in fuel. The engine is regarded by the talent as the oil man's friend, and will drill more wells with less repair and expense than any other now in use. It is said by the most practical operator and contractor that the very best of time can be made with the Titusville engine, as they are not only the strongest but the valve is so constructed that they take steam the instant the throttle valve is moved. Beside handling boilers and engines they make a specialty of gas tanks, pumps, fittings, etc. They are prepared at all times to fill orders on the shortest notice, and any business entrusted to them will receive their undivided attention. We have pleasure in recommending this enterprising agency to our many old friends, and feel sure their interests will well be served when entrusted to their care.

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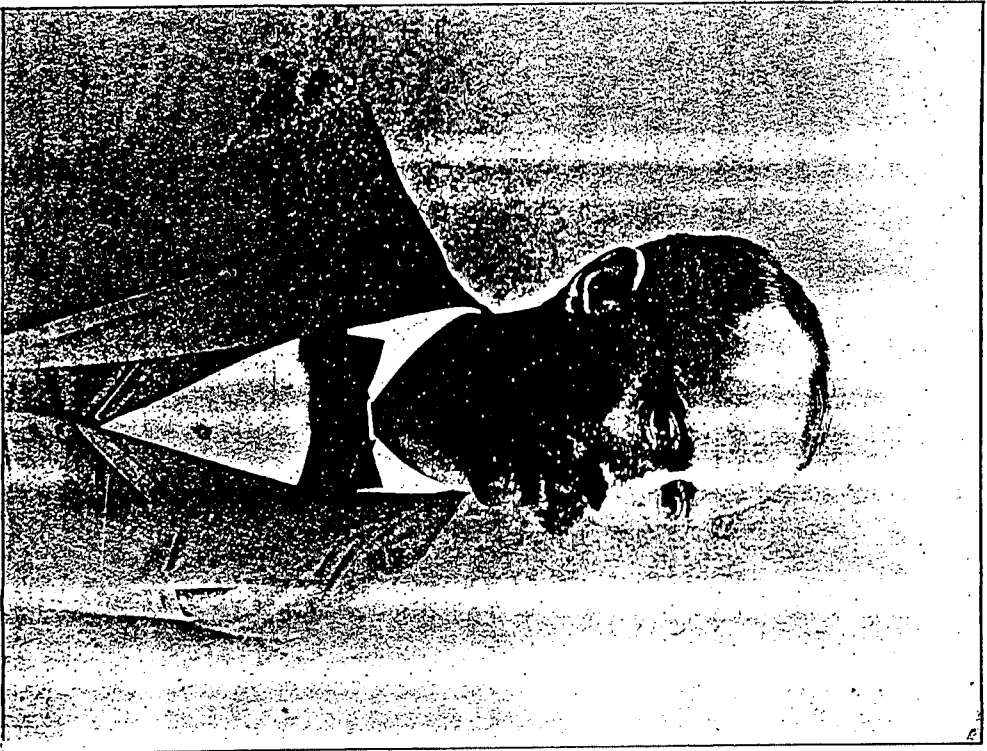
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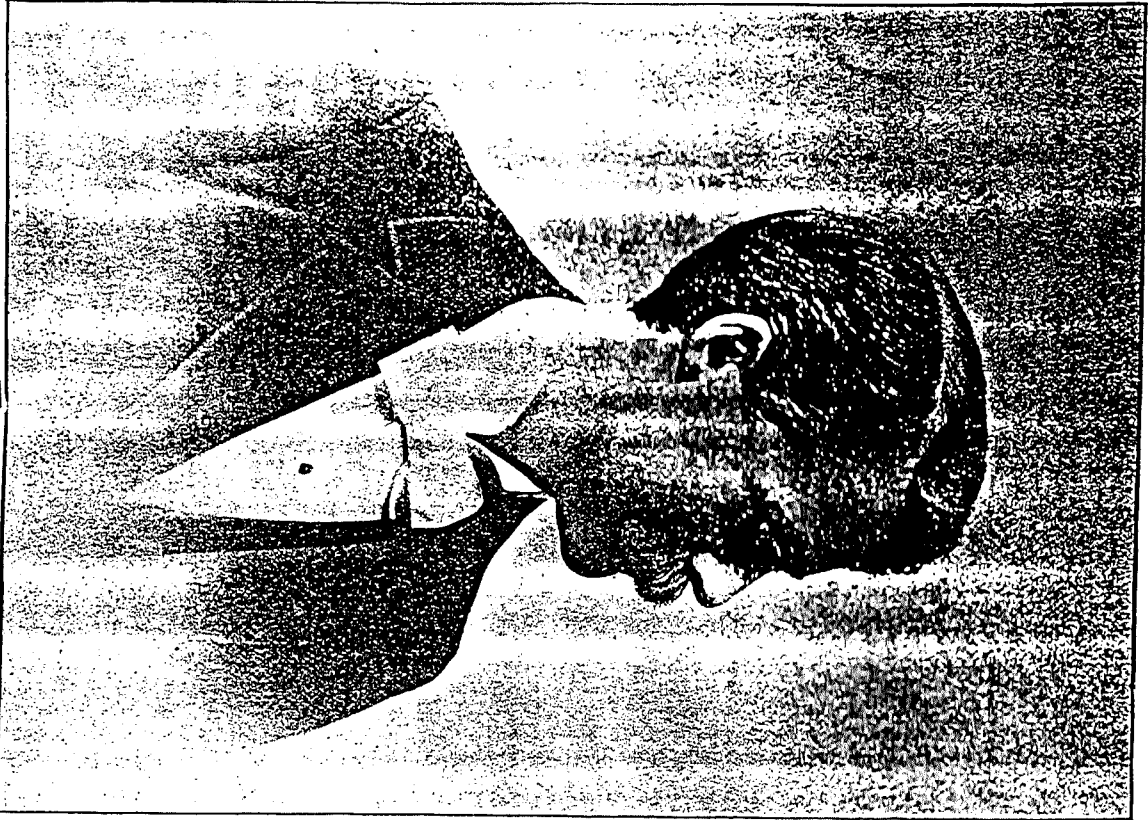


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L. B. CHAPPELL.

It is pleasing to note among the other flourishing industries and successful business houses of Embleton the noted photographer, Mr. L. B. Chappell. His studio is in keeping with the other industries of the place and there are but few establishments



JUDGE KEATING.

Among other places he worked was Iveson, Tyrone, Alcona and Johns River. It was eight years ago when he first struck Embleton, and after carefully sizing up the situation opened up a gallery for J. W. Stres of Oil City, which he successfully conducted for a year. At the end of this period he purchased the establishment, and has ever since run the business him-

close student. He was a progressive thinker in every sense of the word and upon all occasions had the fortitude of his convictions. His early life was spent on the farm, during which period his spare moments were spent in adding to his store of knowledge, which fitted him so ably to meet and successfully master many in-

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It is pleasing to note among the other flourishing industries and successful business houses of Emlenton the noted photographer, Mr. L. B. Chappell. His studio is in keeping with the other industries of the place and there are but few establishments of the kind that have attained such a high reputation for artistic work as has Mr. Chappell's. That he is a natural born artist is plainly evidenced by the class of work he turns out and the large patronage credit to the town, and it is doubtful if ever there was any one photographer whose ability in this line has been so universally recognized and appreciated as is Mr. Chappell's by the people of Emlenton and vicinity. He has gained more than a local reputation, and his work can be found in nearly every section of Western Pennsylvania. His soul is deeply imbued in his chosen profession, to which he devotes his entire attention. He ranks with the foremost photographers of the times and has won his way to fame upon the merits of his work. In his profession he is a close student. He is master of, and thoroughly conversant with every method and detail of the business. In the attainment of which the young artist has spared neither time nor money. His studio is handsomely fitted up with all the very latest devices and appliances for the successful prosecution of the business, while the furnishings for the comfort of patrons is the most elaborate. Mr. Chappell was born in Peckskill, N. Y., July 1, 1862. He lived there eight or ten years, when he removed with his parents to Millin county, Pa. At this period he started out to fight life's battle on his own hook. He apprenticed himself to a photographer by the name of C. C. Schriver, of Herrsburg, Pa., with whom he graduated with high honors. After finishing his schooling in this art he branched out for himself and for a number of years worked for some of the most noted photographers in the country.

Among other places he worked was Lewistown, Tyrone, Altoona and Johnstown. It was eight years ago when the first struck Emlenton, and after carefully seeing up the situation opened up a gallery for J. W. Shes, of Oil City, which he successfully conducted for a year. At the end of this period he purchased the establishment, and has ever since run the business himself. He subsequently opened a branch office at Edinburg, Carbon county, where he has met with the same success that crowned his efforts in Emlenton, and which he is still running. About one year ago Mr. Chappell also opened up a first-class studio in the new Shields block, Oil City, and by his excellent work, kind and obliging ways has won the confidence of the people and enjoys a large patronage of the best citizens of the town. Mr. Chappell was married three years ago to Miss Emma Wietler, an accomplished and affable young lady of Emlenton. Mr. Chappell keeps his gallery open in Emlenton on Fridays and every Saturday he can be found at his place of business in Edinburg. His studio in Oil City is open all the time, which during his absence is under the supervision of one of the best and most noted photographers of the times. There is no class of work but what Mr. Chappell can do in the most satisfactory manner. As a landscape photographer, he cannot be excelled, while in portrait, crayon, sepia, water color and pastel work he has no superiors and but few peers. He also makes a specialty of taking family groups at their homes by his new improved flash-light apparatus, which is highly appreciated and is among his best work.

EX-JUDGE KEATING.

Perhaps there are but few of the early settlers who have passed into the great beyond who have contributed so much to the material welfare and formed a more conspicuous part in the history of Emlenton than ex-Judge John Keating. He was a gentleman of fine sensibilities, possessed superior business qualification and endowed with an indomitable will. He was of the progressive type of manhood, enterprising, charitable, kind and considerate to all and universally esteemed by his large family. He was born in Centre county, Pennsylvania, December 24, 1824, of Irish parentage. He acquired a good education in the common schools of those times, although when his school days ended he never ceased to be a circle of acquaintances. Judge Keating



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close student. He was a progressive thinker in every sense of the word and upon all occasions had the fortitude of his convictions. His early life was spent on the farm, during which period his spare moments were spent in adding to his store of knowledge, which fitted him so ably to meet and successfully master many undertakings of great magnitude. At the age of 18 he removed from Centre county to Murransville, Butler county. He was married to Miss Catharine, daughter of Michael McCullough, of Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. In 1836 he removed to Emlenton and embarked in the merchandise business. He was also active in every public enterprise and the development of anything which contributed to the best in-

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THE MORAN HOUSE.

The Moran house, located at the upper end of Emlenton, is the leading hotel of the place. It is one of the best houses in this section of the county, and is head-

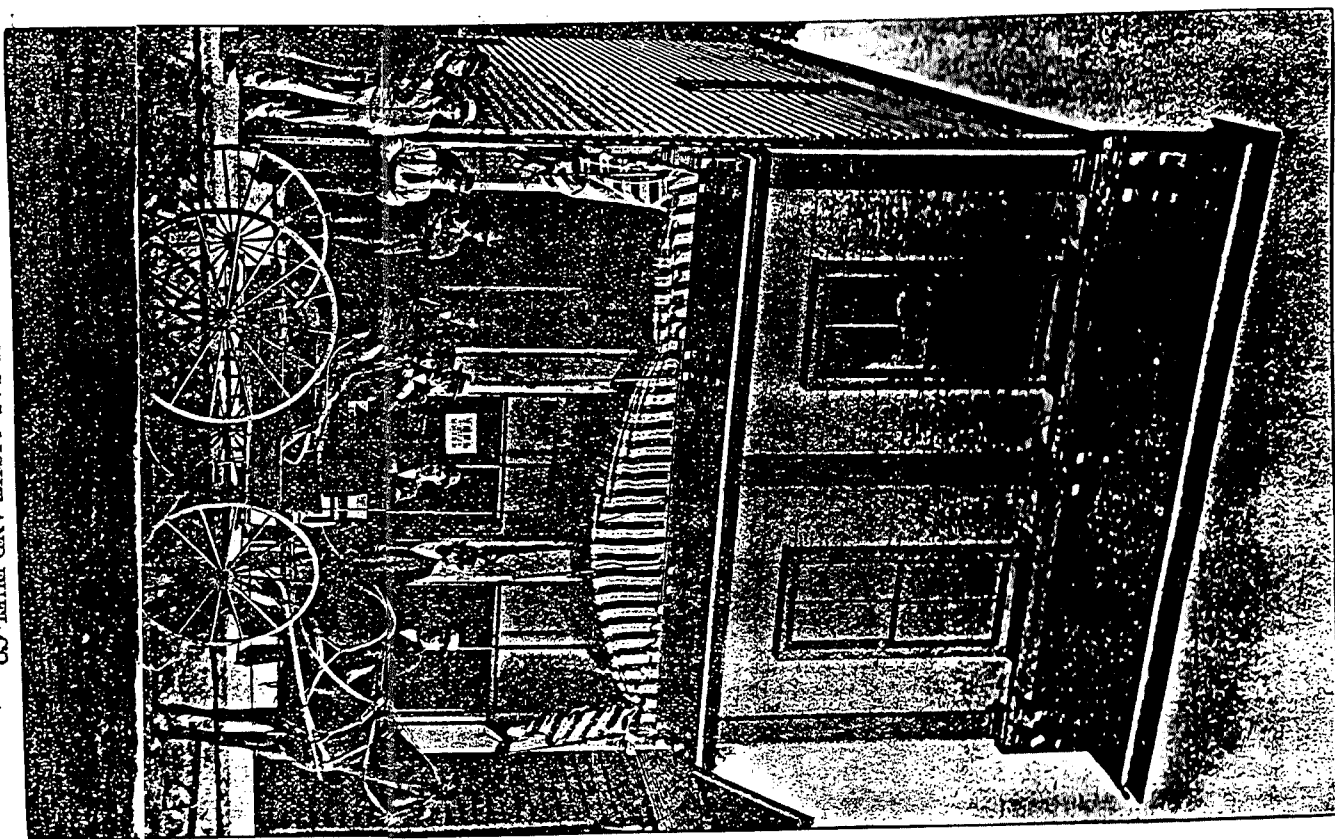
quarters for the better class of the traveling public. It is handsomely furnished in every department, and has all modern conveniences, while the table is second to none.

EMLENTON GAS LIGHT AND FUEL COMPANY.

Emlementon can justly boast of having one of the finest and best regulated natural gas companies in the northwestern part of the State. In every respect Emlementon owes much to the gas company for the progress and advancement it has made in the establishing of manufacturing industries, while the citizens in general appreciate in the highest degree the advantage of cheap fuel. The Emlementon Gas company was organized and incorporated January 10, 1882, with a capital stock of \$30,000. The first officers elected were: James Bennett, president; A. M. Comstock, secretary and treasurer; A. Schneck, superintendent; board of directors, James Bennett, J. W. Rowland, J. H. Hensley, A. M. Comstock and A. Schneck. The Emlementon Gas company also bear the proud distinction of being the first organized natural gas company in Venango county. Beginning its career under most adverse circumstances, it being a task to teach the people the great advantage and benefits and saving by its use.

It started out with but one gas well, as in those early days of the gas industry one location was considered sufficient to meet all demands. This well was located on the William Agnew farm, about two miles northeast of the town, from which the first gas was piped through a two-inch line a short time before the company was incorporated. The citizens were not long in recognizing the many advantages natural gas possessed as a fuel over wood and coal, and indicated their appreciation of the great boon placed at their disposal by a liberal patronage. The demands made upon the company's resources gradually increased until it was necessary to secure more territory and drill another well. This is but a repetition of the history of the company from year to year until the plant assumed large proportions and involving a big amount of capital. In May, 1887, the company acquired, by purchase, the plant of the Union Light and Heat Company, of Foxport, which they connected up with the home plant, but each plant was conducted under their own management until July, 1890, at which time they were consolidated. At this period the capital stock was increased to \$50,000, and under the new order of things the company turned over gas to Emlementon, Foxport, and St. Petersburg.

The increasing demands for fuel gas again necessitated the acquisition of more territory, which they were successful in securing in the old-fashioned Speechey field. Here the company drilled their first well on the Charles Lynn farm, near East Sandy, opening up and extending the gas belt south of East Sandy in September, 1887, obtaining a good gusher. The next investment made by the company was the purchase of the Parker gas plant, soon



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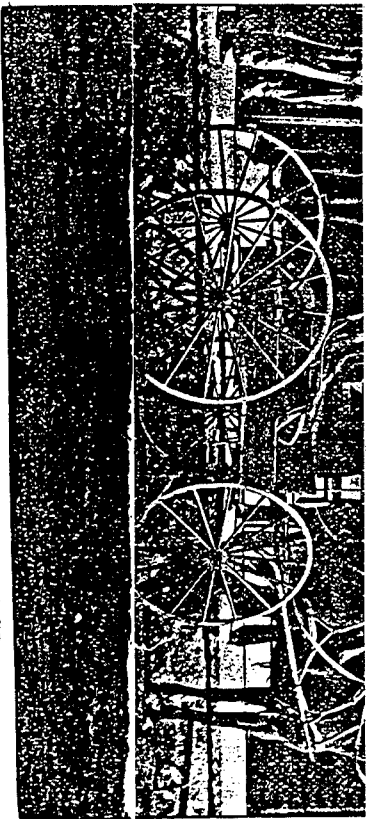
fuel gas from East Sandy and Rockland, Venango county, to Fairview, Butler county, a distance of 20 miles on one side, and on the other from West Monterey to North Washington and Chintoyville a distance of 25 miles. The company has acquired by purchase and have under lease a vast amount of territory, the greater part of which is looked upon like wheat in the mill, and is a guarantee of an un-failing supply of the calorific fluid. Gas is supplied to their customers upon the most reasonable terms, while the rendering of the very best of service and satisfaction to all is and has been the company's highest aim from its earliest existence. The officers of the company at present are: President, J. W. Rowland; vice president, W. J. McConnell; secretary and treasurer, Harry J. Crawford; superintendent, T. B. Gregory; board of directors, J. W. Rowland, W. J. McConnell, Eben Crawford, J. J. Gosser and C. J. Crawford.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK.

The First National bank, of Emlementon, Pa., succeeded the Emlementon bank on September 8, 1891. The Emlementon bank was organized in August, 1873, and was located in an office in James Bennett's hardware store until Mr. Bennett erected the present block, now owned by the First National bank, when it was removed to its present pleasant quarters. The business began in a small way in 1873 with M. Hullings as president, and J. W. Rowland, now of Franklin, Pa., as cashier. Mr. Hullings was succeeded a few years later by James Bennett as president. Mr. Rowland was cashier of the Emlementon bank from its organization, in 1873, until it was changed to a National bank in 1891, and in 1892, owing to ill health, he resigned his position. The bank, owing to his careful and prudent management, was a success from its start, and enjoys the confidence of the people of this vicinity. In 1892 the management of the bank put in an inch steel lining in the vault substituted a modern steel burglar-proof chest for the old-fashioned safe, added a very handsome three-inch door to the vault, operated by one of the latest triple automatic bolt-lifting devices and time lock, and placed a nest of safety deposit boxes in the vault all of which have been received with great favor by their appreciative patrons. The following are the officers and directors of the bank: Eben Crawford; cashier, E. E. Sloan; assistant cashier, O. M. Sloan; individual bookkeeper, A. B. Crawford, Jr. The board of directors is composed of James Bennett, Eben Crawford, of Emlementon; J. W. Rowland, of Franklin, Pa.; M. C. Tread, of Washington, Pa.; T. B. Gregory, of Foxport, Pa.; and S. W. Phillips and E. B. Rowland, of Emlementon. The present capital of the bank is \$50,000. Surplus, \$10,000.

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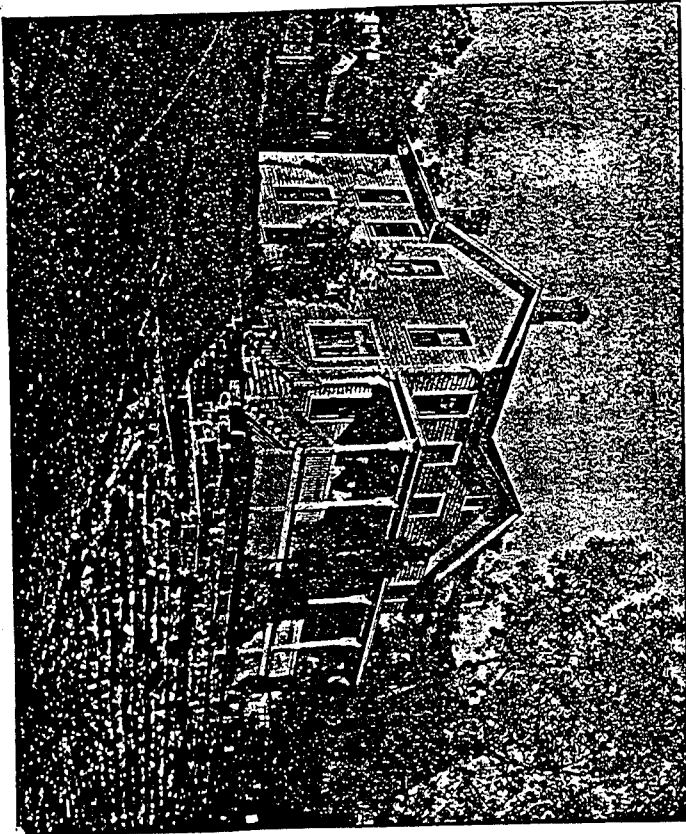


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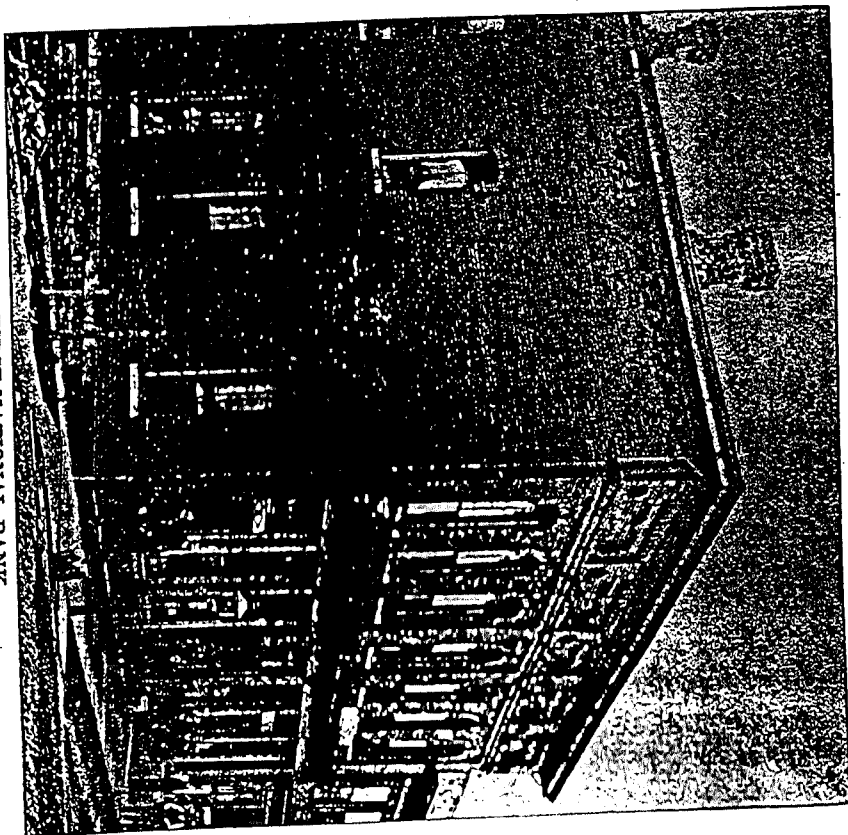
furnished gas to North Washington, Hilliard, Farmington and Fairview. This was followed by purchasing the Knight & Fisher plant at Turkey City and Monroeville, thus merging into one corporation all the smaller companies of the surrounding country, whereby they are enabled to handle the business to a much better advantage and at the same time materially reduce the cost of the indispensable commodity to the consumer. In

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HENRY COHEN.

Mr. Henry Cohen is the oldest clothier in Venango county. He first engaged in business in Franklin in 1860, being assisted in its management by his son, Mr. Phillip Cohen. In 1860 he established a branch store in Embleton, being located in the well known Giering block, on Main street. His son, Mr. Mose Cohen, an enterprising citizen, has charge of the business, assisted by Mr. Lambert Snyder. In their stores the business is conducted in a manner that makes every purchaser a friend. He offers such advantages that they become permanent customers. It is their ambition to conduct their establishments in a first-class manner, and in order to do this they have purchased an elegant stock for fall and winter, and they pride themselves on its varied assortment. Everything in their life can be found on their counters. They lead not only in the variety of their

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WITH THE TIDE.

I watched him I love going from me
(Ah, would to God I had died);
And I prayed to the great All Father
To stay the turn of the tide.
To stay the ebb; and he heartened,
And ever the waves rolled on;
Till meadow and garden and hedgerows,
I could see them never a one.

For I knew that my love was dying,
At the turn of the tide he must go,
The soul may not leave its dwelling
Till betwixt the ebb and the flow.
And the people who all flocked inland
They called it a great spring tide;
And I listened and joined in their sorrow,
But I knew in my heart that I lied!
And my love, as he watched the waters,
Sighed wearily for his rest;
Then I prayed once more to our Father,
For I saw that his will was best.

As the sea went slowly backward,
The spirit of one who had died
Was borne on the waste of waters,
For the soul must go with the tide.
—Academy.

THE SOUTH.

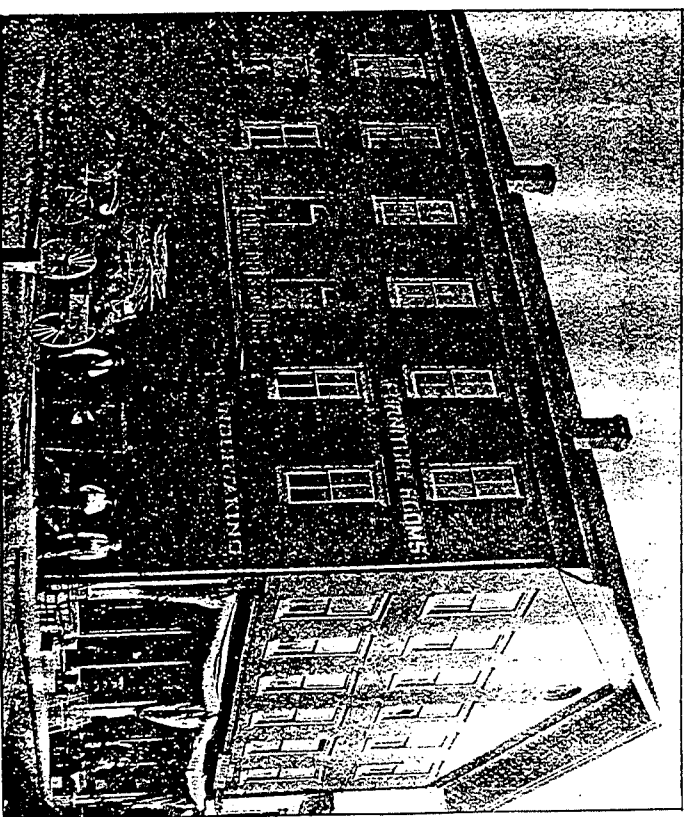
Life leaps from things Decay's consumed—
In Death, life seems to be;
And out of ashes, lo, has bloomed
The South's prosperity.
—Memphis Commercial-Appeal.

ufacture of which at this period was largely done by hand. After being associated with a number of others in the business, he formed a partnership with J. B. Engle in July, 1891. Mr. Engle was born in Union county, Pa., on the second day of August, 1836. When nine years old he moved with his parents to Venango county, settling in Richland township. He followed farming until he learned the carpenter trade. After completing his apprenticeship he followed this vocation for a number of years, working at his trade in the summer time and teaching district school in the winter season. When the first oil excitement broke out Mr. Engle went to Oil City, where he found employment at his trade at big wages for a number of years. He then came back to Richland, purchased the old homestead and conducted the farm until 1873, when he moved to Embleton and engaged in the oil business, which interests he still retains. As above stated, he formed a partnership with Mr. Giering, and altogether he has been a citizen of the town for 21 years as one of its most influential prominent citizens.

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MISS OLIVE M'GARA.

Miss Olive McGara is the successor of Mrs. H. O. Franders in the mercantile and notion business, corner of Seventh and Main streets. In the past Mrs. Franders enjoyed a reputation for fair dealing and an effort to please her large patronage that is being well supported by her successor. In fact few, if any, are more desirous of pleasing the ladies who frequent her establishment than Miss McGara and her corps of assistants. Her stock of fall and winter millinery is first-class and her designs are the very latest, while the style of trimming cannot be improved upon. The ladies of Embleton and vicinity can do no better than by making their purchases from her.



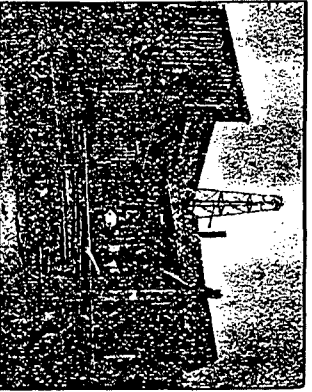
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Among the mercantile houses of Emmenton there are none enjoying a better reputation than the furniture and undertaking establishment of Giering & Engle, located at the corner of Main and Fifth streets. As representatives of this branch of trade they stand in the front rank, and is the leading house in this section of the country. Both members of the firm are practical in the business and acquired a thorough knowledge of the trade by apprenticeship in early life. They carry a large and varied stock of the best goods from the most noted manufacturers of the country. They come largely into competition with the dealers of the larger and more pretentious towns of Venango, Clarion and Armstrong counties by reason of their location and the small margin they make upon their goods. This latter fact has become widely known over sections of the counties above mentioned, which has resulted in bringing them a flourishing trade. Mr. Giering, the senior member of the firm, was born in Emaus, Lehigh county, on the 3rd of May, 1842. When 13 years of age he removed with his parents, Lewis A. and Louisa (Knaus) Giering, to Venango county, establishing themselves at Spanogle's Mills, in Richland township, in the milling business. At the age of 18 he took charge of the mill, which he successfully conducted for a number of years. In 1863 Mr. Giering came to Emmenton and engaged in the furniture business, the manufacture of which at this period was largely done by hand. After being associated with a number of others in the business, he formed a partnership with J. B. Engle in July, 1894. Mr. Engle was born in Union county, Pa., on the second day of August, 1836. When nine years old he moved with his parents to Venango county, settling in Richland township. He followed farming until he learned the carpenter trade. After completing his apprenticeship he followed this vocation for a number of years, working at his trade in the summer time and teaching district school in the winter season. When the first oil excitement broke out Mr. Engle went to Oil City, where he found employment at his trade at big wages for a number of years. He then came back to Richland, purchased the old farmstead and conducted the farm until 1873, when he moved to Emmenton and engaged in the oil business, which interests he still retains. As above stated, he formed

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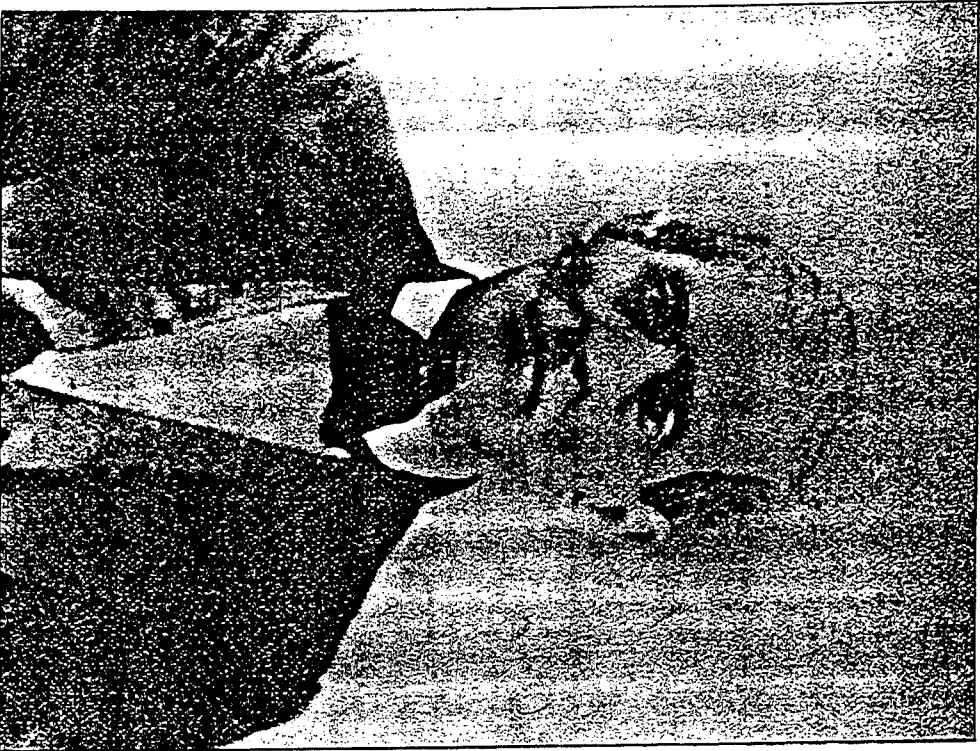
The Emmenton machine works form an important part in the industrial history of the town. It was placed in operation by the present owner, Mr. G. M. Sheffer, in 1882, who removed the plant at this time from Pickwick, Clarion county. The institution has always enjoyed a large



patronage, and its reputation for turning out the best of work is all that could be asked for. Mr. Sheffer is a practical mechanic and understands every phase of the business to perfection. While oil well machinery is manufactured here in its entirety, repair work is Mr. Sheffer's specialty, for which purpose a better equipped shop cannot be found in the country. He was born in Venango county June 19, 1847. The early part of his life was devoted to agricultural pursuits, and attained a good education in the common schools. In 1864 he enlisted in Company F, Fourth Pennsylvania cavalry, and was honorably discharged in June, 1865. He was married April 22, 1875, to Miss Sarah Eleanor, daughter of William N. and Jane (Armstrong) Myers. To this union six children have been born. Mr. and Mrs. Sheffer are members of the M. E. church.

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