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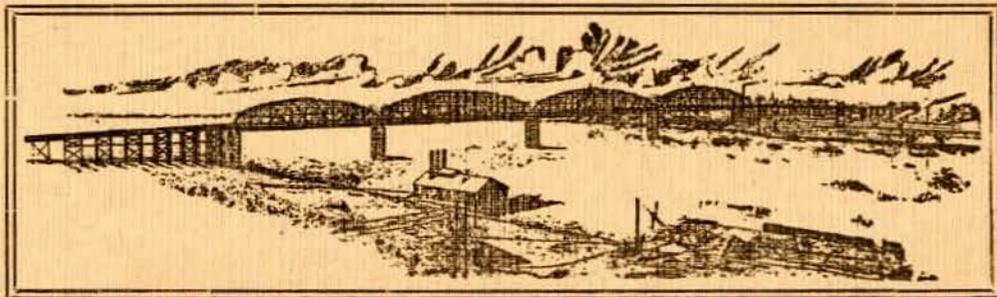


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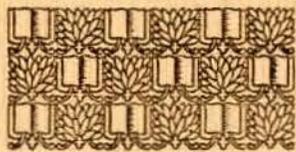
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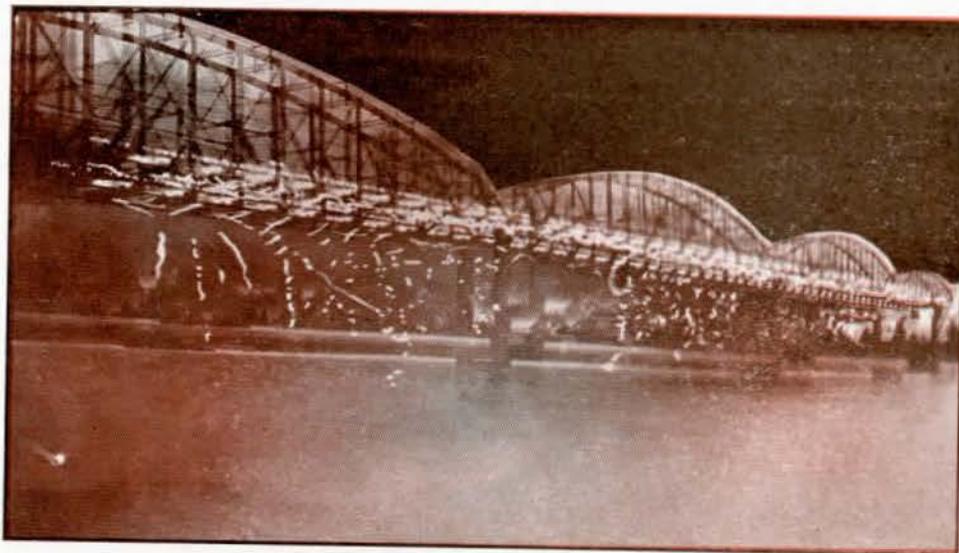
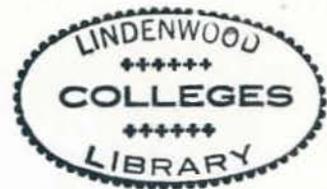
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THE GREAT BRIDGE FIRE (1916?)

A spectacular fire. On the night of September 26 the Highway Bridge over the Missouri River burned. The bridge was a large steel span structure paved with wood blocks on wood planking with tar between. The fire started at the St. Charles end and extended rapidly across the river, it made a perfect arch of brilliant fire entirely across the river. The spans were heated red hot and besides the wood work of the bridge material for an entire new flooring and railing were piled on the bridge and added to the fuel for the flames. The fire started at 5:30 and burned till 12 P. M.

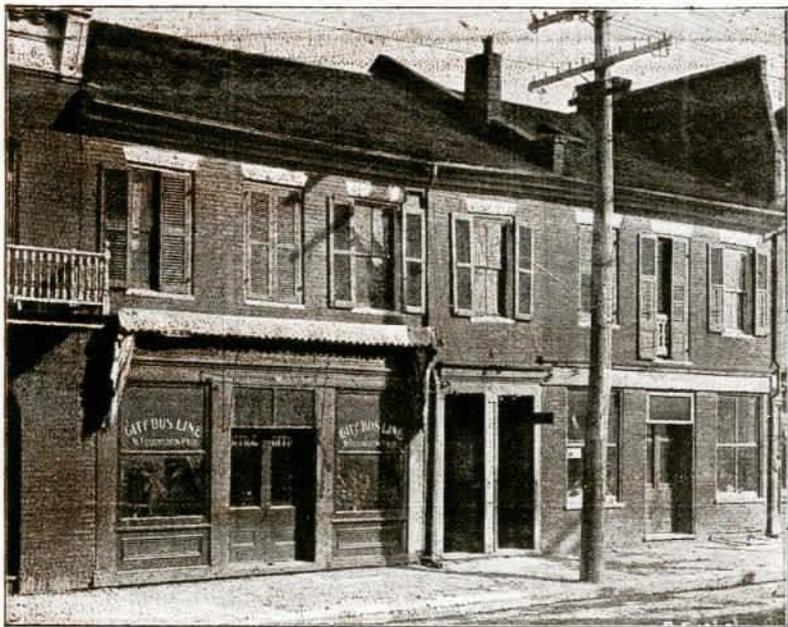


MR. WILLIAM G. HUTTON
SECRETARY OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF ST CHARLES, MO.
D E D I C A T I O N

THE greatest annals of history are indelibly recorded in the lives of men and groups of men. Sometimes one man has seemed the pivot on which the pendulum of history has swung forward and backward in its course. Sometimes a whole nation has wielded the balance of world influence, and has turned an otherwise trembling indecision into a monumental purpose. But more often than either, the world's progress has been gauged and forecast by the slow and steady advancement of the average man in the little hamlets and villages and towns. St. Charles was not

built in a day. But since the first pioneer settlement in 1769 by Louis Blanchette until this present day in the Autumn of 1916, St. Charles has steadily progressed. This spirit of progress is perhaps best exhibited to-day in the aims and purposes of one of our city's organizations, namely, the Chamber of Commerce. And to that spirit that moves the Chamber of Commerce in its designs for the betterment of St. Charles, and which has always served as a motive in the past for our best citizens, we cheerfully dedicate this book.

PRESS OF THOMAS J. CAMPBELL, ST. CHARLES, MO.



THE FIRST LEGISLATIVE HALL OF MISSOURI



OLD COURT HOUSE

HISTORICAL SKETCH

St. Charles' Part In The History Of Missouri. One Of The First Cities Of The State And Missouri's First Capital

IN "Hopewell's Legends of the Missouri and Mississippi" we are told that Blanchette Chasseur (the Hunter) visited the Chief of the Dakotas, Bernard Guillet. Bernard came as far east with Blanchette as the present City of St. Charles.

"Bernard" said Blanchette to the old chief, "when you lived here did you give any name to your home?"

"I called the place 'Les Petites Cotes,' " replied Bernard, "from the sides of the hills that you see."

"By that name it shall be called," said Blanchette Chasseur, "for it is the echo of nature—beautiful from its simplicity."

The two friends parted—the old chief and his warriors back to their tribe, and Blanchette descended the Missouri with a determination to return to "Les Petite Cotes," and there form a settlement.

One hundred and forty-seven years ago he formed a settlement and named it as he had promised the chief of the Dakotas. Many years afterwards it was called St. Charles.

It was in April of 1769 that Louis Blanchette, by virtue of authority given him by the governor of Upper Louisiana, established a post at this place under the Spanish

government, and became, and continued for many years to be, its first civil and military governor. Blanchette died in 1793, and was succeeded by Charles TAYON, who remained in command until 1802. James MacKAY succeeded him, and was in command at the time the post of St. Charles was delivered over to the United States by the First Napoleon.

In "The Journal of Julius Rodman," Edgar Allan Poe describes Petite Cotes as Julius Rodman found it in 1791. He says:

"Petite Cotes is a small place on the north bank of the Missouri, about twenty miles from its junction with the Mississippi. It lies at the foot of a range of low hills, and upon a sort of ledge, high enough above the river to be out of reach of the June freshets. There are not more than five or six houses, and these of wood, in the upper part of the place, but nearer to the east, there is a chapel and twelve or fifteen good dwellings, running parallel with the river. There are about a hundred inhabitants, mostly of Canadian descent. They are extremely indolent, and make no attempt at cultivating the country around them, which is a rich soil, except now and then when a little is done in the way of gardening. They live principally by hunting, and trading with the Indians for peltries, which they sell again to the Northwest Company's agents."

Of course, in those early days and under the circumstances surrounding all of our western country, the progress of the village was slow, but the steady march of the pioneer compelled the red man to recede, and growth and development became more rapid.

The Commons were first enclosed about 1791. As late as 1800 there was a Water street along the river bank, with a small row of buildings, the lots running back to Main street. By 1799 St. Charles could boast of a Second street, and in the archives of 1800 we find the first mention of Third street.

The first general assembly of the village was held in the spring of 1801. It was held on Sunday, and at the request of the Syndic of the parish, after the commandant, Mr. Tayon, had given notice that some action must be taken about the fencing of the commons below the village. The record states that "all inhabitants being present" they unanimously agreed that the commons should be fenced. The document was signed by twenty-three persons, so that was doubtless the exact number of families in the village at that time.

The village was first incorporated under the laws of the Territory, October 13, 1809. Alex. McNair, who later became Missouri's first Governor and Dr. Reynal were the first trustees. There is no record of their government of the village, and we may judge that their administration was satisfactory. The next matter of record is that pursuant to a notice, an election of trustees of the town of St. Charles was held March, 16, 1818, Charles Phillips, Charles Tayon, James Morrison and Baptiste Brugiere were elected.

The record of the municipal affairs under this form of government is very incomplete, but in 1849 the town was incorporated as a city. The original charter was passed by the General Assembly and approved March 10, 1849, and



THE OLD BORROMEIO CHURCH AND SACRED HEART CONVENT



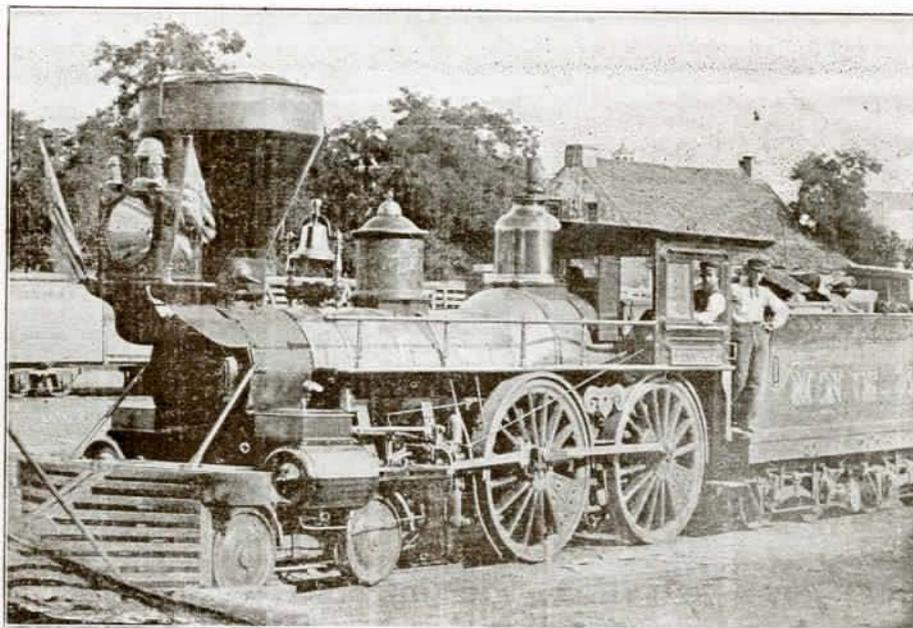
THE OLD PONTOON BRIDGE



ORIGINAL CABIN OF DANIEL BOONE, BUILT 1795



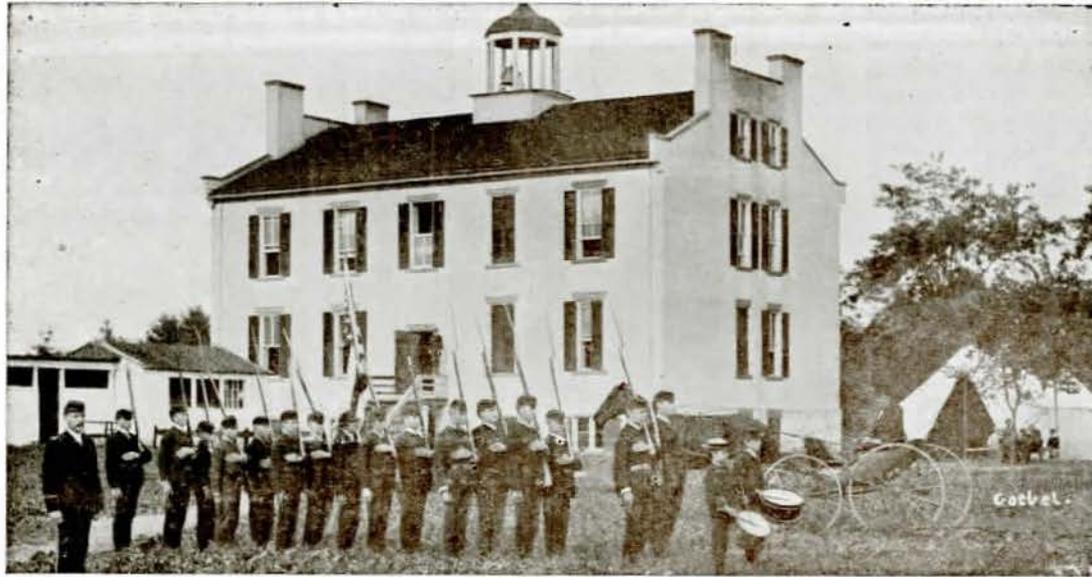
HOUSE DANIEL BOONE DIED IN



THE FIRST LOCOMOTIVE ON THE OLD NORTH MISSOURI RAILROAD

in due time submitted to the people for ratification or rejection. The first mayor and councilman were sworn into office and the city government organized May 14, 1849.

From the earliest times in the political history of the State, St. Charles has wielded a marked influence in public affairs. The first representatives in the State Legislature were known as the "Irresistable Four." They were Benjamin Emmons, James Flaugherty, John Pitman and Robert Spencer. St. Charles also secured the first representative in Congress for one of her citizens, the Honorable Edward Hemstead. His opponent for that office, Honorable Rufus Easton, was afterwards twice elected.



THE OLD ST. CHARLES COLLEGE

Speaking of the State government when St. Charles was the Capital, a former writer says:

"Most of the members of the first Legislature, as well as the Governor and other dignitaries, rode to St. Charles on horseback, and their horses were kept by Mr. Archibal Watson, who lived a few miles below St. Charles on 'The Point'. Some of the members were rough characters, and they all dressed in primitive style, either in homespun or home-made clothes, or in buckskin leggings and hunting skirts. Some wore rough shoes of their own manufacture, while others encased their feet in buckskin moccasins. Some had slouched hats, but the greater portion wore hats made of the skins of wild cats or raccoons. Governor Mc-Nair was the only man who had a fine cloth coat, and that was cut in the old pigeon-tail style. He also wore a beaver

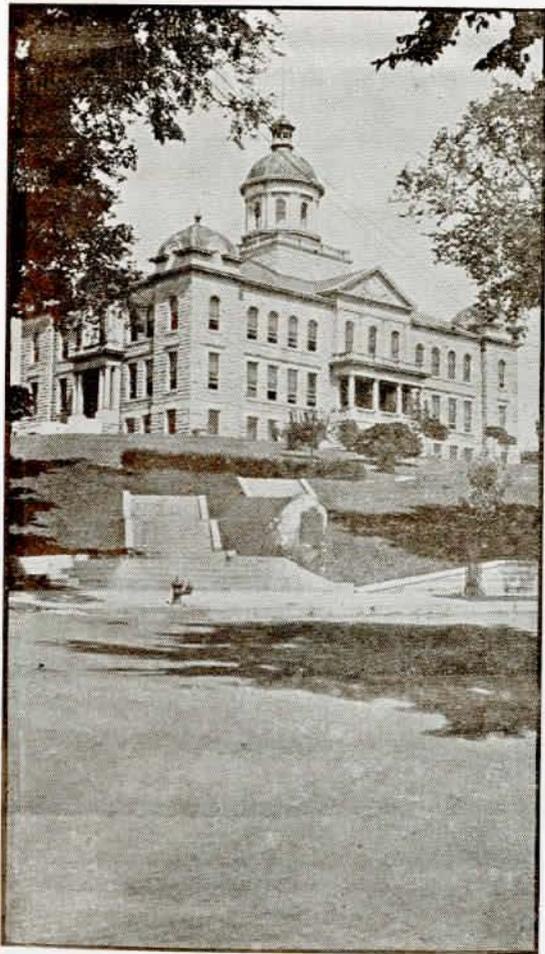
hat, and endeavored to carry himself with dignity becoming a man in his position.

"The seat of government was removed to this place by an act of the first Legislature and remained here until the increase of population further west necessitated its removal to the interior in 1826."

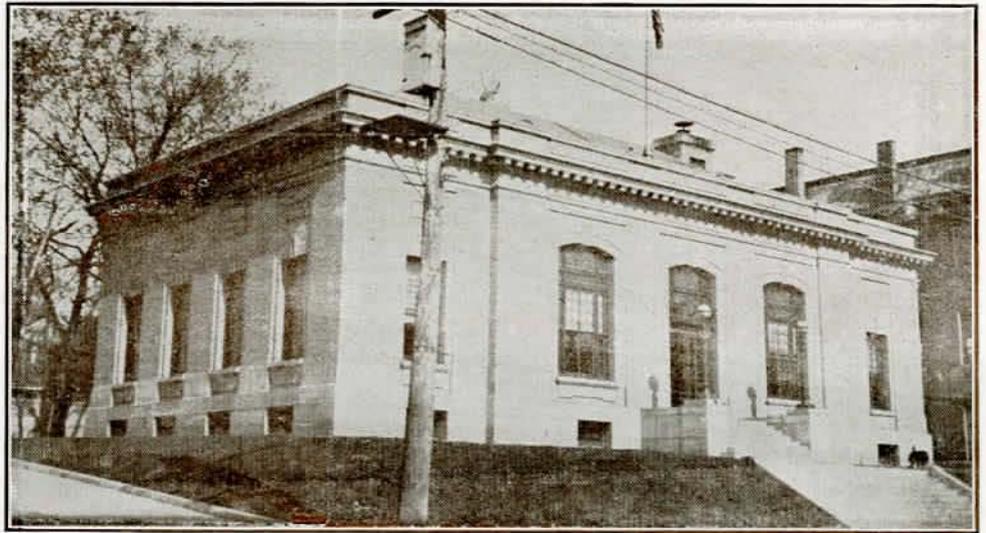
We feel that there is no occasion to speak of war experiences, but St. Charles furnished her share of gallant soldiers and officers to both Northern and Southern Service.

The story of the pioneer work in the religious and educational fields is as thrilling and interesting as the stories of "The Arabian Knights," but we must leave that to other sections.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS



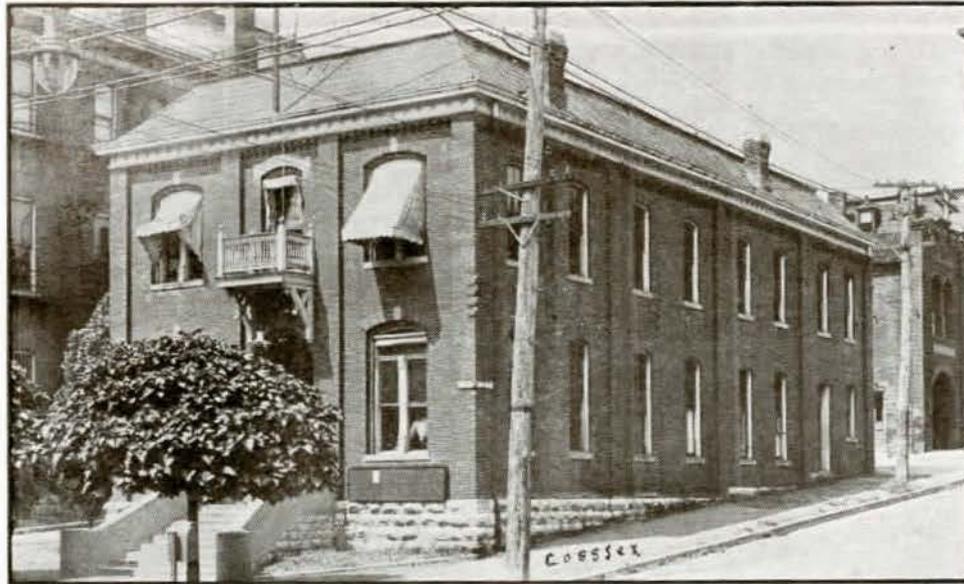
ST. CHARLES COUNTY COURT HOUSE
Completed 1903. Erected at a cost of \$100,000



POST OFFICE

Erected 1909 at a cost of \$60,000.

Caspar Ehrhard, Postmaster



CITY HALL
Corner Main and Jefferson Streets



HOSE COMPANY NO. ONE



HOSE COMPANY NO. TWO

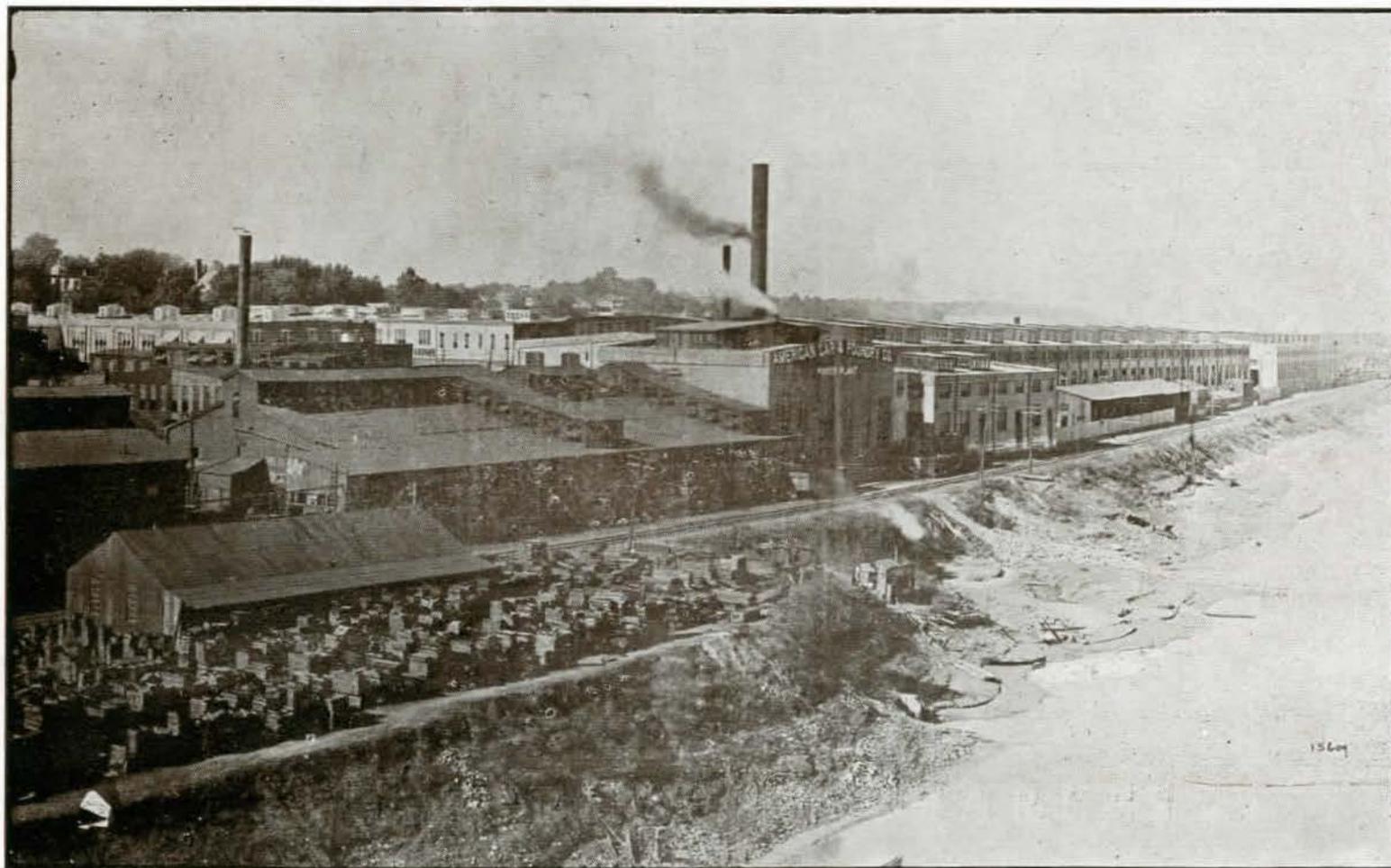


ST. CHARLES COUNTY JAIL



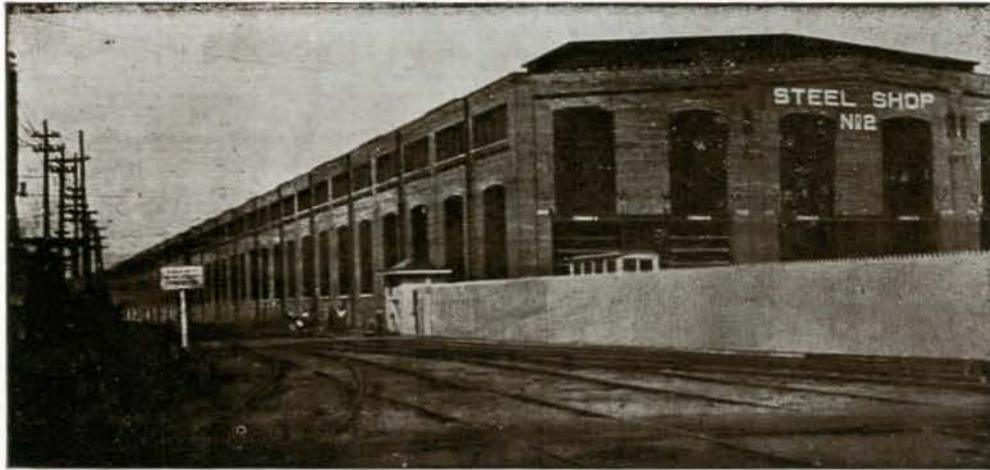
ST. CHARLES COUNTY ASYLUM

INDUSTRIAL ST. CHARLES



GENERAL VIEW OF AMERICAN CAR AND FOUNDRY CO.

James G. Lawler, Manager. Capacity 40 Passenger Coaches per Month. Furnishes Employment to 1600 Men.



Steel Plant of American Car & Foundry Co.

THE American Car and Foundry Company has for many years been the major industry of St. Charles. On its prosperity hinges to a very large degree the prosperity of the town itself. Fifteen hundred to two thousand men depend on this industry for direct employment. Indirectly, but just as certainly, the merchants, professional men, and all others, look to the success of the American Car and Foundry Company for success in their own business.

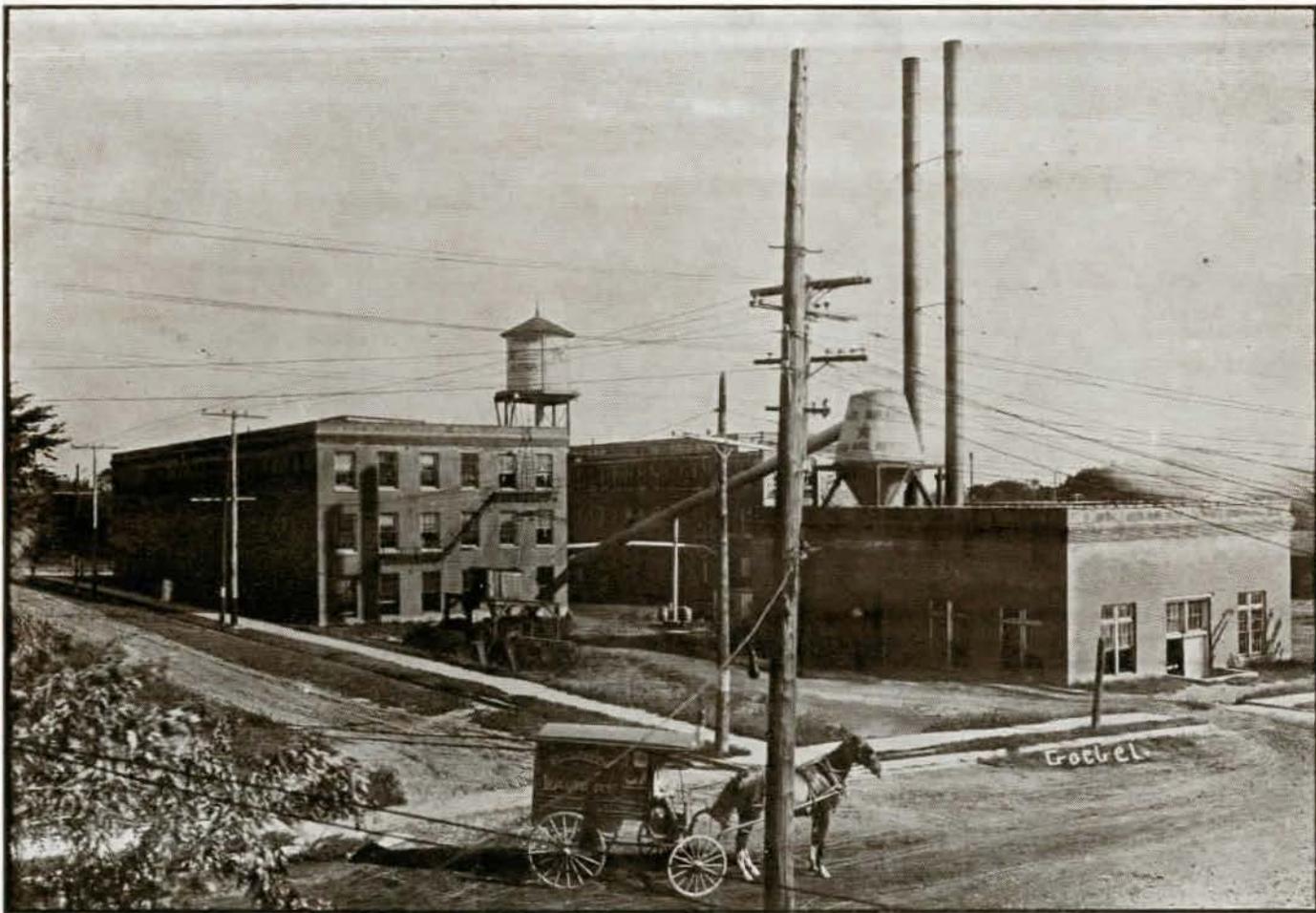
In point of capacity and equipment the St. Charles Plant is one of the finest in the country. In recent years a great steel plant has been added to the foundry.

The area of the whole plant is very large, it being a block or more in width and extending over almost half the length of the town.



Steel Cars Built by the American Car & Foundry Co.

Mr. James G. Lawler has been for many years its manager, and there is perhaps not a man in St. Charles better known for keen business ability, square dealing, and progressive citizenship.



ROBERTS JOHNSON AND RAND SHOE CO.

J. E. Hallowell, Manager.

Employs 500 Men and Women.

Capacity 5000 Pairs per Day.

ST. CHARLES' NEWEST INDUSTRY



ST. MARYS OIL ENGINE FACTORY

J. D. Anderson, Manager. Furnishes Employment to 200 Men.

St. Marys is a live, progressive industry, and is a recent landmark in the industrial growth of St. Charles.



Schibi Brewing Co. Chas. Schibi, Proprietor



Zeisler Bottling Works



Paul Leistner & Sons' Manufacturing Co.
Brass and Bronze Foundry



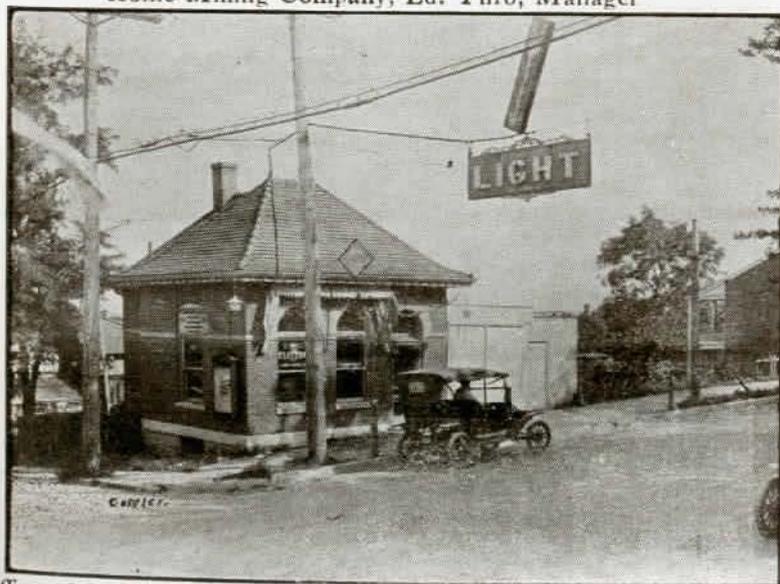
Fischbach Brewing Co. Jacob Fischbach, President



Home Milling Company, Ed. Thro, Manager



Office of American Light and Power Co., R. S. King, Mgr.



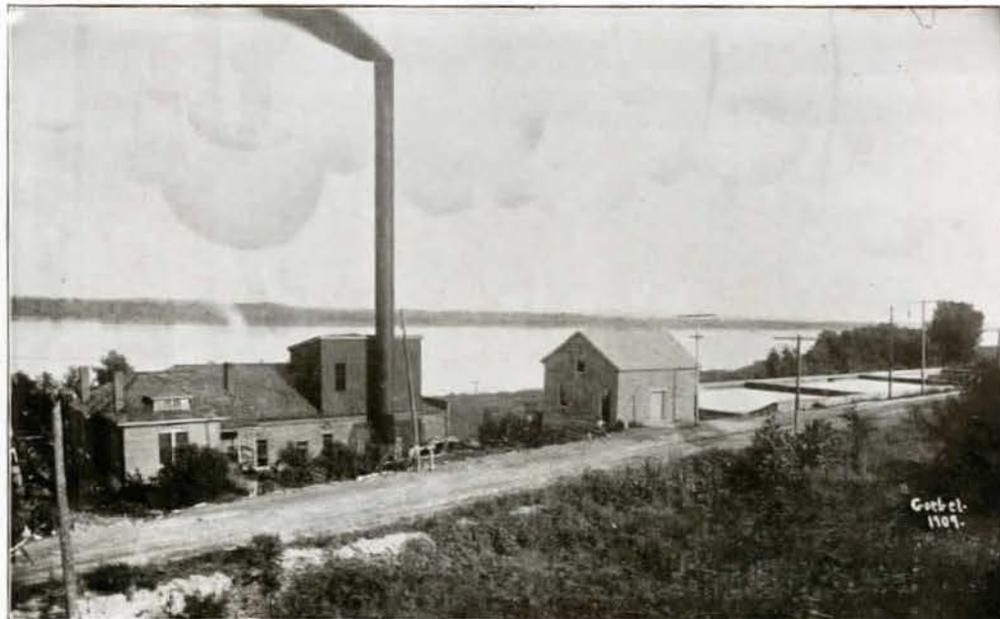
Office of St. Charles Electric Light & Power Co., W. F. Ghiselin, Mgr.



St. Charles Milling Co., J. H. Werner, Sr., Manager.



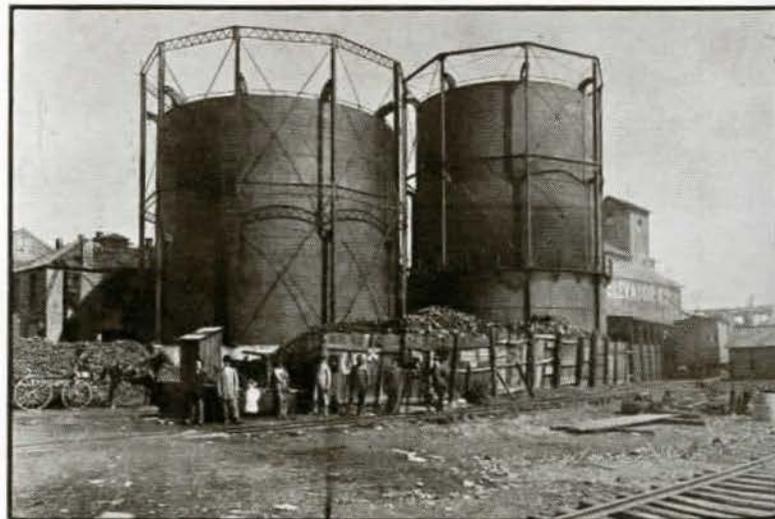
St. Charles Brick Co.



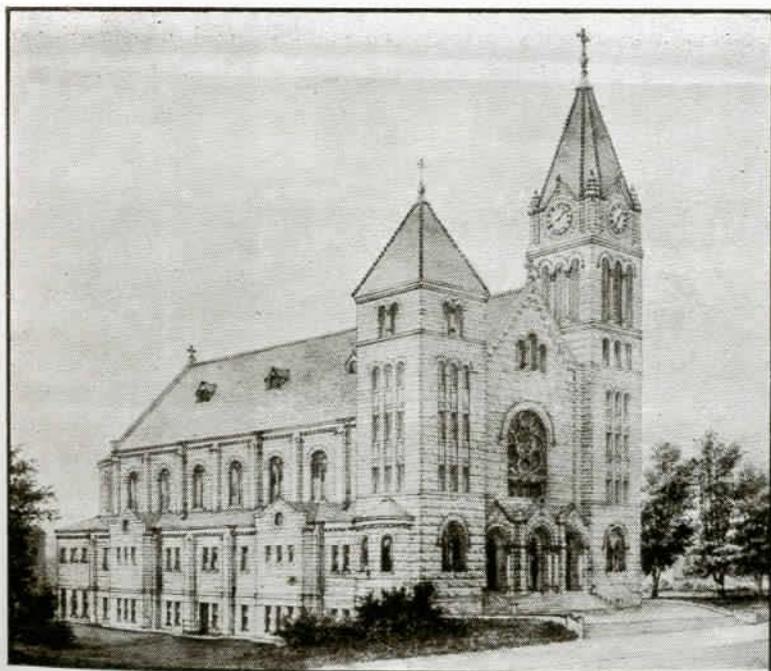
St. Charles City Water Works



St. Charles Stay Factory, Employs 45 Men and Women



St. Charles Lighting Co.



NEW BORROMEO CHURCH

Erected 1916 at a cost of \$70,000

Rev. Joseph A. Rielag, Pastor

EDUCATIONAL AND RELIGIOUS

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NEW BAPTIST CHURCH

Erected 1916 at a cost of \$10,000.

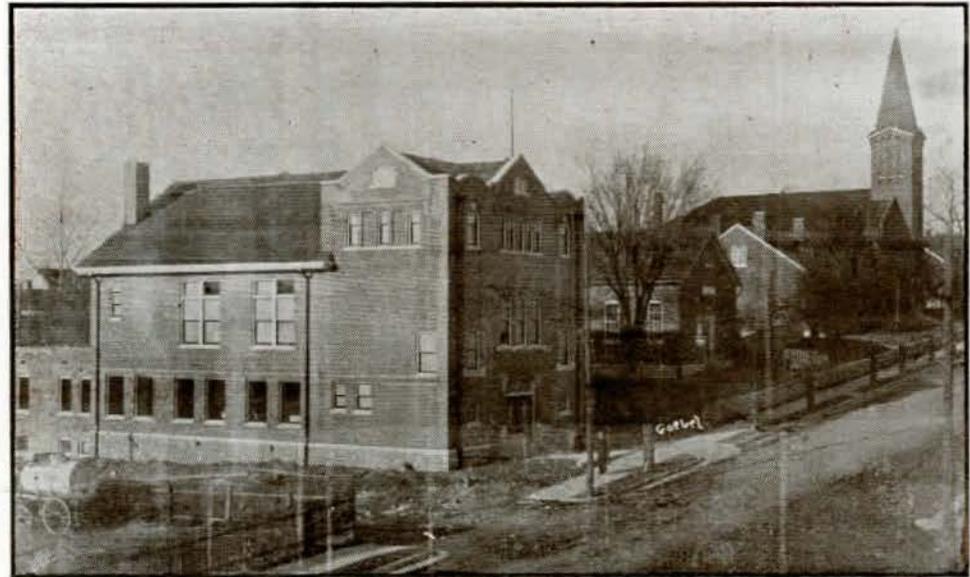
Rev. G. N. Magruder, Pastor.

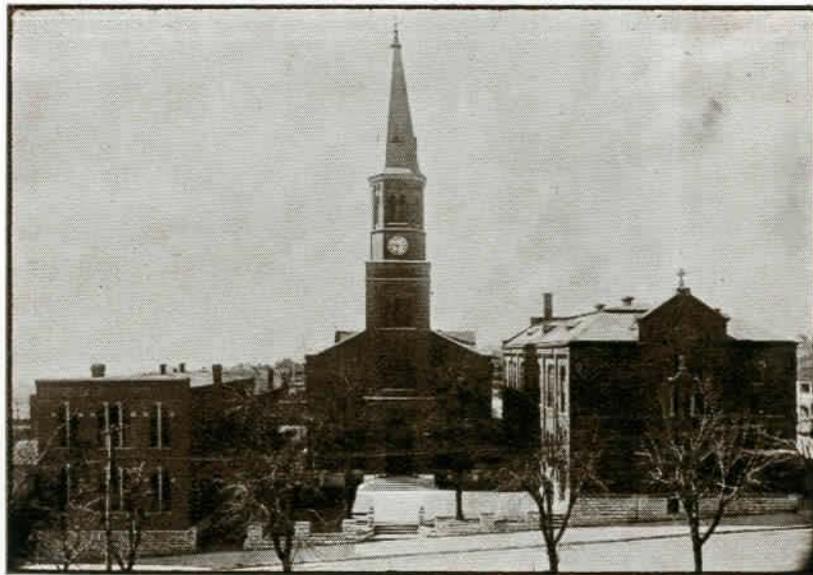


CHURCHES, HALLS
AND SCHOOLS

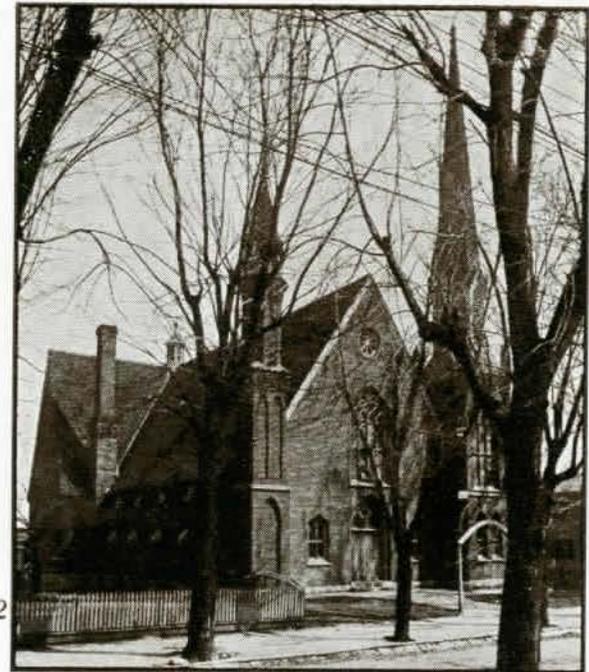
St. John's Church, Hall and School

Lutheran Church, School and Hall



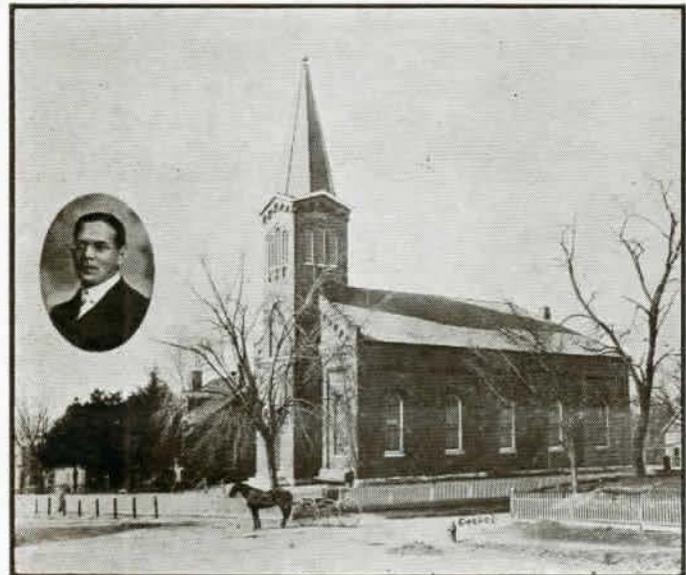


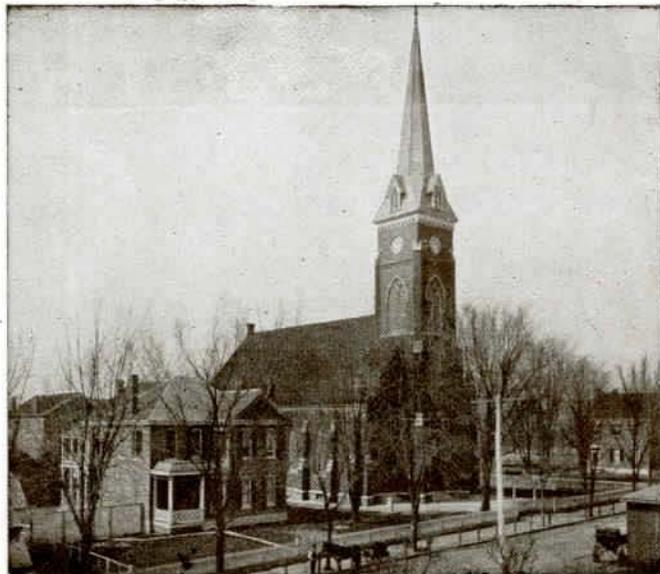
No. 1. St. Peter's Catholic (German) Church, Hall and School
 No. 2. Jefferson Street Presbyterian Church, Rev. R. W. Ely, Pastor
 No. 3. St. John's Evangelical Church, Rev. H. Thomas, Pastor
 No. 4. Madison Street Presbyterian Church



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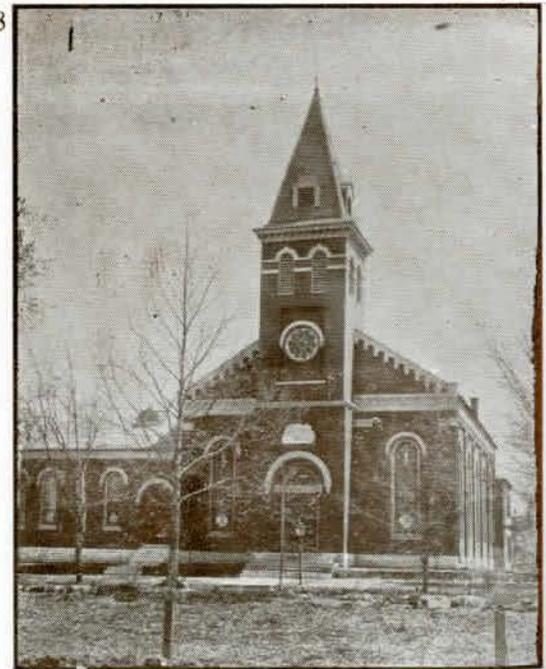
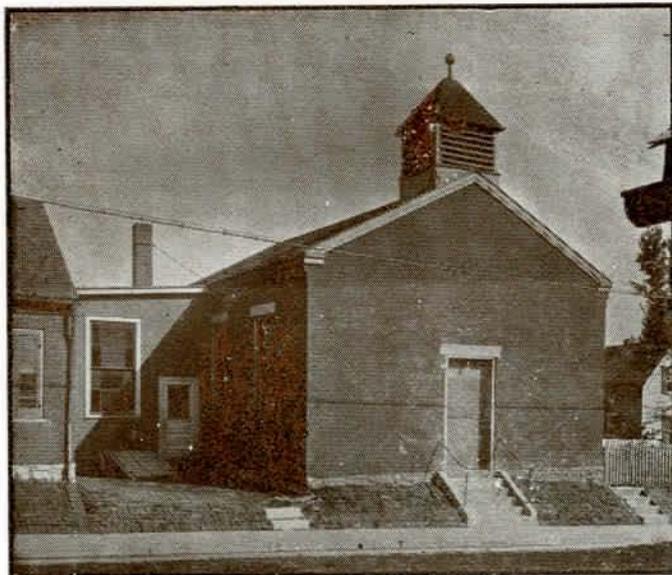
1. Lutheran Church
Rev. J. A. Friedrich, Pastor

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2. Trinity Episcopal Church
Rev. R. A. Hatch, Rector

3. English Methodist Church
Rev. F. A. Henry, Pastor

4. German Methodist Church
Rev. Louis J. Duewell
Pastor





THE CONVENT OF THE SACRED HEART

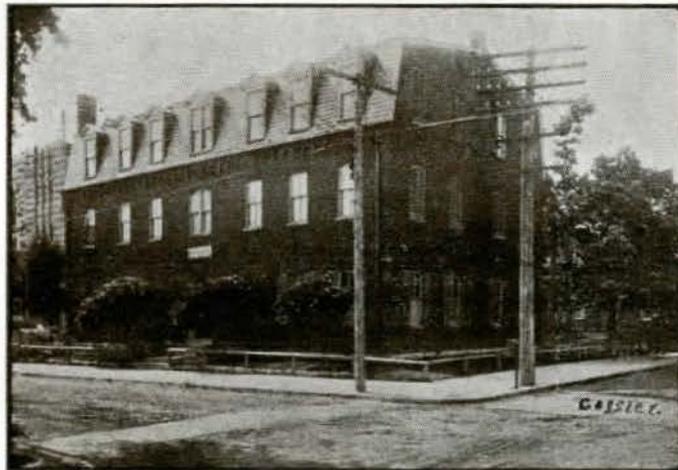
The First Sacred Heart Convent In America. Founded 1818 by Mother Duchesne

AS a teaching congregation, the aim of the Religious of the Sacred Heart is to give to their pupils an education which will prepare them to fill worthily the place God destined for them. The training of character and cultivation of manner are considered matters of primary importance.

Great works require great workers. For this special work in the New World, a great woman, the humble, gifted, valiant Mother Philippine Duchesne, was chosen to be the founder of the Institute of the Sacred Heart in America.

Born in Grenoble, France, August 29, 1769, the same year as Napoleon Bonaparte, Mother Duchesne's characteristics were pre-eminently, in her later life, strength in action and suffering, patience and perseverance. These were manifested by the courage with which she undertook the great work assigned to her and the perseverance by which she attained success. Crossing the Atlantic with a few companions, fellow workers, she arrived in New Orleans on the Feast of the Sacred Heart, May 29, 1818. A little later they set out for St. Louis, a trip of six weeks. A log house in St. Charles was leased for their use and here the first Convent of the Sacred Heart was opened for boarders, the centenary of which foundation will soon be celebrated.

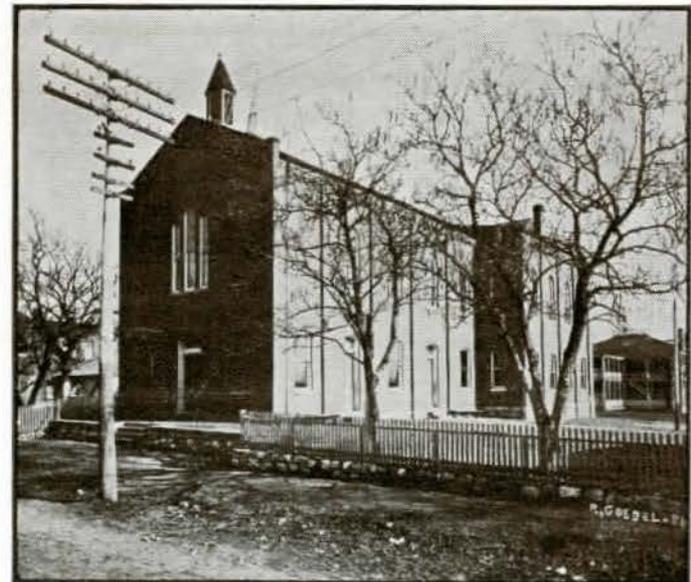
In 1819 Florissant became their place of residence from which offshoots were sent out to Louisiana. But St. Charles was destined to become the permanent home of the Religious of the Sacred Heart and in 1828 a new Convent was opened which soon welcomed many young girls,



Loretta Academy

who were afterwards to be the mothers of Christian families, trained in the spirit of the Sacred Heart. To-day the fourth generation placed under the care of the Religious attests the love and loyalty of the first pupils. The Convent was a centre from which might go forth all that the saintly founder of the order, Mother Barat, had taught her daughters to give to their pupils.

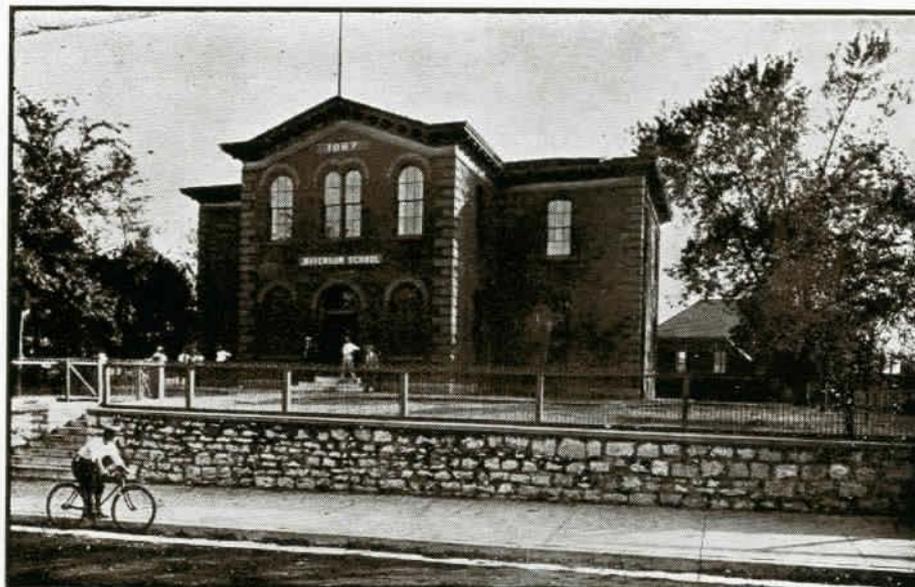
Here, within the Convent she founded, Mother Duchesne was to be laid to rest after her mighty labors, in 1852. The little oratory where her remains repose is visited by all who venerate her virtues, making the place a shrine to her memory, and an honor and a blessing to the city of St. Charles.



Borrromeo School

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

JOSEPH HERRING, Superintendent of Schools



ST. CHARLES HIGH SCHOOL
WITH MANUAL TRAINING ADDITION

THE bulwark of Americanism, of a republican form of government in the United States of America, lies, and has lain from the birth of our country, in the Public School System. The idea of social rank, of class distinction by blood and lineage, of aristocratic segregation, of religious separations, is coming to an inevitable end under the influence of our public schools. On the other hand the ideal of equality, brotherhood, and honest consideration for the impartial rights of our fellow humans has attained a

firm footing on the foundation laid for it in the public schools of America.

There was a time when the grade schools served this purpose. When an eighth grade education fitted a man for the keen competition that he was forced to meet in the life battle for an honest living. That time has come to an end. The grade school of to-day is only a preparation for another more necessary step—the High School.



BENTON SCHOOL

The Main Building of the Grade Department

St. Charles is proud of her grade schools, of her skillful superintendence, of her practical teaching corps, of her building equipment. She is also proud of her High School, which is thoroughly accredited and maintains high standing with the state inspectors. She is proud of her manual training department, domestic science class, and all of the departments that she has added to make the institution a success. In a High School way, St. Charles realizes but one draw back—and that is lack of room. The building

is not large enough. But this is not a real impediment, for even now agitation is strong for the erectment of a new High School Building. The movement is started. Boost it.

The Public School Buildings of St. Charles are as follows: Benton School, the main building of the grade department; McKinley School, Lincoln School, and Franklin School, auxiliary grade schools; and last of all the High School.



McKinley School



Franklin School

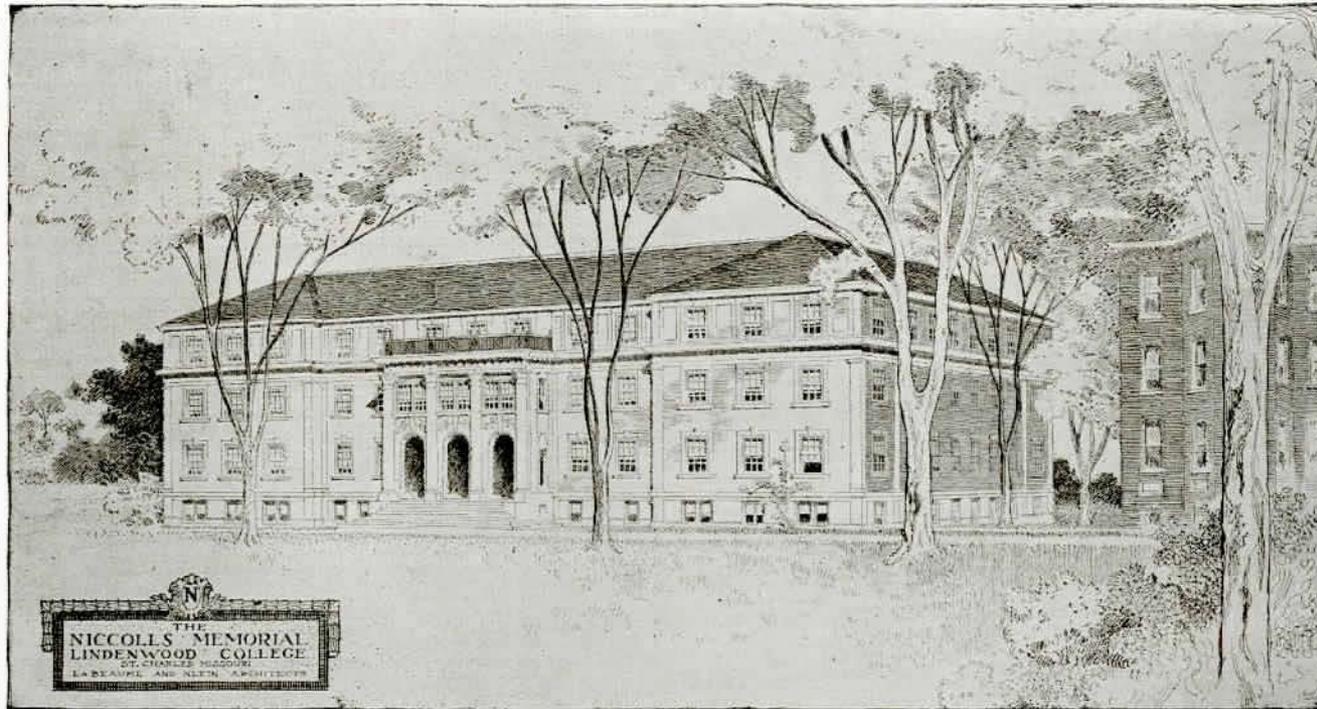


Lincoln School



ST. CHARLES MILITARY ACADEMY

LINDENWOOD COLLEGE



NICCOLLS HALL, NOW IN COURSE OF CONSTRUCTION, WILL BE LINDENWOOD'S LARGEST AND FINEST BUILDING. TO BE COMPLETED ABOUT JANUARY 1, 1917. ERECTED BY THE LATE COL. JAMES GAY BUTLER, IN HONOR OF AND NAMED FOR HIS LIFELONG FRIEND, DR. SAMUEL J. NICCOLLS.

St. Charles owes much of her growth and progress to Lindenwood. Lindenwood College was founded in 1831 by Major George C. Sibley and wife, Mary Easton Sibley. It has been from the first a school of excellence and quality, and now is truly deserving of the title, Wellesley of the West. Lindenwood's equipment in buildings, campus, faculty, and idealness of location is not equalled by any college of its kind in the state. It is now a junior college, but in a few years time will undoubtedly be offering a complete and thorough four year college course of study.



FROM A LOG CABIN TO SIBLEY HALL

Built and named in commemoration of its founders, Sibley Hall is still a useful building and a fitting memorial to Lindenwood's progress and growth during the last half century. It is a three story brick building, and is really the first permanent building erected on the Lindenwood campus. Prior to Sibley Hall Lindenwood boasted only a combination of a log and frame structure as its school Hall.

JUBILEE HALL, COMPLETED IN 1908

Jubilee Hall was erected in honor of the seventy-fifth anniversary of Lindenwood College. It is a large, handsome, modernly equipped building, and is the outcome of the generosity of Andrew Carnegie, Col. James Gay Butler, John A. Holmes, and Mrs. Wm. L. McMillan.





BUTLER HALL, COMPLETED FEBRUARY 18, 1915

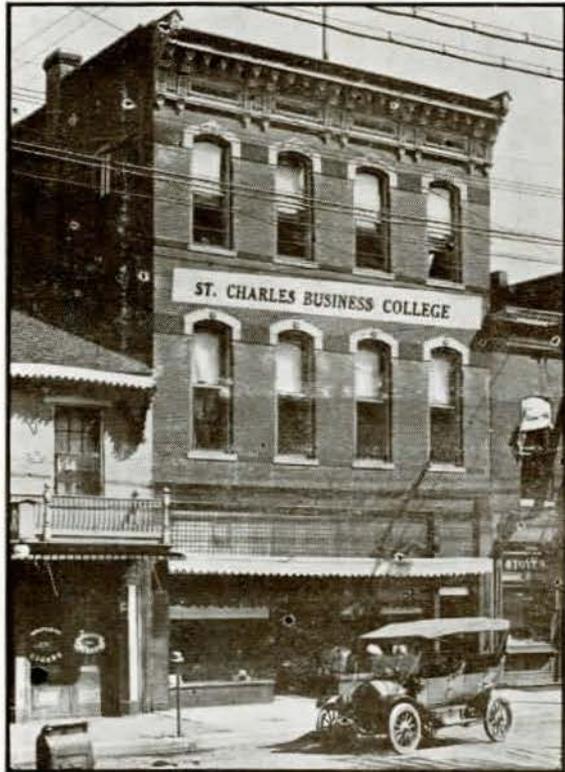
Butler Hall is named after the late Col. James Gay Butler, who erected this building entirely at his own expense. Col. Butler will long be remembered as a benefactor of Lindenwood College, and Butler Hall is a fitting monument to the interest and love which this gentleman felt for the institution that he supported and endowed so liberally.

MARGARET HALL

This is a handsome two story building, located at the entrance to Butler Way and Kingshighway. It is named after Mrs. James Gay Butler, is handsomely furnished, and is at present used as a Conservatory of Music.

Besides these buildings already pictured and described Lindenwood has Science Hall, The Art Pottery Building, Two Sorority Houses, and the Central Heating Plant.





ST. CHARLES BUSINESS COLLEGE



Group of Prominent Buildings



View of Corner Main and Jefferson Streets



Residence of John E. Hollowell, Branch Mgr. International Shoe Co.



Residence of Francis C. Becker, 1712 Watson Street



Residence of Walter Wills, 1818 Watson Street



Residence of C. F. Belding, 1717 Elm Street



MAIN BUILDING



MERTEN MEMORIAL



SUPERINTENDENT'S RESIDENCE



FARM BUILDING

ELYMOSYNARY INSTITUTIONS

Note—The picture on the next page is taken from an old photograph before the Main Building was reconstructed and the new building was erected.

EMMAUS ASYLUM FOR EPILEPTIC AND WEAK MINDED

Rev. J. W. Frankenfeld, Supt.

PROPERTY OF THE EMMAUS BOARD



MAIN BUILDING

ELYMOSYNARY

INSTITUTIONS



ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL

Emmaus Asylum for Epileptics and weak minded
Rev. J. W. Frankenfeldt, Sup't.
61 patients. 13 nurses and attendants

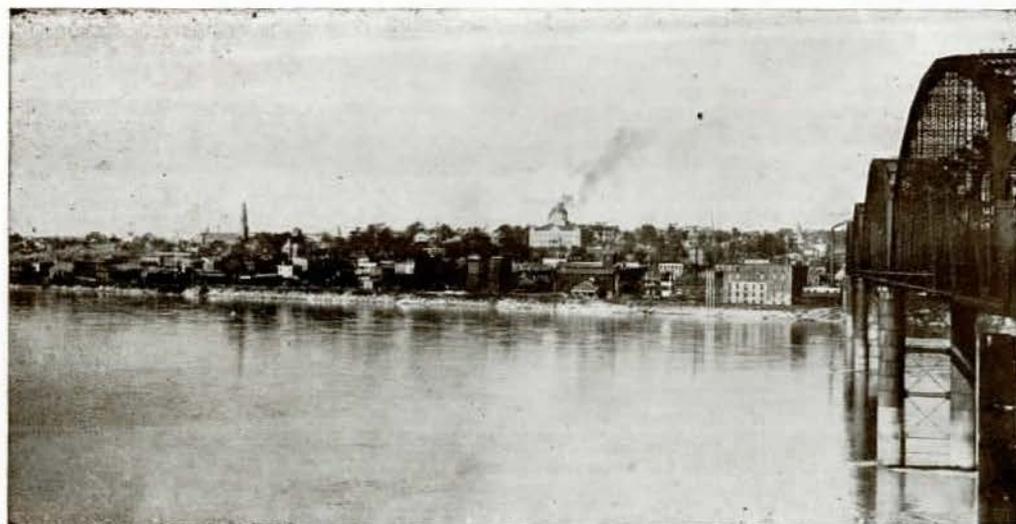
Dedicated September 15, 1901
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GENERAL SCENES

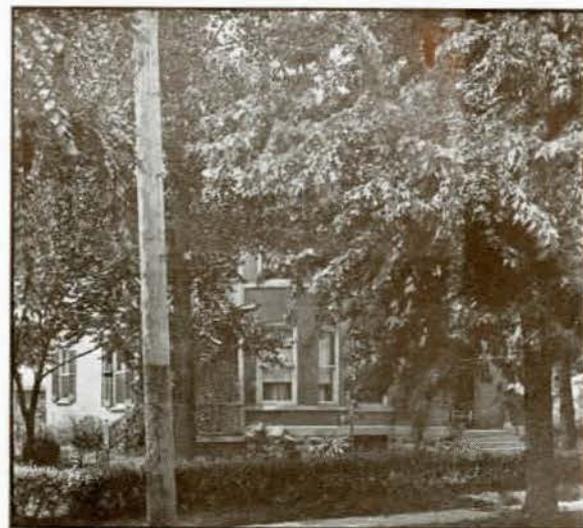
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View of the City From Across the Missouri River



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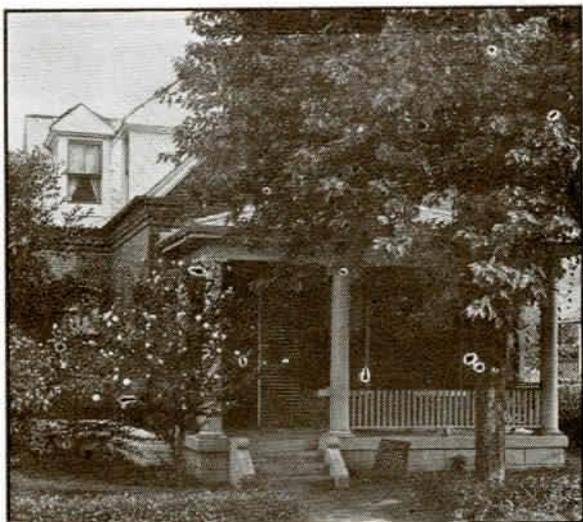
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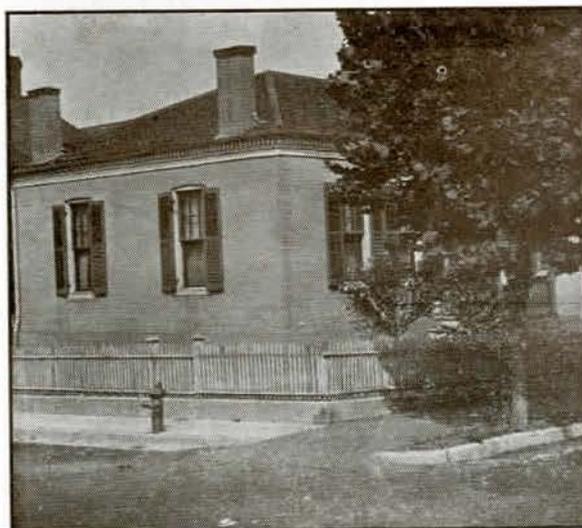
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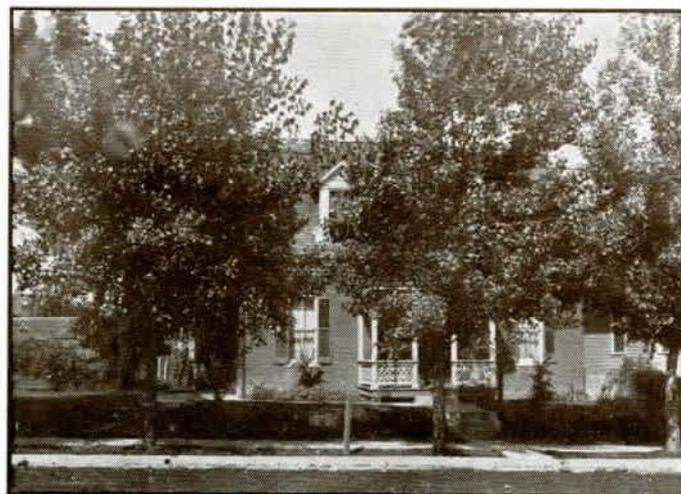
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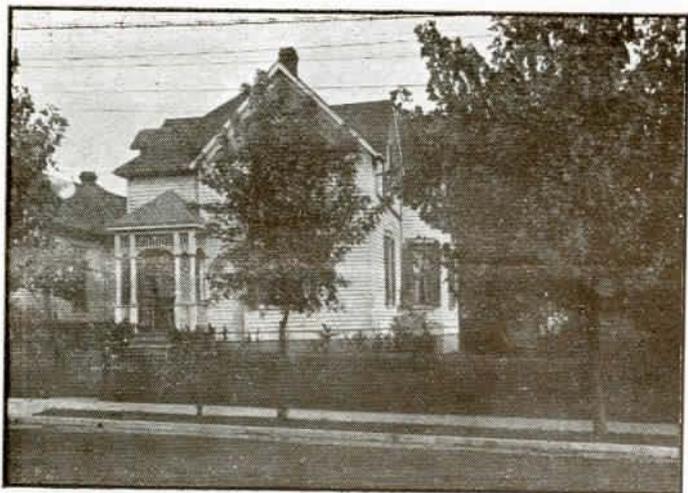
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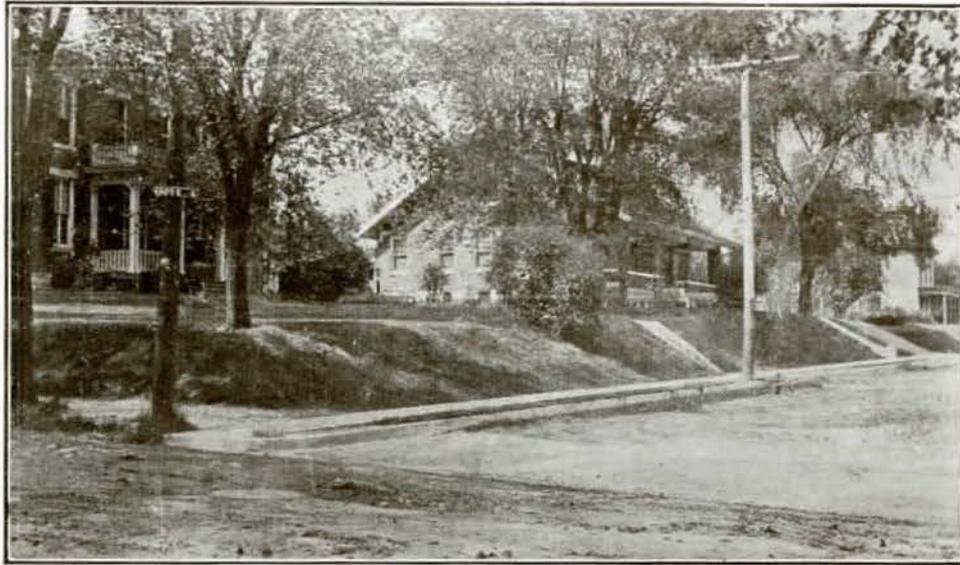
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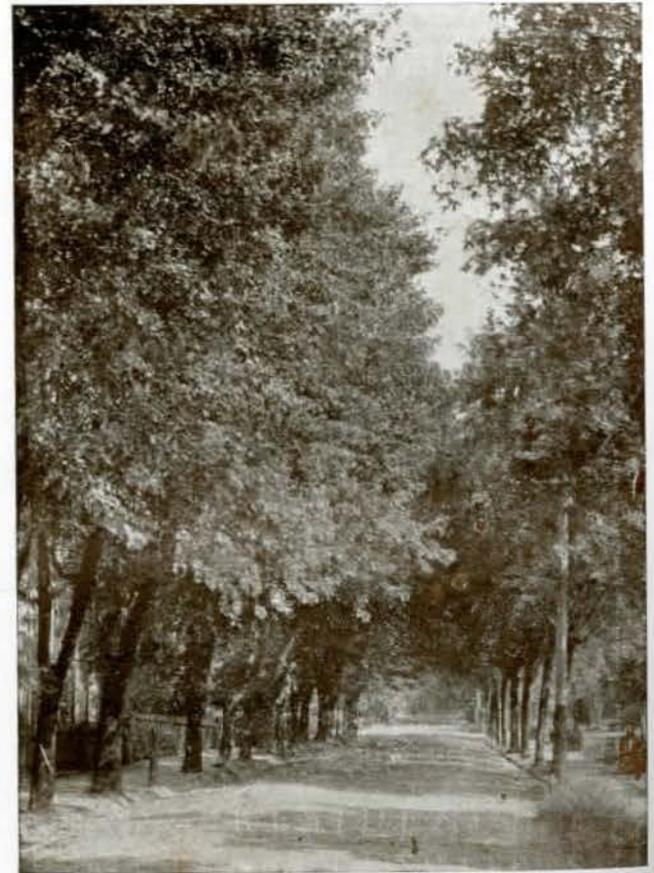


A Terrace View On Benton Avenue and Clark Street



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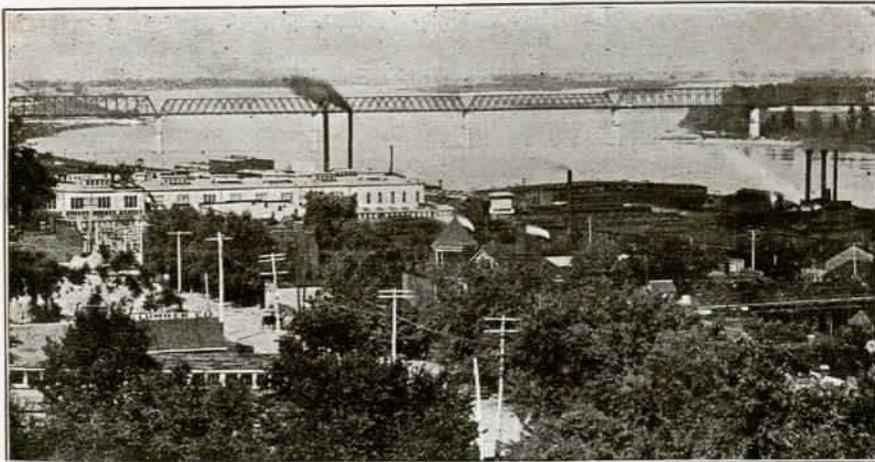
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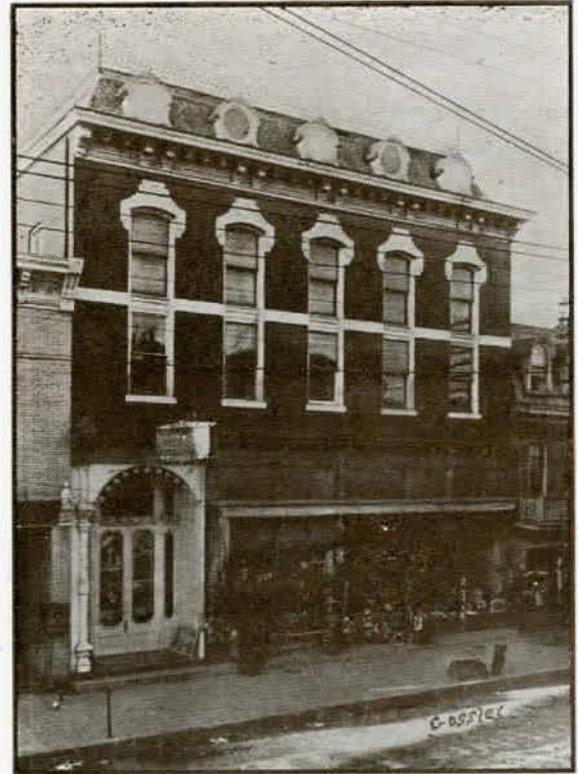


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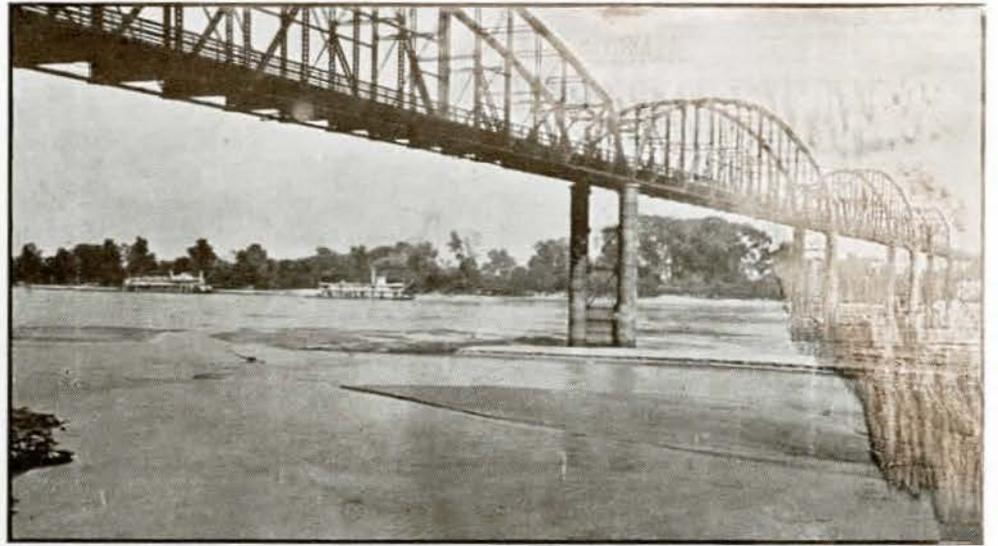
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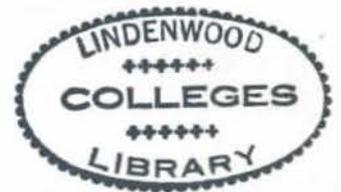


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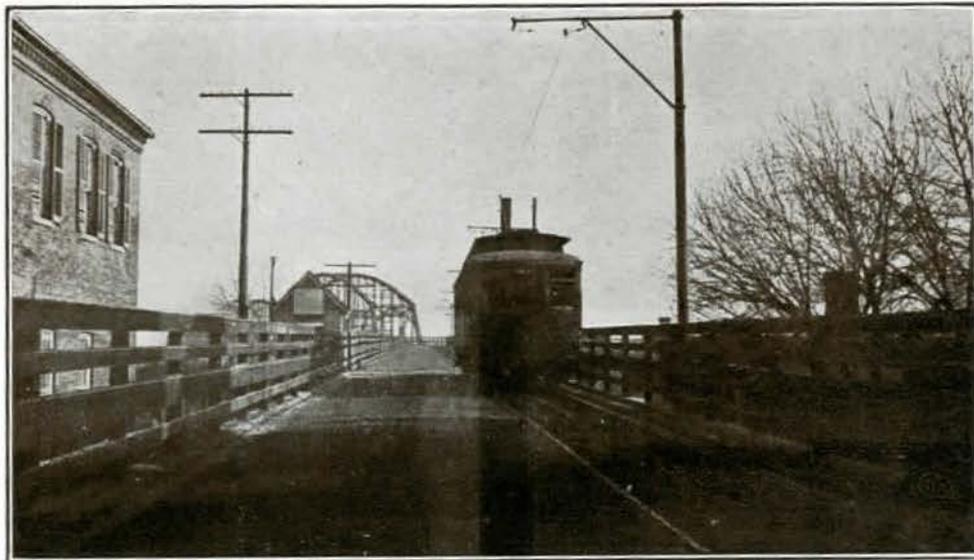




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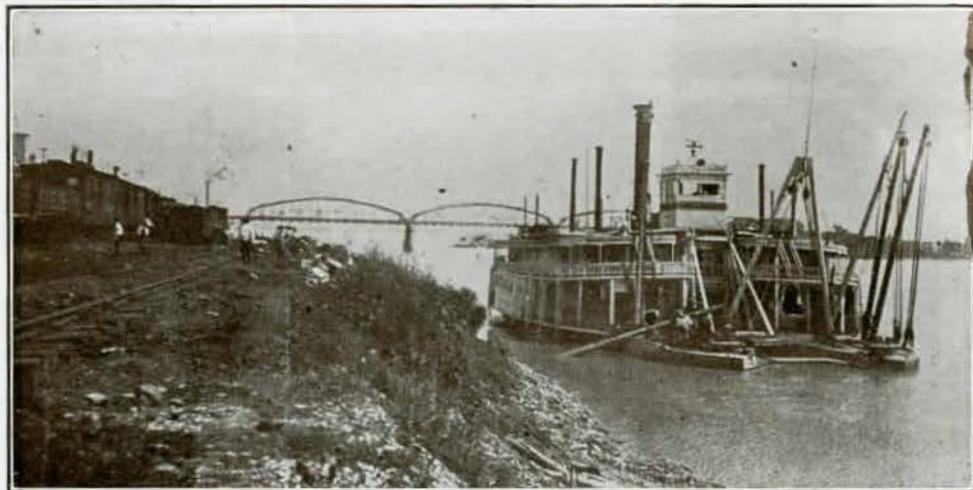
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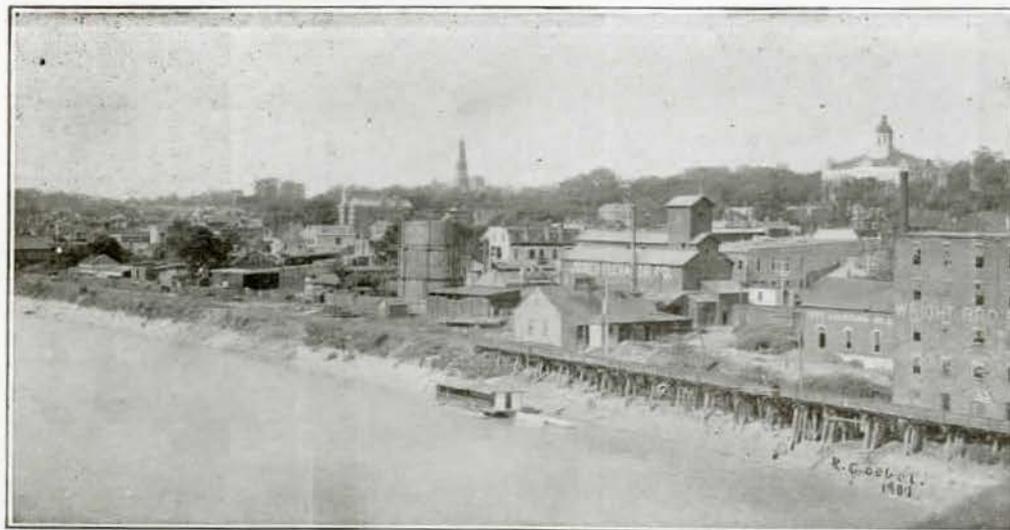
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City Water Tower and Concrete Reservoir



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The City From The Highway Bridge



View of Car Works From Highway Bridge



Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad Station



Wabash Railroad Station

ST. CHARLES, YESTERDAY AND TO-DAY

BY HON. WM. G. HUTTON

ST. CHARLES has reverence for age and is proud of it. As a community she is conservatively modern. Considered in detached sections, much of the Old remains. The city is filled with esteem for the evidences of a past that had much to do with the development of Imperial Missouri and great sections of the West.

Once tree-lined trails were pressed by the moccasined foot of hardy pioneers which now are spurned by the rubber of speeding automobiles on their shrieking way to the boundless land kissed by the setting sun.

Thus has time served in passing.

St. Charles, the city, has kept pace with the march of progress, but she is too true to those who made her possible to tear out by the roots all of the evidences of more daring generations. So, we see the split-rock home of our fore-fathers still standing, sheltering later generations, while present day youth lives to see the destroying hand of time demolish and wear away homes and buildings less conscientiously reared.

So with the town. It was builded well and well was it situated, and will advance for all time.

A city of homes, churches and schools, St. Charles has progressed in a self-satisfied, conservative, dignified, substantial way, until now she sees paid-for homes which well may look with lack-lustre eye at the brilliance of some of the mortgage-ridden cities of unbalanced prosperity. It is the comparison of dignity and foppery, of gaudy trappings and plain-cloth well being.

Here the workingman owns his vine-clad cottage, while his brother of seeming affluence in Gilttown pays rent that the landlord may meet mortgage interest.

There is nothing superficial about the prosperity of St. Charles.

It is prosperity based on real worth and progress.

Since the day Blanchette eased the heavy pack of the trail from his tired shoulders and decided to make his home here, the advancement has been steady.

"Village des Cotes" (Village of the Hills) the settlement first was in name and city des cotes it remains in contour, with the romantic but enhanced by the touches of the practical.

The village of fanciful name grew apace!

A trading post at first, it soon became a frontier town of importance and the starting and outfitting point for the thousands who passed through in search of adventure and fortune, conquest and discovery.

Village des Cotes from the time Blanchette in 1769 traded his first string of beads for the warm pelt of the chase, the settlement enlarged rapidly until 1784, when the Spanish residents changed the name to St. Charles to do honor to Don Carlos, king of Spain.

Never a falter in the step of progress!

Modern St. Charles has dressed the hills that so attracted the romantic soul of its founder with beautiful homes, prosperous places of business, stately public buildings, restful churches, progressive public and private schools and the necessary industrial institutions to make the elevating and more beautiful features possible.

In fact, this is a "balanced community," with none too much none too little of any factor to make other than a happy, satisfied, well-to-do city.

Love of home reflects itself in the pretty and comfortable residences, willingness to work for the joys of the fire-side circle in the hurrying of hundreds of skilled workman and the busy tradesmen; the fruits of labor well done, in five banks of substantial capitalization.

It is a balanced city, set as the standard of a balanced county.

With the chief business section along Main street and debouching into Second street at the great plant of the American Car and Foundry Co., to form Frenchtown, the city scales the two to four block heights past stately homes

of old St. Charles to the more modern residences of later generations.

Possibly the most imposingly modern court-house in Missouri occupies the crest of the hill between Second and Third at Jefferson and the terraced grounds take up the entire block.

A block beyond, on Jefferson, is Jefferson High School, built in 1867. Benton and McKinley schools contain the grade divisions and St. Peters, the Lutheran, Borromeo, and St. Johns, parochial schools, complete the roster for the grades.

Lindenwood, a college for girls, and of the highest order is at the western limits and Sacred Heart Convent occupies space nearer the old town.

Of factories, three occupy chief places: The American Car and Foundry plant, employing from 1,500 to 2,000 men; a branch of the International Shoe Co., working 500, and St. Mary's Oil Engine Co., the youngest of the trio, employing about 200. Many smaller industries supply other work for the residents.

St. Charles is second only to St. Louis in historical interest. It is the first white settlement north of the Missouri River and the first effected west of the Mississippi after the establishment of St. Louis in 1764. In 1769 Louis Blanchette, known as le chasseur (the hunter) took up his abode and here was started a settlement of French trappers and traders.

When the Louisiana Territory was ceded to Spain that Government forthwith decided to establish in the village a fort as a beginning for the conquest of the Northwest Territory. Blanchette, though a Frenchman, was

made post commandant and he changed the name of the village to San Carlos del Misuri, in honor of King Charles. The district embraced all the territory within the limits of the Spanish boundaries north of the Missouri river, the Spanish mines near the present city of Dubuque, Ia., being considered in the district, which extended vaguely westward and northward.

Before the details admitting Missouri to the Union had been finally ratified the first Legislature convened in St. Louis in 1820. At this session St. Charles was chosen the capital of the state. In June, 1821, the Legislature convened in special session in St. Charles and passed an act giving assent to the admission of Missouri in accordance with the Clay Compromise resolution. Thereupon President Monroe issued a proclamation announcing the admission of the state complete. For five years the General Assembly met in St. Charles, when the seat of government was removed to the more central location of Jefferson City.

The first church established in the town was that of

St. Charles Borromeo, in 1792, by Jesuit missionaries. The original edifice was of logs and services were conducted irregularly by Jesuit and Trappist priests from St. Louis and Portage des Sioux. Afterwards one of the most pretentious churches in the state was erected. This building was wrecked by a tornado a year ago, and a new edifice is in course of construction.

St. Charles is the birthplace of the Society of the Sacred Heart. In the Reign of Terror in France, Mother Philippine Rose Duchesne was driven from the country. With four companions she set out in the early part of 1818 for America. They landed at New Orleans. Not finding the missionary field she desired, Mother Duchesne went up the Mississippi to St. Louis, and then proceeded to St. Charles. Here she founded the Sacred Heart Convent. Two years later she established the Loretto Convent in Florissant. She continued her missionary work until her death, laying the foundation for one of the largest orders in America. Her remains repose in St. Charles to-day.



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ing and drafting departments, foundry, pattern shop, machine shop, paint shop, erecting and testing departments, power house, and in fact the plant comprises practically every unit necessary to complete their engines, from the raw material to the finished product. At the present time they are working practically day and night in an effort to keep up with the ever increasing demand for their engines, and everything points to a wonderful future for this enterprising concern.

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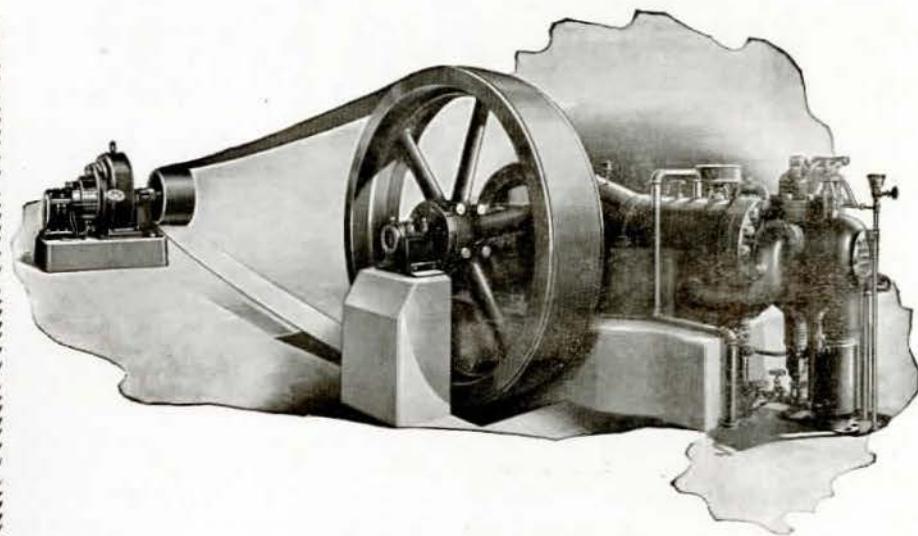
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