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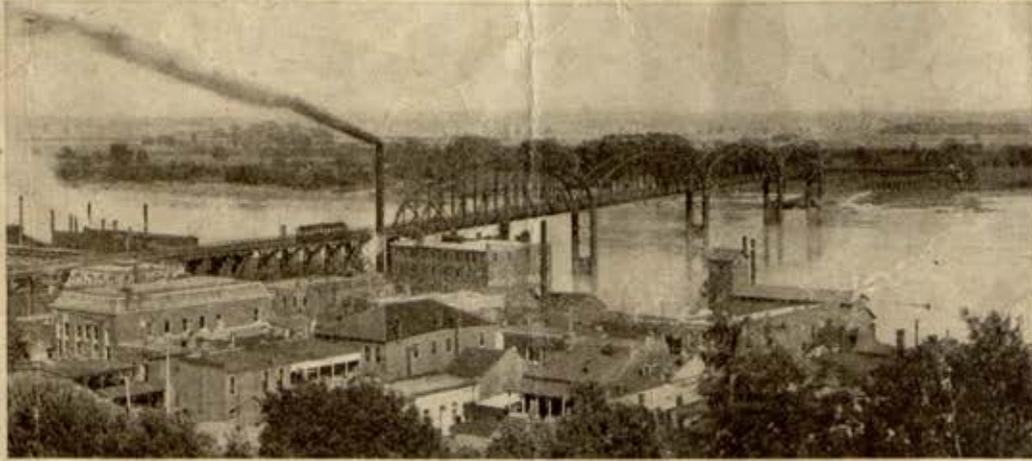
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## St. Charles, Missouri

*To Manufacturing  
and Mercantile  
Interests and  
Real Estate Investors*

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material and means dwell in  
abundance and enjoy the free-  
dom of an unrestricted, law  
abiding and considerate com-  
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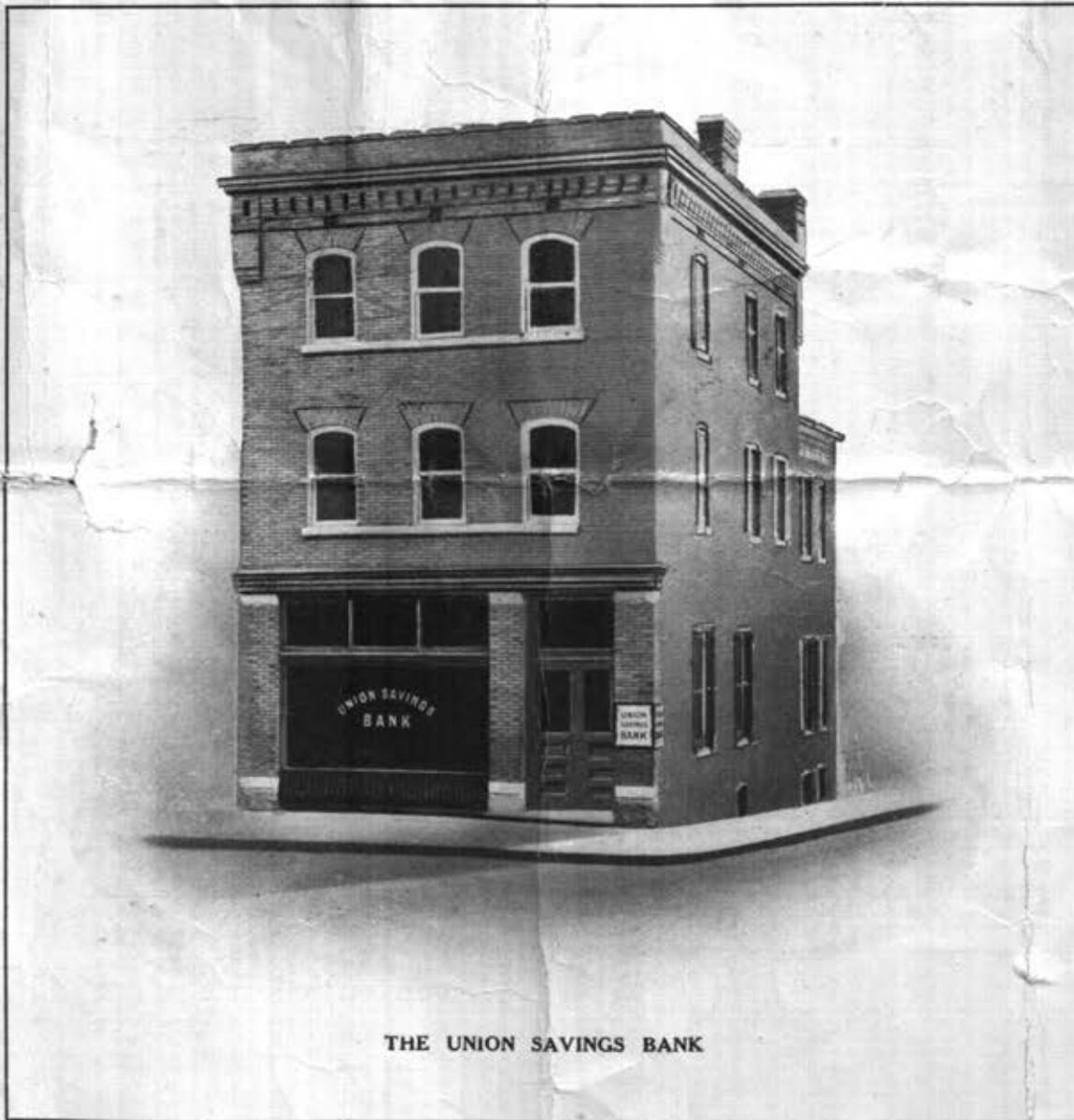
**St. Charles, Mo.**

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# The Union Savings Bank

## ST. CHARLES, MO.

ESTABLISHED 1870



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# Saint Charles



HENRY B. DENKER,  
Mayor of St. Charles

The history of St. Charles runs back to an early period. Its inhabitants have owed allegiance to three powers, Spain, France and the United States government. Louis Blanchette, surnamed Le Chasseur, "The Hunter," an adventurous pioneer of the same stock with the daring Frenchman who at an earlier date first traversed the Mississippi Valley, crossed the Missouri, and in 1769 built his hut on the site of the present town of St. Charles. There, in April of that year, under the authority of the Governor of Upper Louisiana, he established a post of which he was the first military and civil commandant.

This place was first called Les Petites Cotes, "little hills" and afterward Village des Cotes, "the village of the hills." Blanchette remained commandant of the port till 1793. In 1784 the town, which by this time had grown to greater pretensions, discarded the title of Village des Cotes and the name of St. Charles was conferred upon the little town acknowledged as their sovereign. Blanchette died in 1793 and St. Charles contains the ashes of its founder. He was buried in September of that year within the walls of a little church built by him, the first one ever erected in the town, which formerly stood on the west side of Main Street, above Jackson.

Don Charles Tayon succeeded as commandant of the port. Upon his resignation, which occurred in 1802, he was followed by Captain James MacKay, or Don Santiago MacKay, as his name appears in the Spanish official papers. He held the position for a year only, when the territory was transferred to the United States government.

Many of the foremost citizens of the State hail from this little, big city, where so much of the history of "Louisiana" was born, and its situation and facilities both of railroad and river give it hope, that in the near future it will make faster progress and become even more important than it now is.

The natural conditions are healthy, the contrivances of man many, and integrity and enterprise of the citizens is unsurpassed in any city of the West, and it is perhaps the most self-sustaining city of its size in the Mississippi Valley, since it is surrounded by property which produces many hundreds of thousands

of dollars annually in farm products, all of which find its way to the great beyond through the city. In addition to this great advantage the city has manufacturing industries that employ about 5,000 persons and which include several flour mills, shoe factory and car works.

The American Car & Foundry Company is the largest and most important enterprise in St. Charles; employs 1,800 men and contributes directly to the prosperity and growth of the city, furnishing employment for both skilled and unskilled labor. It is managed by liberal public spirited men and Mr. J. G. Lawler, the district manager of this plant is heart and soul for every thought promoting the general welfare of our city; it pays over \$1,000,000.00 annually to its employes.

During the fall of 1905 ground was broken by the Roberts, Johnson & Rand Shoe Company of St. Louis for their modern factory located between 4th and 5th and Pike and Tompkins Streets, in St. Charles.

By January, 1906, the factory was fully equipped with the latest improved shoe machinery and shoes were being made.

Now four hundred of St. Charles' industrious people find steady employment in this factory and turn out medium priced work shoes which are known in every State in the Union. It has been said that "the St. Charles shoes wear like her car wheels."

The city owns its water works and lighting plants, and other public works and buildings, in addition to which it has several private enterprises which help to supply the public want, among them a modern gas plant. The population of the city is now estimated at 12,000 and is rapidly increasing as is also the boundary of the city to which was recently added, Lindenwood Heights, West End Heights, Knoblauch Addition, River Side View and Roosevelt Place.

The Citizens Improvement Association is one of the most important factors, as regards the growth of the city, since through its great effort many embarrassing conditions have been overcome, and much has been done to improve trade conditions, the fact that many of the residents here whose moderate means do not permit of their making real estate investments, carry savings accounts in the banking institutions, and that those whose constant care and saving has enabled them to make small investments, are readily taking to the spirit of enterprise and permanence, purchasing homes either for cash or on terms agreeable to their income, indicates that the work of the association has not been in vain.

St. Charles is located on the great Missouri River, with two trunk line railroads, the M. K. & T., and the Wabash; with lines radiating to all parts of the North, West and South, affording all the advantages in rates on raw material and manufactured products as enjoyed by enterprises located in St. Louis. St. Louis rates applying to and from all principal points. This makes St. Charles an ideal location for all kinds of manufacturing enterprises.

St. Charles has also an electric line communicating with St. Louis every 30 minutes during the day and is a convenient and delightful place for those desiring homes near a great

city, having every modern convenience, water, gas, electric light, sewers, good streets and sidewalks, and with educational and religious advantages that cannot be excelled anywhere; 13 large, prosperous and growing churches; one German Catholic Church, one English Catholic, one Lutheran, one German Evangelical, one German Methodist, one Methodist, one Baptist, one Episcopal, two Presbyterian and three churches for colored people.

One high school, with a four year course, is an accredited school, entitling pupils who successfully pass its examinations, and receive a diploma at graduation to enter the State University.

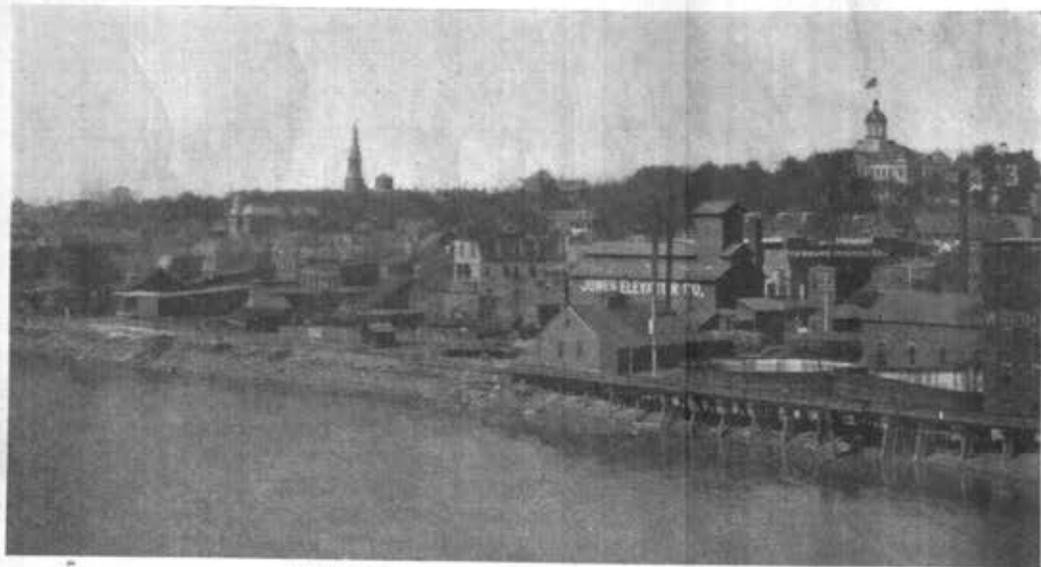
The public schools are well conducted, officered and graded, with 18 teachers in four school buildings, with an enrollment of 1,200 pupils. This enrollment is not so large as in many towns of the same size, because four of the largest churches conduct parochial schools with nearly as many pupils in attendance as go to the public schools, and many pupils in advanced grades attending colleges, Lindenwood for young ladies, Sacred Heart Convent for young ladies, and St. Charles Military College for boys.

St. Charles is truly an ideal city of homes, for retired business men, for suburban residents, as a manufacturing and business point being in close touch with St. Louis, the greatest central city in the United States, with superior social, educational and religious advantages, modern stores, employment for all classes, and low rates of taxation. A perusal of the pages of this little volume, and a look at the faces of the business men of the town will convince you that we have not exaggerated its advantages, but have not said half enough in its praise.

The streets are in good condition, the water facilities unsurpassed for residence or manufacturing purposes, and the sewerage ample for many years' service and considerable expansion. In fact, few cities have any more advantages, and few of them have them as abundant as St. Charles, and to the citizen who would live and labor, or the manufacturing plant that requires large acres and steady hands, we bid you welcome.



J. C. WILLBRAND,  
President Citizens Improvement Association



VIEW LOOKING WEST FROM MISSOURI RIVER



W. F. BLOEBaum, Sec'y and Treas.  
Post Master



V. D. DIERKER, Vice-President  
Brick Mgr.



H. C. SANDFORT,  
County Clerk



H. H. STEED,  
Wabash Freight Agent



ST. CHARLES WATER WORKS



APPROACH OF ST. CHARLES HIGHWAY BRIDGE



J. B. THRO, JR.,  
Clothier



W. H. RECHTERN,  
Clothier



J. F. RAUCH,  
Banker



DR. F. H. ACHELPOHL,  
Dentist



MISSOURI RIVER VIEW OF ST. CHARLES



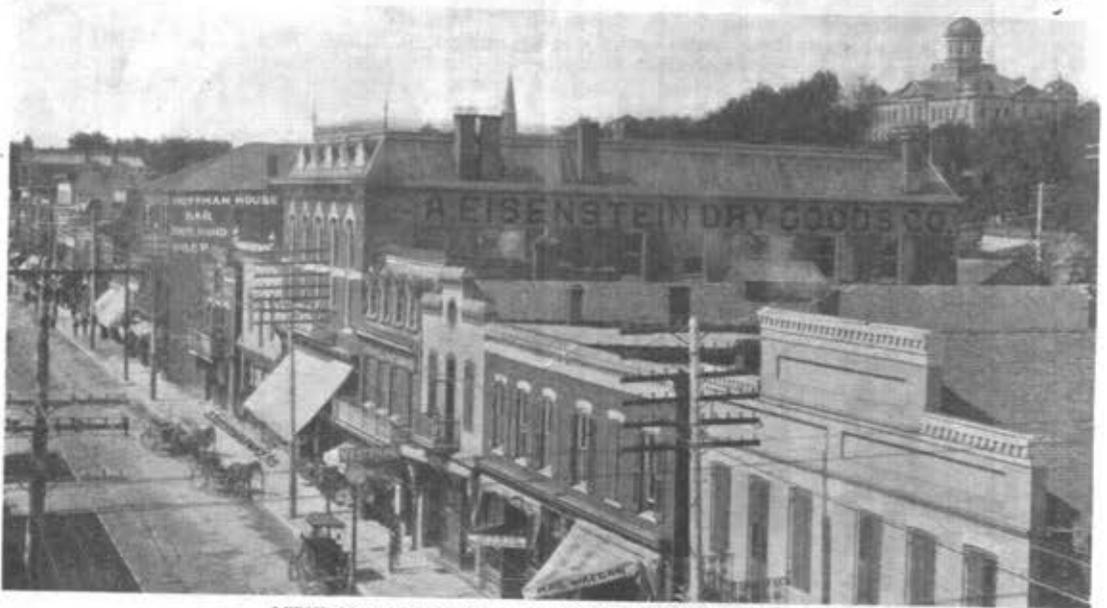
WABASH PASSENGER DEPOT



JOHN C. PLATZ, Collector



CASPER THRO, Police Judge



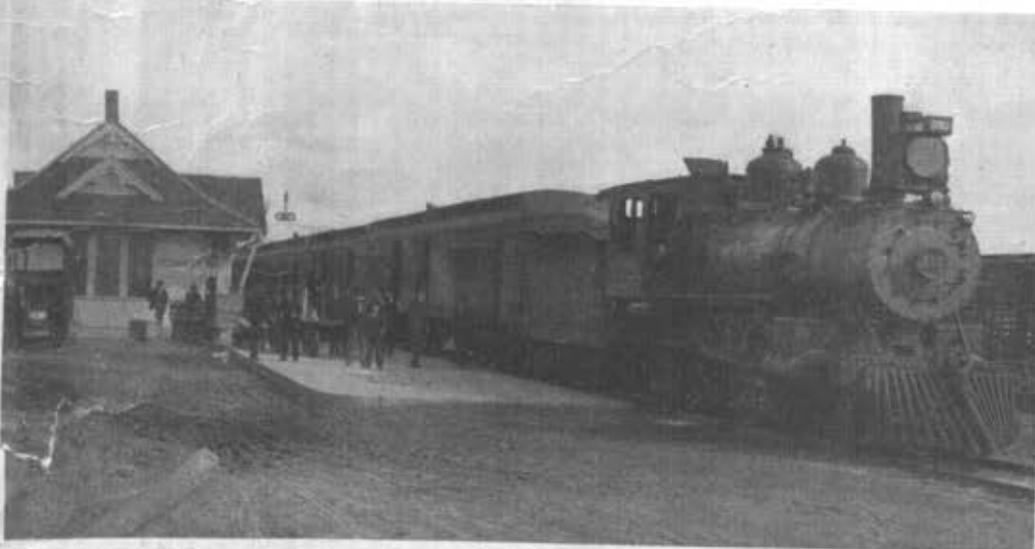
VIEW OF MAIN STREET LOOKING SOUTH FROM BRIDGE



HUBERT HACHTING, Assessor



C. H. KANSTEINER, City Clerk



M. K. & T. DEPOT



WM. F. ACHELPOHL, City Attorney



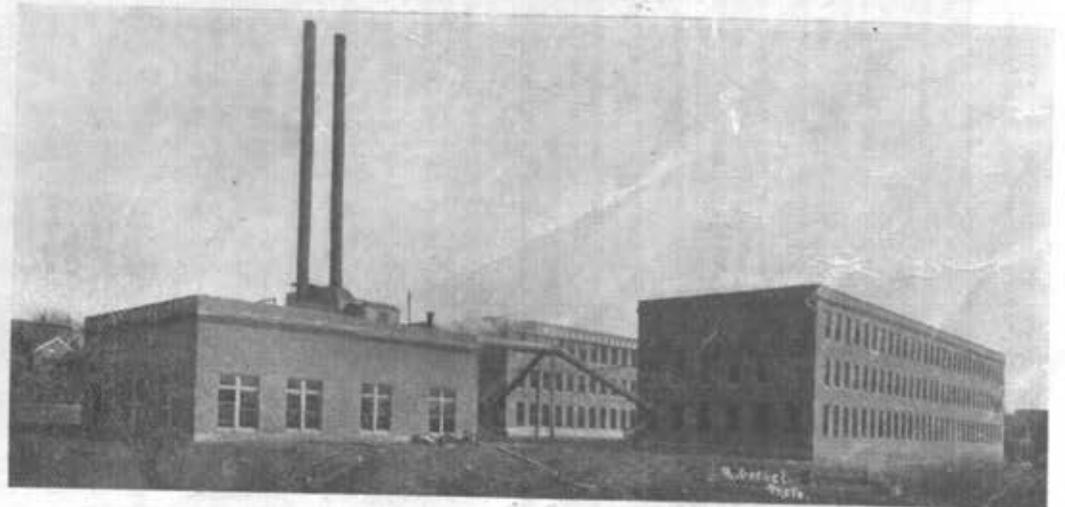
CHAS. E. RECHTERN, City Treasurer



H. W. OSIEK, Supt. of Water Works



H. E. STEINMANN, City Engineer



ROBERTS, JOHNSON & RAND SHOE CO.



W. F. BLOEBAUM,  
Post Master of St. Charles



J. H. STEINBRINKER, Alderman



HENRY C. DALLMEYER, Alderman



ALBERT HAPPY, Alderman



AMERICAN CAR & FOUNDRY CO.



DR. A. A. GOSSOW



JAMES G. LAWLER  
District Manager American Car & Foundry Co.



BIRDS EYE VIEW OF ROOSEVELT PLACE



PASSENGER DEPARTMENT AMERICAN CAR & FOUNDRY CO.



R. GOEBEL,  
Photographer for this Publication



HENRY J. LINNEBUR, CITY MARSHAL AND ST. CHARLES POLICE DEPARTMENT

ST. CHARLES WATER WORKS.

In November, 1900, when the contract of the St. Charles Water Company was about to expire, the question of Public Ownership of the Waterworks was put to a vote, and the city declared in favor

January, 1901, the capacity of the reconstructed works was about a million and a half gallons in 24 hours and the service at that time included about four hundred consumers, this consumption was increased in a few years to double that number and the facilities had to be increased in

expenses incurred in these improvements, were paid for from the collections of the water rates offices without additional taxes.

The waterworks of St. Charles is to-day as up-to-date and complete as might be desired, includes about 20 miles of mains, 120 fire plugs, and over 800 private connections, three large settling basins and a pure, ample, and clean supply of water is furnished consumers in unlimited amounts, without meters, besides special rates to factories and business establishments, Mr. Henry W. Osick, is the superintendent in charge.



JUDGE MAX J. FREY



LOUIS EBELING



JUDGE J. W. BRUNS

of the Public Ownership of the Waterworks by a large majority, plans were drawn and contracts let for the construction of the new plant, when the Water Company offered to the city all of its main and pumping machinery, etc., which was accepted and taken charge of by the City Engineers in

like degree, and to this end many new and modern additions were made, including pumps for low and high pressure with a capacity of three million gallons per day, a new residence was built for the engineer, three miles of new mains were laid and a new in-take pipe laid in the river, and all the

HENRY J. LINNEBUR.

Henry J. Linnebur, city marshal, hails from St. Charles, Missouri, where he was born on November 27th, 1858, and after giving due thanks (for we fully feel called upon to do so) he attended the public and parochial school to perfect himself in the art of reading and writing, and after working for a while in a brick yard and at farming, he returned to the city and engaged as a blacksmith's helper which position he retained for eight years. At the age of 25 he took a position with the Wabash railroad and was engaged on the St. Charles bridge then building. He retained this position for 8 years also, and in 1890 took a position as police officer which he kept for two years after which he again entered the car works until 1893 when he was elected marshal of St. Charles, where he has since made good use of his education in writing, which he now spells slightly different than he did in those days. Among his records there is evidence of many important arrests, and he has done a great deal for keeping the tranquillity and peace of St. Charles in perfect condition at all times.



ST. CHARLES FIRE DEPARTMENT

## W. F. BLOEBAUM.

Mr. W. F. Bloebaum, secretary of the Citizens' Improvement Association, and postmaster of St. Charles was born January 2nd, 1863, in St. Charles and attended the public schools here, after which he traveled for several years in the harvesting machine business. He remained in this business for seven years and drifted into politics, being at different times, city assessor and deputy county assessor, postmaster under President Harrison's Administration, county collector of the revenue, and postmaster under President McKinley's administration which has continued under the present administration.

## WILLIAM F. ACHELPOHL

Mr. William F. Achelpohl was born in St. Charles, Missouri, educated in common schools of Missouri and Nebraska, graduated from Altamum Academy of North Yakima, Washington, and of Northern Indiana Normal University. He was admitted to the practice of law in the State of Indiana and in the Federal Courts of Indianapolis in June, 1897, and in Missouri, at St. Charles in the same year. He was appointed to fill an unexpired term as city treasurer here in 1898; elected public administrator of St. Charles county in 1900 and city attorney of St. Charles in 1905, to which position he was re-elected in 1907. He was married at Minneapolis, Minn., to Miss Anna Wiley, of North Yakima, Washington, in May, 1900.

## J. W. BRUNS.

Judge J. W. Bruns, Justice of the Peace, born November 6th, 1842, eight miles west of St. Charles, resided at that location the first sixteen years of his life; coming then into the city where he secured employment in a general store, remained there until the Civil War fired his ambition to serve his country to the point of capitulation, when he enlisted in the Second Missouri Artillery, on October 14th, 1862, and after the usual skirmishes and other distinguished service which requires no exploitation here, Mr. Bruns came back to St. Charles in 1863, and engaged in the

grocery business with H. H. Bruns, his brother, for two years they conducted the business as Bruns Bros., then he went to farming, and later entered the clothing business, which he conducted for five years, removing to St. Louis, after this had been properly wound up and disposed of, he secured employment in a wholesale grocery house until 1883, when he left to enter the business on his own account at Sedalia, Missouri, where he remained in that connection for seven years, returning to St. Charles, in 1893. He was elected Justice of the Peace in 1894, and during the time which he has spent in that office since, the judge has married over 700 couples and they are still coming.

## H. W. OSIEK.

H. W. Osiek, superintendent of the water works, was born February 2nd, 1859, in Borgholtshausen, Germany, and came to this country with his parents in 1870, coming directly to St. Charles where he received his early education in the parochial and public schools, then taking a position in the coal mines and at the age of 17 he became a fireman in a flour mill, then taking a position in the machine shop, advancing to become stationary engineer. This resulted in his continued employment with the Thro Milling Company for 20 years, until three years ago when he was appointed to his present position by Mayor Paule. He is now serving his third term in this capacity.

## C. H. KANSTEINER.

C. H. Kansteiner, city clerk, residing at 905 Jefferson St., is a native of St. Charles, was born here on August 19th, 1872, was educated in the parochial schools and worked as a clerk in the mercantile establishments until he was 21 years of age, after which he went to St. Louis and became bookkeeper for a large dry goods house studying at night school meanwhile, which after two years enabled him to go to Dubuque, Iowa, and take charge of the Linoleum Department for the Thompson Dry Goods Company there. He came back to St. Charles in 1897 and took an active interest in the Angert Broker Grocer Company, which company sold out

to Kansteiner Brothers in January 1902. In 1900 Mr. Kansteiner was elected city clerk, and his brother was elected county treasurer, so they sold out the business in order to give their undivided attention to their public trusts, there being considerable work connected with the city clerk's position. Mr. Kansteiner married Miss Nellie Lyons, of St. Louis, and has a happy family of three little girls. He has been elected to the position he holds three times in succession and without any opposition, which is commendatory to his service.

## H. E. STEINMANN.

Mr. H. E. Steinmann, City Engineer and Street and Sewer Commissioner of St. Charles, who resides at 123 Houston Street, North, was born at Chammois, Mo., on October 5th, 1873, and received his early education in the public schools followed by a course in the State Normal School at Warrensburg, Missouri, after which he taught school for some time, then accepting a position as Station Agent and Telegraph Operator for the Missouri-Pacific Railway, which latter he retained for four years, in 1890, he entered the contracting business in Chammois, and in 1894, came to St. Charles, and took a position with the American Car & Foundry Company as body-builder in the coach department which he relinquished in 1907, to accept a position with the city as Inspector of Sanitary Sewer Districts, which resulted in his appointment to the position he holds at present.

## JOHN C. PLATZ.

John C. Platz, collector, was born March 11th, 1864, at St. Charles, Mo., educated in the parochial schools and public schools, afterward taking up the manufacture of cigars. In 1879 he moved with his family to St. Louis, and engaged in various enterprises, however they returned to St. Charles in 1882 and Mr. Platz engaged in the grocery business for several years in various stores here, until 1889 when he opened a store of his own, which he sold out in 1905 to Schaeffer & Schmiedermeyer. At this time he was elected to the office he still holds, being re-elected in the spring of 1907 without practical opposition.

## COUNTY OFFICIALS



PRESIDING JUDGE ED. H. HOLLRAH.



JUDGE MARCUS HENKE



JUDGE HENRY C. DIERKER



JUDGE HENRY H. MOEHLKAMP



THEO. C. BRUERE, Prosecuting Atty.

## ED. H. HOLLRAH.

Judge Ed. H. Hollrah was born in 1866 in St. Charles county, Missouri, on his father's farm 4 miles west of St. Charles. He received his education in the district school of St. Charles county and in the city of St. Charles. He has lived all of his lifetime on the farm. His occupation is farming, stock raising and thrashing. He has served as associate judge of the county court for two terms. At present he is presiding judge of the county court of St. Charles county.

## MARCUS HENKE.

Judge Marcus Henke, of the County Court, was born on January 15th, 1859, near Josephville, this county later removing to Dardenne, where he married 24 years ago to a Miss Mary Hemmer; the Judge has been raising stock and supervising his farm for the last 32 years, when he was not busy with his duties as road overseer, or during his nine years service on the School Board, he was elected as Judge of the County Court in 1904, and is now serving his second term.

## HENRY H. MOEHLKAMP.

Judge Henry H. Moehlenkamp, of the Probate Court, was born August 14th, 1857, six miles southwest of this city, where he continued to reside until he was 20 years of age. The Judge finished his education at the Kirksville Normal School after which he taught school in the County for seven years and in the city for eight years, and was elected County Commissioner in 1891, since which time he has held public office continually.

## HENRY C. DIERKER.

Judge Henry C. Dierker, County Judge, was born in Warren County, Missouri, on August 8th, 1869, where he resided for five years, prior to his removal to Elm Point in this county with his parents in 1874. Judge Dierker is a graduate of the public schools of Elm Point, and the St. Charles College, and has been farming most of his life, among his possessions at this time are

the Mulberry Grove, a 260 acre tract, where the Judge devotes his time, when not occupied by his judicial duties, in raising stock. Judge Dierker served as a member of the School Board for 14 years and was elected to the bench on November 6th, 1907, for a two year term.

## HENRY C. SANDFORT.

Mr. Henry C. Sandfort, County Clerk and Ex-Officio Recorder of St. Charles county, was born on a farm about three miles west of this city, May 20th, 1857, and to his mother belongs the credit of his primary education, she being widowed when he reached the age of 5 years. He attended the Lutheran parochial and the public school in this city. He was for a number of years one of the publishers of the "Republican," a German weekly newspaper and the "St. Charles Cosmos," now the "Cosmos-Monitor." He served as City Clerk for a term of twelve years and until he resigned said office to become Deputy County Clerk, which position he held until elected to the office of County Clerk in 1906. The manner in which he conducts the affairs of his office and his impartial and congenial disposition bear witness that the public made no mistake in electing him to the office he holds. Mr. Sandfort is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Citizen's Improvement Association.

## A. F. WERREMEYER.

Mr. A. F. Werremeyer, Collector of the Revenue of St. Charles, was born May 3rd, 1859, is a native of this county, educated here, entered the printing business after leaving school, which position he retained for 18 years. During his career as a public servant Mr. Werremeyer has been deputy Collector and City Councilman in addition to his present office, in which a son of Mr. Werremeyer, who was born May 3rd, 1884, is hard at work at the post of Deputy Collector.

## WILLIAM F. WOLTER.

William F. Wolter, clerk of the Circuit court of St. Charles county, was born on a farm about three miles north of St. Charles, Mo., November 26, 1863. During his boyhood days he received instructions in the German Lutheran parochial school, and during his youth he attended the public school of his district during the winter months, and working on the farm of his father during the summer. When well advanced in the elementary branches he attended St. Charles college for a period of two years and four months, and completed his education at the Northern Indiana Normal School, at Valparaiso, Ind., which school he attended for a period of about two years and holds a diploma from said institution. He has spent nearly eight years of his life teaching in the public schools of St. Charles county, and followed that profession until the time of his election to office in the fall of 1898, at which time he was teaching a village school in the town of Cotteville.

He is a staunch Republican and has taken an active interest in public affairs and in the politics of his county, and was elected clerk of the circuit court of St. Charles county in the fall of 1898, re-elected in 1902, and again re-elected in 1906, each time with a handsome increased majority.

He was married at St. Charles October 22, 1891, to Minnie Kohrs, and has a Rooseveltian family, seven children.

## THE EMMAUS ASYLUM OF EPILEPTICS AND FEEBLE MINDED

REV. J. W. FRANKENFELD,  
Secretary and Manager

## THE EMMAUS ASYLUM.

The Emmaus Asylum for the epileptics and feeble minded at Marthasville and St. Charles, Missouri, is one of the most creditable institutions in the State, and for the many additions that have recently been made to the institution the officers and attendants desire full measure of credit. The Rev. George Goebel, president is assisted by Rev. S. Kruse, vice-president, Rev. J. W. Frankenfeld, secretary, and the Hon. Mr. H. F. Knippenberg, treasurer, and their unceasing efforts have brought the status of the asylums to a fine point. The patients are under continuous care of nurses and physicians.

The Emmaus Asylum at Marthasville, Mo., is located in a quiet beautiful valley which branches off into the fertile highlands of the Missouri River Valley 75 miles west of the city of St. Louis, and is reached by the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad. The main buildings are of rock substantially built and neatly designed, although some the worse for wear, they have been enduring for many years; these buildings were used at one

time by the Theological Seminary of the German Evangelical Synod of North America. The surrounding hills and dales with their natural timber decorations furnish a beautiful background and a sufficient supply of pure and healthy water for all purposes. This Asylum was dedicated to its cause and opened to patients July 2nd, 1893, and celebrated its tenth anniversary about five years ago with appropriate services.

The Emmaus Asylum at St. Charles, Missouri, rises in monumental significance high above the Missouri River just far enough away from the city of St. Charles to enjoy its commercial advantages and to be free from noise or turmoil, and to enjoy the beautiful views of natural scenery and the ever increasing modern improvements that take place from time to time in the city and surrounding country. The location is healthy, within easy reach of St. Louis and other suburban points by street car, and railroad, has the advantages of abundant water supply from the St. Charles Water Works, and is connected with the outside world through the Kinloch Telephone Company.



EMMAUS ASYLUM

Although there are two departments to this Asylum, located at two different points, the institution has but one board of directors and officers, which select the superintendents for each of the departments, and provide the medical staff, nurses and all necessary help and provision, the superintendents are members (ex-officio) of the executive committee and are thoroughly in touch at all times with the best designs of the officers and directors, and no improvement however small, nor alteration however trivial, which will add to the comfort of the patients or the efficiency of the staff is neglected or overlooked.

The capacity of the Asylum at Marthasville and at St. Charles is somewhat more than one hundred patients, and on June 29th, 1907, there were houses at these two institutions about 80 patients.

Attendants are always civil, and give prompt attention to any inquiry which may be received either in person, by mail or telephone, the numbers of the telephone on the Bell System is Bell 68, and the Kinloch 166.



NEW COUNTY COURT HOUSE



HENRY H. BRUNS,  
County Treasurer



HENRY C. SANDFORT,  
County Clerk



A. F. WERREMEYER,  
Collector



WM. F. WOLTER,  
Clerk Circuit Court



WALDO P. HINES,  
Sheriff

**WALDO P. HINES.**  
Waldo P. Hines, Sheriff of St. Charles County, was born March 11th, 1863, in Bradford County, Penn., living there for fifteen years when he removed to St. Charles County and attended the school at Wentzville, after completing his education he began farming which he continued until he was 27 years old, when he saw an opportunity to open a grocery and meat market in St. Louis, which he gave up later to take charge of the ice plant for the Union Stock Yards Company, where he remained for five years. He then visited O'Fallon, Ill., for a short time, returning here in 1900. He was appointed Deputy Sheriff in May, 1900, by Sheriff Dierker, and had charge of the jail until 1904, when he succeeded Sheriff Dierker. He was re-elected in 1906.

**F. J. PFARR.**  
F. J. Pfarr, County Assessor, born April 7th, 1860, at Weldon Springs in St. Charles County, Missouri, educated and reared on his father's farm until 1882, when he engaged in the mercantile business at Hamburg, until 1896. He was elected associate justice of the County Court for the Western District in 1898, and has served three terms, he was a member of the School Board for twelve years, during which time he was clerk of the Board with an office at Hamburg. His high ideals and ambition to promote the public welfare have given him a reputation as a public spirited man, which is second to none, and his election as Assessor in 1904, is due largely to the reputation for fairness and equity gained while on the Judicial Bench.

**JOHN G. DUEBBERT.**  
Mr. John G. Duebbert, Deputy County Clerk, has served long and faithfully in the public service; born March 15th, 1871, at Weldon Springs, this county and remained on the farm until he reached his majority, studying meanwhile at the public schools and Central Wesleyan College at Warrenton, Missouri, and teaching school at various points until nine years ago when he settled here. He soon entered the Mail Service, from which he retired to accept the position he now holds; he has served as Deputy County Assessor, and has social affiliations including the Modern Woodmen of America, Knights of Pythias, and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, which he also serves as Secretary of Lodge No. 690.

**B. H. DYER.**  
Mr. B. H. Dyer, whose office is in the Central Building, is the public administrator of St. Charles county and a man whose merit and persistence warrant the fullest confidence of the public. Mr. Dyer was born December 18th, 1874, in this county, at St. Paul, and after passing the grades of the public schools, he attended the schools at Denver, Colo., for three years, after which he took a course lasting three years at the Northern Indiana University, and an additional one year course in the law department, he graduated at the Chicago Law School in 1898 and was admitted to the bar by Judge Hughes in

born at Alton, Ills., October 3rd, 1868, and after graduating from the Alton High School, he entered the St. Louis College of Pharmacy, and graduated therefrom with honors and the class of '91, and in order to become a practitioner in Pathology as well as Pharmacology, he entered the Marion-Sims Medical College of St. Louis, from which he graduated as an M. D. in 1898. Dr. Ilch took charge of the Meyer Drug Store after the death of H. D. Meyer, Jr., and H. D. Meyer, Sr., three years ago, and his large patronage there and his equally large practice have given him a wide acquaintance.



COUNTY ASYLUM

September of that year, since then he has been practicing law. He married Miss Adlaide Aymond of this city in September 1906, and was elected public administrator in 1904 for a term of four years which he has filled creditably and to the entire satisfaction of the public and the city officials, and any business which comes before him, whether it is administration or law practice, is given his best attention.

**O. B. ILCH.**  
Dr. O. B. Ilch, County Coroner and City Physician has been in public life for the past six years, now serving his third term as coroner, and his third year as the City Physician. Dr. Ilch was

**ALFRED RISKE.**  
Alfred Riske, Engineer and County Surveyor, was born June 29th, 1877, in St. Charles county, and after completing his primary education went farming until he reached the age of 18 years, then attended Gem City College of Quincy, Illinois, (business course) and studied land surveying while in the employ of Will Elbring in St. Louis, under the tutorage of the International Correspondence Schools of Scranton, Penn. In 1893 he was elected county surveyor of St. Charles county and appointed city surveyor in 1906 which he has filled creditably since. Mr. Riske also held public office as deputy county collector under Wm. H. Bates and Chas. Gatzweiler.



JUDGE F. J. PFARR,  
County Assessor



JOHN G. DUEBBERT,  
Deputy County Clerk



B. H. DYER,  
Public Administrator



O. B. ILCH,  
County Coroner



ALFRED RISKE,  
County Surgeon

# LINDENWOOD COLLEGE

## Past, Present and Future

By GEORGE FREDERIC AYRES



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GEORGE FREDERIC AYRES

I am asked to contribute a sketch of Lindenwood College to the forthcoming descriptive book of St. Charles. A foreword as to the place which St. Charles has held in the educational world will not be out of place in this article.

When St. Charles was still quite youthful, the Methodist Church, in casting about for a site for what it expected to be its leading State institution,

chose St. Charles as a proper strategic point for the location of such a school. The result was the establishment of the St. Charles College, a sketch of which will be found in this booklet. The hopes of

to Fayette, Mo., but the school to which he gave his fostering care has always been an important factor in the history of Missouri Methodism. Its long career has been vari-colored, its present stage of



that pioneer Methodist, Bishop Marvin, for the school at St. Charles, in which he was so vitally interested, were never entirely realized; the selection of a site for the leading Methodist College afterward going

development being represented by a first-class Military Academy.

But the earliest agency in an educational way for the upbuilding of this vast territory was the Roman Catholic Church. A lady of noble birth, entertaining a priest from the neighborhood of St. Louis, who was at home in France begging money for his charges in the new world, was so filled with the spirit of the Master of sacrifice that she left her noble kinspeople and home and came as a missionary to the Mississippi Valley. She took up her abode at the post which afterward became the town of St. Charles and began to teach the Indians. Out of her work at this place grew the Sacred Heart Order, which was not only instrumental in the founding of the Sacred Heart Convent at this place, but has also fostered education by founding schools all over the country. The tomb of this famous woman, Mother Duchesne, at St. Charles, is one of the Mecca's of all loyal Catholics. The school at St. Charles is still in existence and in a most prosperous condition and doing a good work. It has a much more than local fame.

The third of St. Charles' educational trinity, Lindenwood, is also as in the case of the Sacred Heart, the child of a noble woman's self-sacrificing desire to serve her generation. Whilst that famous woman Mary Lyon, to whom any advanced education for women owes its first victories over prejudice, was laboring in Massachusetts to secure for women an education, at least somewhat commensurate with that given to men, Mary E. Sibley, the wife of an army





officer, was engaged in the same pioneer work here in this virgin country. Mary Easton was a St. Louis girl and had known from her own experience the labors and sacrifices necessary in order that a woman in this territory might have any kind of an education at all. She had been compelled to ride horseback to the East, in order to attend even the Seminary of that day with its limited advantages. Soon after her return from school she had married George C. Sibley of the regular United States Army. Major Sibley had been designated by President Jefferson to act as Indian Agent for this general territory, being located at the village of Boonville. He was later designated by the same authority to survey a post road from St. Louis to the southwest. Whilst engaged in this enterprise he became interested in St. Charles, having secured a nice piece of property in the neighborhood of this village. It appears that Major and Mrs. Sibley soon made their home at St. Charles upon this recently acquired property. They gave to their plantation the beautiful and suggestive name "The Linden-Wood." They seem to have had some prophetic insight into the great future development of this new country and in 1828, they began to discuss with their friends the project of establishing a school for young women. The old papers which have survived them and in which are recorded their hopes and purposes, exhibit a large and elastic plan for the school which they were to start under such humble circumstances. In the first place this school was to afford young women as ample and broad opportunities as male colleges were giving. In the second place, realizing that women's mission would always comprehend the work of instruction, they planned that this school should give such courses of instruction as would fit women to teach. In the third place, the fitting for service of all kinds was to be a dominating ideal of their school.

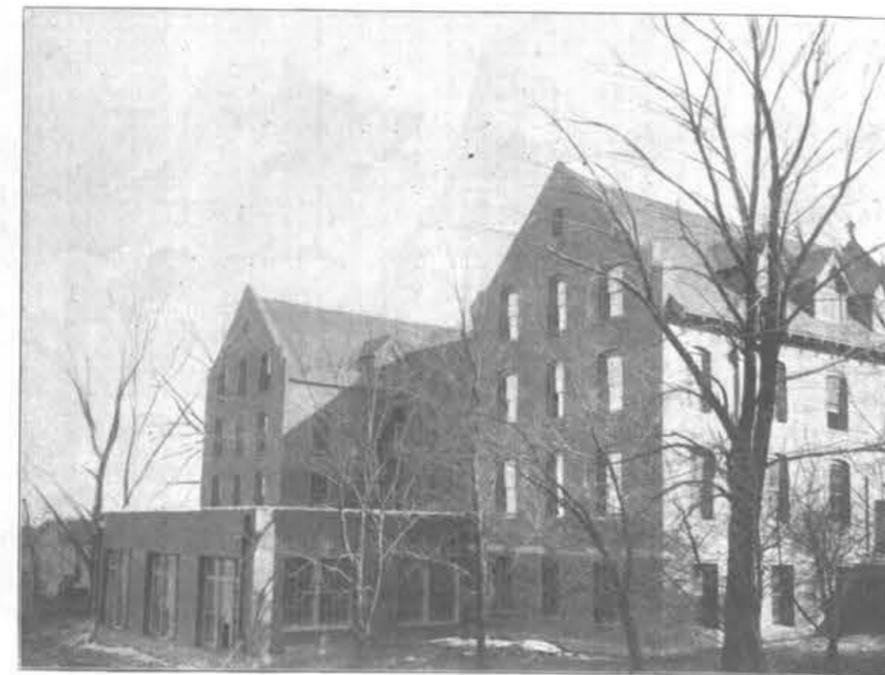
They had already built them the conventional log house of that day, with its story and a half, and boarded outside walls and in 1831, they sent out word



found, if the school was to be perpetuated along the lines which they laid down. In those days the State had not undertaken the great work of a systematic education of all its people. Education was dependent almost exclusively for its founding and maintenance upon private individuals, churches and some of the great fraternal orders, such as the Masonic. They felt that their own means were not sufficient for the founding of a great institution and the making of it independent of all other agencies. Both of them being ardent Presbyterians, it was but natural that their attention should be turned to the leading factor of those days in the fostering of education, namely, the church. And to the church they went with the offer of turning over all their personal property for the founding of such a school. The only condition they placed upon the church was that it should raise sufficient money for the building of a house for the home and the school. After heroic efforts upon the part of the Sibleys and Mr. Samuel Watson, who had become thoroughly identified with them in this enterprise, \$20,000.00 was raised and the first building of the new Lindenwood College, under the auspices of the Presbyterian Church, was built. The school had been formally adopted by the Presbytery of St. Louis and a charter secured from the Legislature of Missouri. A president was elected and the school was embarked upon the second period of its history. After a few years of experience under the management of the Presbytery of St. Louis, it became apparent that the school in order to fulfill the ideals of its founders must have a larger constituency. Its trustees therefore appealed again to the Legislature of Missouri and had its charter so amended that it could be taken under the care of the Synod of Missouri, a body at that time comprehending all of the Presbyterian churches of the Southwest. For thirty-one years or more the school was carried along on the conventional lines of the women's schools of the day with varying degrees of success. This was the



third period of its existence. In 1880, Dr. Robert Irwin came to its presidency, with the determination to place the school upon a broader basis than it had hitherto occupied. He stayed at the helm until the grim harvester, death, claimed him for his own, in 1893. During the period of his incumbency the material equipment of the school was more than doubled; the increase in the enrollment was also more than doubled. During this time some efforts were made toward placing the courses of study upon a broader basis. Three courses were established, one of which was the then recognized classical course, leading to the Bachelor of Arts degree; two subsidiary courses in which literature and science predominated, were also established. The result of such an arrangement was that the longer course was gradually driven out of the field, and was formally abandoned by the directors of the school, a few years ago. Dr. Irwin's untimely death left the school to the varying fortunes of changing managements for the next ten years. In this time the mere question of existence seemed to dwarf all questions of broader scope for the school. The year 1906, marks the beginning of the fourth epoch of the school's history. The rapid development of the high schools of the country usurped the field in which the Seminary was once absolutely without rival. The great Western Universities were open to women upon the same terms as men and thus furnished the more ambitious young women those opportunities which Lindenwood was founded to give them. It appeared that the only field left for Lindenwood and schools of this character was the educating of those who were incapable of keeping up in the High Schools and Universities. But about this time there came a revival of the idea that a woman's mission in life was of so materially a different character from that of man's that she could not be fitted for discharging the duties of her mission in schools founded and maintained for the purpose of fitting men for their mission in life. In the year 1906, the Board of Trustees of Lindenwood College faced one of two alternatives, either they must give up their charter and go out of business or they must enlarge the material equipment of Lindenwood and broaden its educational scope to meet the changed condition. They could not with honor accept the first of these alternatives. The church had accepted this property from the Sibleys in good faith, and it also inherited the faith and ideals of the Sibleys. To abandon these ideals



seventy-five years of useful service to the Southwest. These assets, in the estimation of the Board of Directors were so important as to defy any attempt of theirs to neglect them. In the fall of 1906, the Board met in one of the most momentous meetings it has ever held and solemnly determined to enlarge the working plant and courses of study of Lindenwood College, so that, from henceforward the school should in fact be a college and take possession of the wider field which they felt to be opening before them. From this date the title, Lindenwood Female College, takes on a new significance. It means the absolute parting of the ways from the old nondescript Seminary. During the school year 1906-1907 the Board took its first step toward enlarging of the material equipment by raising \$41,000.00 for that purpose. This fund has been invested in a second building, which, when completed, will be one of the handsomest dormitories possessed by any young women's school in the West. It is expected that this building will be completed and furnished for the opening of the ensuing school year. It will add to the school's capacity about fifty. It also adds to the school's working equipment, library, laboratories and rooms for the installing of a complete department of Domestic Science. This increase of equipment will also afford the music department of Lindenwood College, ample practice rooms for its numerous pianos. The educational results of the new departure on the part of the college are: first, the making of the courses of study harmonize with the best development of the present education.

Second, the recognition of the best disciplines approved by the experience of our Universities and Colleges.

Third, tossing off of all so-called polish study, as polish studies and the substitution thereof of those studies which make for the development of womanhood. Music, Art, Elocution are still taught for their training value and not for finishing value.

Fourth, the school has been classified as College Preparatory and College, taking it out of that class of schools which give their pupils all the rights and titles of college students when they are for the most part engaged in preparatory work.

With its splendid past history, and its present growing equipment, and its excellent constituency of alumnae and patrons, the future of Lindenwood is indeed promising.

GEORGE FREDERIC AYRES.



ST. CHARLES MILITARY COLLEGE CADETS OF 1908

ST. CHARLES MILITARY COLLEGE.

This historic institution was started by Mrs. Catherine Collier as a private school about 1831 and was conducted as such until 1837 when it was endowed by Mr. George Collier in honor of his mother (its first patron) and a charter was



COL. GEORGE WALTER BRUCE

secured under the title of Saint Charles College. This fact makes it the oldest chartered college west of the Mississippi river. The institution was in a most prosperous condition until the beginning of the Civil War, when its property was occupied by a division of the Federal army and school work was suspended for a time. But the purpose of this article is, to set forth the facts pertaining to the school as it is today.

Located in the suburb of St. Charles, a city of 12,000 population, it occupies a tract of ground



ST. CHARLES MILITARY COLLEGE

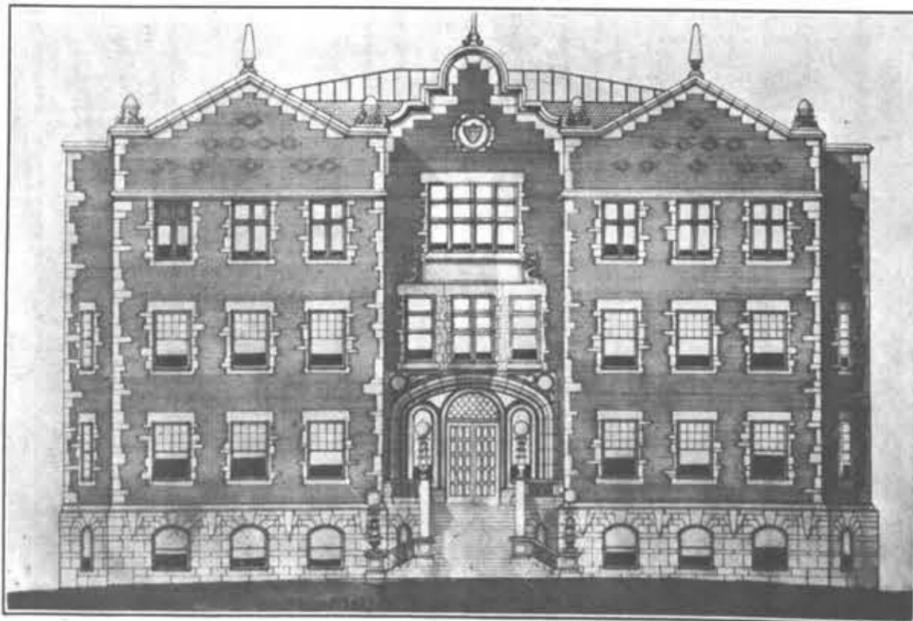
on the divide between the Missouri and the Mississippi rivers. The grounds are covered with ornamental, forest and fruit trees, and the location is universally admired as beautiful.

The buildings consist of two brick, three-story structures, well furnished and equipped, heated by steam, lighted by electricity, and having hot and cold water baths and other sanitary conveniences in both buildings. The authorities and friends of the institution propose to erect, in the near future, an Administration Building which will cost \$100,000.00. This new building is to set in front of the present buildings and between them.

The Military Department was added in the present administration, six years ago and has proved most helpful to the cadets and to the school. Under military system and discipline, the body of the young men and boys is developed in size, health, form, and movement. A scientific course of physical training is maintained by which every muscle of the body is exercised and developed; and, by breathing exercises, the lungs and vocal organs are strengthened. With this training, the cadets learn many of the most useful lessons of life; such as to be neat, exact, thorough, prompt, respectful, obedient, and systematic (that is, to have a place for everything and to keep everything in its place). The development of the body and the cultivation of good habits have much to do with the mental and moral improvement of the cadets. And this leads up to the attainment of the aim of this institution, to make true and useful men by cultivating all the good in each individual.

Two features of this school make it distinctive and are, therefore, worthy of notice. They are:

1. Home life and influences. In the years when a boy is attending such an institution, coming from the bosom of the paternal family, he desires and should have the conditions of the home, during the period of his stay in a secondary school. The president and the superintendent with their two families live in the college buildings and endeavor to make the college a real



PROPOSED ADMINISTRATION BUILDING



ST. CHARLES MILITARY COLLEGE CADETS OF 1908

home for the cadets; and they are ably assisted at every point by the members of the faculty.

2. Individual attention and instruction. If education is anything, it is an individual matter. Every boy must learn his lessons for himself. It would be just as sensible to expect another to do his eating for him as to expect another to do his learning for him. Trained in this way, he is impressed with the fact that he is an individual and that he is responsible for himself, for all his conduct.



COL. E. Y. BURTON      LIEUT. COL. G. H. FULTON

A teacher is maintained for every fifteen cadets. The faculty is composed of men only and they are all graduates of some reputable institution and are selected not only for their mental qualifications to teach but also for their fitness to be associated with the young and to have a good influence over them.



CADET BAND IN LINE OF MARCH

COL. GEORGE WALTER BRUCE.

Col. George Walter Bruce, son of Dr. Lucien N. Bruce and his wife, Dorinda Rutherford, was born in Fayette County, Tennessee, October 29, 1860. At

the age of seven, he moved with his parents to Bruceville, Texas, which was his home for 28 years. Here he had the good fortune to grow up on a farm, to do any kind of farm work; and is proud of the fact that he spent the year 1873 in driving four yoke of oxen, helping thereby to put in cultivation 200 acres of prairie land. In his early life, he attended the country schools, later the Agricultural and Mechanical College near Bryan, Texas, under military discipline; finally graduating at Southwestern University at Georgetown, Texas, in 1882, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts and in 1883, Master of Arts. During his last year at the University, he was tutor in Latin. He was converted in his room March 25, 1881, whereupon he commenced an active Christian life. He spent seven years as vice-president and professor in Centenary College, Lampasas, Texas. It was here that he felt called to preach and was admitted into the Northwest Texas Conference at Lampasas, Texas, Bishop Keener, presiding. He was appointed to his work in the college for four years succeeding. Then for five years was in the pastorate, serving Circuits and Stations. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Hendrix and Elder by Bishop Key. In 1895, he was married to Ida, oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Brady, of Nevada, Missouri, and is the father of six children. He was elected president of Saint Charles College, at St. Charles, Missouri, August 16, 1901, re-opening this once famous institution the 14th day of September, 1901, with six scholars. His knowledge of the benefits of military training prompted him to recommend to the Board of Curators of the College that it be made a military school, which was done the second year of his administration and it has steadily grown in attendance until a new building is demanded to accommodate the school. The General Assembly of the state passed an act making St. Charles Military College a Post of the National Guard of Missouri, and requiring the Governor to commission the president as colonel.



"FIRE" THE CAMPUS



H. F. KNIPPENBERG,  
President



JULIUS C. WILLBRAND,  
Vice-President



ERNST ROBYN,  
Cashier



A. C. DIECKMANN,  
Director



BEN L. EMMONS,  
Director

CENTRAL BANK OF ST. CHARLES

No better evidence of the progress of the city of St. Charles can be had than the recent organization of the Central Bank, of which Mr. H. F. Knippenberg is President. The fact that Mr. Knippenberg has lived in St. Charles County all his life, makes a preliminary introduction of him entirely unnecessary; let it suffice to say that his representation of this county in the State Legislature, and his connection with the bank at Marthasville, which he was instrumental in organizing, and in which he is still a stockholder commend him to you, as a thorough business man and an expert banker, whose intimate knowledge and long experience in this line, enable him to properly and safely conduct the affairs of the Central Bank, to which he expects to devote his entire and undivided attention. Mr. Knippenberg has recently completed alterations on a handsome residence which he purchased here, and which he now occupies, matters which will enable him to more closely attend matters which may take up his time after banking hours, and his honest and fair dealing with the public in the past, certainly warrant a healthy growth of the new institution.

Mr. Julius C. Willbrand who is Vice-President of the Central is another of the staunch pillars of the City, being connected with his father and brothers in the firm of Henry Willbrand and Sons Mercantile Company of which he is the secretary, and through which connection as well as much other business which he has conducted for the public welfare, he has gained an expert knowledge of corporation affairs, thus being fully qualified to transact any business of the bank which has to deal with corporation law. Mr. Willbrand is an ardent champion of the good roads and improvement contingent, and he has devoted much of his time to this important feature of the improvement of the conditions in the County.

Mr. Ernst Robyn who assumes the position of cashier of the Central has been a resident of St. Charles County for the past seven years, being



CENTRAL BANK OF ST. CHARLES

previously engaged in the wholesale grocery business in St. Louis, Mr. Robyn purchased a splendid home in Augusta, in 1900, and organized the Bank of Augusta, in which he was a director and cashier, which post Mr. Robyn vacated to take charge of the organization of the Central, which resulted in his permanent connection in the same capacity here, and it must surely be a pleasure to citizens whose loyalty and civic pride rests with St. Charles to note that the judgment of a man so well versed in business affairs would adopt their city and its advantages as superior to those of other fields; and surely a pleasant disposition, and an accommodating nature all that is required in a man so ably qualified, besides the additional qualification of being able to speak, English, German and Low-German fluently; Mr. Robyn purchased the building where the bank is located, and the quarters occupied by the Bank were altered to meet its every requirement, under his personal instruction. The building is now the property of the Central Bank. Mr. Robyn is an expert judge of banking paper, and is always willing to examine and pass upon collaterals which are presented to the bank.

Mr. A. C. Dieckmann, one of the directors of the Central is a very large holder of real estate in St. Charles, and among the various transactions in which he has been the leading spirit, is "Roosevelt Place" in the north end of town.

Mr. Ben L. Emmons another of the directors of the Central, is one of the best known abstractors of titles in the West, and thoroughly conversant with business matters, such as usually come before a directorate of banking institutions, and his thorough knowledge and ability to judge the accuracy and worth of land titles, adds much to the completeness of the board.

The Central Bank does a general banking business, opens checking and savings accounts, issues time and demand certificates, drafts, etc., during the regular banking hours, from nine A. M. to three P. M.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

The First National Bank of St. Charles, Missouri, of which Edward Gut is president, Carl Daudt, vice-president, Henry Angert, cashier and John A. Schreiber, assistant cashier, is one of the oldest and the only National Bank in St. Charles. This bank was organized in 1863 with a capital stock of \$50,000 by Eugene Gauss, R. A. Watson, Theo. Bruere, Valentine Becker, F. W. Gatzweiler, Chas. Hug, Ezra Overall and John E. Stonebraker. The capital of the bank has been increased since that time one hundred per cent, or in figures to \$100,000 and this amount of increase represents increase in value, or profits made by legitimate and conservative banking. In addition to this sum the stockholders of the bank have received \$288,751.60 as dividends, in cash, and at this time the net surplus and undivided profits are over \$80,000.

The present officers of the bank have been connected with this institution for over twenty years and their courtesy and consideration for the patrons of the bank are reflected in the statements above. For the past 45 years the bank has continued to note conditions and to be benefited by the observations, the officials of the bank have carefully observed the effect of conditions, and are expert in their particular calling, which assures the safety of the bank and its continued prosperity.

The total deposits of the bank amount to over \$800,000, which is certainly a creditable showing for a bank in a city of the size in which we are located. The fact that the deposits have increased from \$199,



EDWARD GUT,  
President First National Bank



FIRST NATIONAL BANK



HENRY ANGERT, Cashier First National Bank

\$524 in January, 1899, to \$534,692.61 in 1903, and to \$801,076.05 in January, 1905, is evidence of the steady and continuous growth of the bank, and the thoroughly fire and burglar proof vault and safes, supplemented by burglarly and hold-up insurance, being under the direct supervision of the Federal Authorities having federal examination every six months and sworn reports every two months, and officers who have spent their lives in this business right here in this city, helped the city as they helped the bank and themselves, and as they are always willing to help their clients, certainly assures them of a prosperity in the future, greater than that of the past.

The First National Bank offers the services of its officers in financial matters where advice is desirable, the vaults of the bank for the safe keeping of valuable papers belonging to clients and patrons without charge, and the use of its private rooms for the transactions of important business by its patrons, and every other commodity or convenience which is in keeping with safe and conservative banking laws and principles.



JOHN A. SCHREIBER, Assistant Cashier, First National Bank

ST. CHARLES SAVINGS BANK



T. C. BRUERE,  
Pres. St. Charles Savings Bank



LOUIS F. MARTENS,  
Cashier St. Charles Savings Bank



E. F. HUNCKER,  
Assistant Cashier St. Charles Savings Bank

St. Charles Savings Bank, of which T. C. Bruere is president, Frederick Gut, vice-president, Louis F. Martens, cashier and E. F. Huncker, assistant cashier, with J. H. Plackmeier, W. H. Rechten, J. H. Steinbrinker, C. H. Wilbrandt, Emil Weil, H. D. Bruns, and the officers as the board of directors, represents the best type of the most substantial banking institution in the state, and the prosperous condition of the bank, its large surplus and steady gain in business indicate the soundness of the financial structure, and the large deposits of its more than fifteen hundred depositors, indicate the confidence of the people in the integrity of the management of this institution.

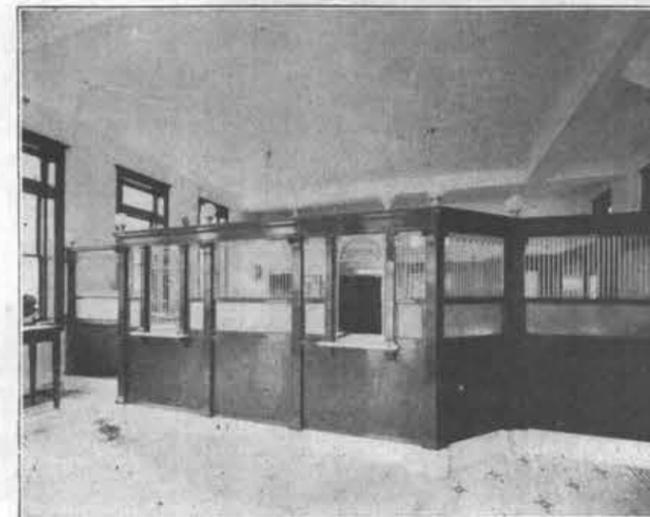
The St. Charles Savings Bank is not only one of the strongest banks in the State, but it ranks as one of the first banks in St. Charles, its original charter having been issued by Secretary of State, Francis Rodman, on May 10th, 1867, for a period of 20 years and a capital of \$50,000.00. Valentine Becker, Gustave Bruere, Theo. Bruere, W. W. Edwards, F. W.

Gatzweiler, E. F. Gut, Chas. Hug, Francis Marten and Francis Yosti were chosen as the first board of directors, which upon organizing elected Theo. Bruere, president, Valentine Becker, vice-president, and F. W. Gatzweiler, secretary. Mr. Gatzweiler was appointed cashier and John Orrick elected to fill his place on the board. This charter expired in 1887 and a new charter was obtained for a period of 50 years, under date of April 27th, of that year, signed by Michel R. McGrath, secretary of State, the property of the bank under the old charter being deeded to the bank under the new charter by the president. The safety deposit vaults of this bank have filled a long felt want among the business men and residents of St. Charles whose valuable papers were never more safe than they have been since the introduction of this important department, this being the only bank in the city that offers this advantage to its patrons.

The bank is a member of the American Bankers' Protective Association and is fully secured against

loss of any character, being secured in addition by a safety alarm system, is burglar proof and fire-proof, all of which makes it the more secure, and in this connection we might say that the new building is the finest and best equipped and most modern building in the city. The following statement was issued on August 31st, 1907:

Resources:	
Loans and Discounts	\$381,760.88
Bonds and other Resources	156,379.12
Real Estate	30,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	400.00
Cash and Sight Exchange	208,563.46
	\$777,103.46
Liabilities:	
Capital Stock paid in	\$100,000.00
Surplus and Profits	127,767.57
Dividends Unpaid	148.00
Deposits	549,187.89
	\$777,103.46



INTERIOR ST. CHARLES SAVINGS BANK



EXTERIOR ST. CHARLES SAVINGS BANK



H. H. STEED  
Vice-President Union Savings Bank



J. F. RAUCH  
Cashier Union Savings Bank



GUS. H. WILKE  
Ass't Cashier Union Savings Bank

# THE UNION SAVINGS BANK

(ESTABLISHED 1870)

The Union Savings Bank is one of the solid institutions of St. Charles, managed under the direction of successful business men of this city, and men whose financial ability is well known, whose sound judgement and integrity is unquestioned. The bank was organized in 1870 with a paid capital of only \$20,000 and it has grown and prospered with the development and growth of the community, until to-day it is now a strong and substantial bank with a capital and surplus of \$125,000 and with resources of \$750,000 which is constantly increasing.

Henry F. Pieper, president, H. H. Steed, vice-president, J. F. Rauch, cashier, Gus. H. Wilke, assistant cashier, and Peter Arb, A. R. Huning, G. W. Chipley and J. H. Moehlenkamp, directors, are alive to the interest of the stockholders and safety of the depositors, and their policy is to make the

ance Company and has been treasurer of that company for many years. He also held the positions of city and of county treasurer for a number of years. He is considered a careful business man, and much credit is due him for his close attention to the management of the bank.

H. H. Steed has been a resident of St. Charles county for years, general agent of the Wabash railroad company for many years, and has been a director of the bank since 1898 and is careful and watchful of its interests. He is a member of the Citizens Improvement Association, is progressive and ever ready to assist in any movement for the welfare of the city or county.

A. R. Huning was one of the first stockholders when the bank was organized. He has been in the dry goods business here for a number of years and is progressive and one of the first citizens of the city.

Mr. Peter Arb is another of the pioneer stockholders of the Union Savings Bank and his successful career in the harness business and his standing as an exponent of fair dealing and conservative business methods bring the standing of the bank to a still higher standpoint.

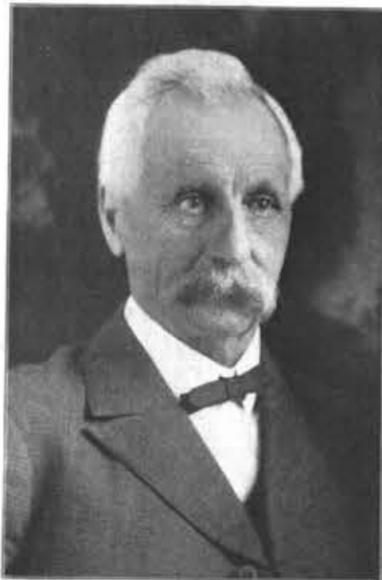
Mr. J. H. Moehlenkamp, who became connected

with the bank some time ago, is nevertheless one of the best known citizens of this county, having lived here most of his life. His career as a retail shoe dealer needs no commendation here. He is considered a progressive and careful business man in every respect.

Mr. G. W. Chipley was born at St. Charles and lived here all his life. He is a capitalist and one of St. Charles' most honorable and respected citizens.

J. F. Rauch, cashier of the bank has been a resident of this city for the past 40 years, his father being one of the first stockholders of the bank. Mr. Rauch was formerly general agent of the Pacific and American Express Companies, which post he held for 20 years, and until he and his brother organized the St. Charles Electric Express Company, of which he is president. He has been a director of the bank for five years and was elected cashier in 1905.

Gus H. Wilke, assistant cashier, was also born in St. Charles. He was formerly assistant postmaster in this city and has been connected with the bank since 1896. He is one of the reliable and progressive young men in our county faithful and trustworthy in every way and capable of executing any task which he may undertake.



JUDGE HENRY F. PIEPER  
President Union Savings Bank

Union Savings Bank a strong, safe and stable institution, whose future will be closely identified with the prosperity of the people who live in St. Charles and vicinity. They are determined to serve the customers of the Union Savings Bank to the best advantage, and have said that they bank upon the people and the people should bank with them. They have confidence in their ability to conduct a successful banking business with the people of this community and believe they enjoy a full measure of confidence from them.

Judge Henry F. Pieper is one of the oldest residents in St. Charles county and one of the organizers of the bank, having been a director of the bank continuously since that time. He was elected Judge of St. Charles County Court, and was its presiding officer for years, has served as a member of the Board of Directors of the St. Charles Fire Insur-



UNION SAVINGS BANK, ST. CHARLES, MO.



REV. J. A. FRIEDRICH,  
Pastor German Lutheran Church



W. WEGENER,  
Instructor Immanuel School



REV. WM. B. WHEELER,  
Fifth Street Methodist Church



REV. CHAS. O. RANSFORD,  
Presiding Elder St. Charles District

## GERMAN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN IMMANUEL'S CHURCH.

This congregation was organized in 1848, with nineteen members by Rev. H. Fick, then pastor of the Lutheran church at New Melle, St. Charles Co., Mo. The first pastor Rev. Rudolf Lange, was installed September 24, 1848. The first church was built in 1849, and was dedicated on the first Sunday in February, 1850. In 1858, Rev. Lange accepted a call as professor at Concordia College, St. Louis, Mo. Rev. J. H. Ph. Graebner of Frankentrost, Mich., was called as his successor. In 1867, the present beautiful church was dedicated. The congregation having grown to such an extent that Rev. Graebner was unable to do the work alone and in 1875 was given an assistant in the person of Rev. F. Sievers who served the church till 1879. After 29 years of arduous labor Rev. Graebner asked to be relieved of his charge. The congregation therefore called Rev. C. C. E. Brandt to the pastorate, at the same time requesting Rev. Graebner to serve her as assistant as long as possible. In 1880, the infirmities of old age prompted him to ask the church to dismiss him in peace. Rev. Brandt having accepted a call to another charge in December, 1900, the present incumbent, Rev. Jul. A. Friedrich, then pastor at Knoxville, Tenn., was called. He was installed April 21, 1901. During the preceding vacancy Rev. Prof. A. L. Graebner of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo., served the church as supply. Since 1848, two flourishing congregations were branched off from the mother-church, namely Zion's Church at Harvester, Mo., and Trinity Church at Orchard Farm, Mo. The parochial report for 1906, gives the following statistics of the church: active members, 206; communicant members, 1,374; souls, 2,100. The congregation owns a fine property church, two schools, parsonage, assembly hall and a beautiful cemetery. Board of Church Stewards in 1907: Rev. Jul. A. Friedrich, president of the board; Mr. Hy. Harning, chairman of congregation; Mr. F. Wolf, vice-chairman; Mr. Robert Moehlenkamp, secretary; Mr. G. Rau, treasurer; Mr. Hermann Willbrand, assistant treasurer; Mr. F. Boehmer, Mr. Ed. Hollrah, Mr. F. Bruns, Mr. A. Poesch.

## GERMAN EV. LUTHERAN IMMANUEL'S SCHOOL.

The Ev. Lutheran Immanuel's Congregation from the very day of her organization in 1848, provided for the proper Christian schooling of her children by establishing a parochial school. And to this day her school has been the object of her most tender care. Under the fostering care of her pastors, teachers and officers, it has grown to be a large and influential educational institution, having an enrollment of 295 scholars and a faculty of five permanent teachers. The main school is located on Seventh and Jefferson Streets.



FIFTH STREET METHODIST CHURCH

It contains four spacious class rooms and a vestibule. For the benefit of the children of those members who live in the country a branch school was established at Cave Springs, St. Charles Co., Mo. Both schools are furnished with all the latest and most approved apparatus, such as desks, charts, etc. Although a German school yet a full and thorough course of instruction in English is given to all children.

## FIFTH STREET METHODIST CHURCH.

The Fifth Street Methodist Church has the largest

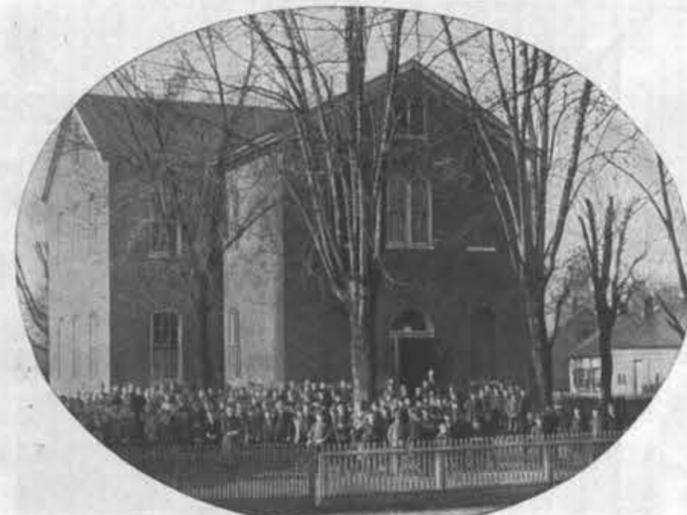
membership of any Protestant English speaking church in the city.

This church was organized in the year about 1825, and had a small house of worship down on Main Street. After some years, as the residences began to move out on the western border of the city this first church was sold and a neat plain building was erected on the corner of Clay and Fifth Streets. Later on as the city grew the membership saw it necessary to have still larger and commodious buildings and now own the present location, a magnificent property on the corner of Fifth and Washington Streets. On the same grounds of this beautiful property the church owns an elegant two-story, eight-room brick parsonage.

## REV. WILLIAM B. WHEELER.

Reverend William B. Wheeler, who has charge of the Methodist church here for a short time, is a native of Missouri, born with the spirit that helps to conquer, he sallied forth among his brethren in various communities, doing a little good to each as he went, but always with the satisfaction of knowing that his labours were successful and helpful, never needing any encouragement to do what he saw was necessary, never requiring any assistance to do what he could do alone, his efforts have been rewarded by many successful church enterprises. Rev. Wheeler was born in Shelby county, Mo., September 24th, 1834, of Kentucky parentage, and was raised on a farm, completed his education at the Shelby high school and Shelby college, after which he was required to make his own way in the world. He taught school in Missouri, Illinois, Colorado and New Mexico, teaching in all grades. For one year he was president of the Las Vegas (N. M.) Female College, and was a member of the committee of seven that revised the laws of that state.

Since entering the Missouri conference, nearly every work he has had, has had its pathetic side either requiring an entire new church or a lift on the indebtedness of the existing one, and in each case Rev. Wheeler has quit his charge without leaving a cent of indebtedness or anything undone, which was required to be done. Rev. Wheeler married Miss Mary E. Clayton, daughter of Dr. Clayton, of Murfreesboro, Tenn., in 1886, and her companionship has been of material assistance in his work, among which is the beautiful church at Carrolton which Rev. Wheeler was called upon to provide.



GERMAN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN IMMANUEL'S SCHOOL



BARROMEO CHURCH



REV. F. X. WILLMES  
St. Peter's Church

HISTORY OF THE ST. PETER'S PARISH.

The German Catholics, who settled in St. Charles in the early thirties of the last century, attended divine services in the English church. But when their number steadily increased, expression was given to their heartiest desire, namely, the erection of an edifice, where they could worship in their mother-tongue. To consummate this cherished wish a meeting was called on the 6th of May, 1848, at which, the then popular and esteemed Louis Meyer, presided.

After the consent of the Most Rev. Archbishop P. R. Kenrick had been obtained to build a church, a general solicitation for funds took place, to which collection His Grace also donated \$100. This collection, which was most gratifying, amounted to \$1,806.05, quite a large sum for the people of those days, when consideration is taken of their small number, and of the fact, that all were immigrants, without resources to fall back upon. "But where there is a will, there is a way."

The first church was a two-story building, 80 feet in length, and 40 feet in width. The upper story was used for divine services, the lower one for school purposes. The corner stone of this stately building was laid by the Rev. S. Sigris. Auspicious, though, the beginning of this new parish may have been, it soon encountered difficulties and hence it was, that this edifice was not completed until the autumn of 1849.

The Rev. Jos. Rauch took charge of the parish January 1, 1850. When he came, the church was finished, but some of the necessary interior furnishings were still missing; and during his seven years' stay he worked with indefatigable zeal to furnish the church in an appropriate manner.

To his successor, Rev. Ch. Wappelhorst, whose memory is still fondly cherished by many of the old parishioners, is due, to a great extent, the development of the parish. He organized various societies, which are now in a flourishing condition, and also engaged the services of the efficient Notre Dame School Sisters.

With the steady growth of the parish the increasing school attendance kept pace, so that Father Wappelhorst had to build a new school. The church was also too small, and it was decided to enlarge and remodel the old church. Work had already be-



SACRED HEART CONVENT

gun, when on March 23th, 1861, a terrible storm arose and damaged the church to such an extent, that all thought of repairing the same vanished.

Immediately plans were drawn and funds solicited for a new church. The accompanying photo represents the massive edifice that was built during the civil war. It measures 120 feet in length and 55 feet in width, and no doubt was one of the largest buildings west of the Mississippi. It is worthy of notice to state that this achievement was due to Father Wappelhorst's untiring zeal and work and to the conditions of the time money and work were scarce, building material cheap, and in consequence, many of the parishioners considered it an honor to help building the church. With such noble assistance the church rapidly neared completion, so that it was blessed December 18, 1861. It was consecrated September 4, 1864. After Father Wappelhorst had so endeared himself to the St. Charles people, it was only with regret that he left their midst to accept a more important and responsible position, namely: the Rectorship of St. Francis Seminary, St. Francis, Wis.

Rev. Ph. Vogt then came and remained only two years. Rev. Th. Krainhard was then appointed pastor and he succeeded in raising funds to build a new school house and a parochial residence. Father Krainhard remained only too short a time with us, when he was asked to take charge of the new parish



ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL

at Josephville. Father E. Holthaus was the next pastor but an accident, which was fatal in its consequences, ended his promising career.

To Rev. Edward Koch the welfare of St. Peter's Parish was next entrusted and many notable improvements were made during his time, primarily among which may be noted the completion of the tower, which work was entrusted to the renowned contractor, Henry Kister, of St. Charles. Father Koch also made many improvements in the church and in the school. He died in St. Charles, February 2, 1875, and his demise was a severe loss to the St. Peter's congregation. Father Koch's successor was Rev. J. Meller, whose pastorate was a short one, because he felt incapable to perform the duties of the pastoral office. Until another pastor was appointed Rev. E. Pruenice was administrator.

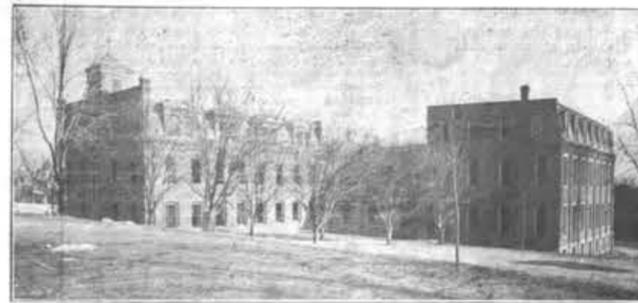
There are certain days in the life of every individual, society and institution, which are memorable and important. Such a day was January 1, 1882, for the St. Peter's Parish when Rev. F. Willmes, the present pastor, took charge of the parish. For 26 years he has been faithful to his office, and the conscientious performance of his duties has won for him the esteem and admiration of all. His first aim and purpose is to attend to the spiritual wants of his flock. He organized various societies, and put the older ones on a firmer basis. Thanks to his intellectual acumen and financial abilities, the St. Peter's Parish possesses a collection of buildings of which she may justly be proud of. The people, knowing his true worth, have in consequence placed their trust in him and have at all times responded nobly to his requests.

Thus the church from time to time received new altars, fine stained glass windows, stations of the cross, heating apparatus and other necessary furniture, all in keeping with the Romanesque style, so that the St. Peter's church is one of the best equipped churches in the diocese.

Mention must be made of two fine buildings that were erected under Father Willmes' care, namely: the old hall, which serves as a chapel and sodality hall, and the new school building which was erected in 1900 at a cost of \$20,000. It is a very imposing



ST. PETER'S CHURCH AND SCHOOL



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Ninety years ago the first foundation of the Religious of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in America was made at Saint Charles, Missouri. The Society was founded in France, in the year 1800, by Venerable Madeline Sophie Barat, whom the Church is to declare "Blessed" on May 24th, 1908. In the year 1818, on the Feast of the Sacred Heart after three months' peril at sea, one of the first companions of Venerable Mother Barat landed at New Orleans. For long years Madame Duchesne burned with the desire of devoting her life for the salvation of the Indians. "In her heart she was a veritable Xavier; in deed and in privations, another Regis." Now she had the realization of all her hopes; a wide field lay open before her, but one thickly strewn with difficulties. The bodily sufferings she underwent, the trials she experienced in her spiritual existence would have harassed the strength of a man, or driven less virtue to despair.

With the approbation of Right Reverend Bishop Dubourg, she laid the foundation of her work at Saint Charles, where the little colony installed themselves in their humble dwelling—a log hut, containing two rooms, situated in the midst of two acres of barren soil. Here and there might be seen

were finally gratified, and a house of the Society was founded at Sugar Creek; but it was only her heart that was still full of youthful vigor and after a short stay, failing strength obliged her to return to Saint Charles, where in 1852, she passed to the presence of the Master whom she had so long and so generously served. A small octagonal Chapel dedicated to Our Lady of the Pillar now holds the precious remains of the beloved Foundress of the Society in America, who so completely sacrificed her life for the greater honor and glory of God and the exaltation of His Church.

According to the exigencies of the day, many improvements were made from time to time in the Convent and its surroundings. In the spring of 1883, ground was broken for the present devotional Convent Chapel, and soon it was necessary to erect a large and commodious study-hall, dormitories, music and class rooms, with modern equipments. As education is the primary object of the Society, the Course of Studies of the Institution comprises, besides the thorough grounding in the ordinary branches of education a complete course of Christian Doctrine, Elements of Christian Philosophy, Sacred and Profane History, Literature, the English Language in all its branches, the Natural Sciences, Mathematics and Classical and Modern Languages. Realizing that if there is one thing at which education must



JEFFERSON STREET HIGH SCHOOL

the cabin of the Sioux. By an authentic act, the Bishop renewed his approbation, and the Sovereign Pontiff blessed from afar the new mission of the Sacred Heart.

Menaced by failing resources and extreme poverty, the Religious went to Eborissant in 1819. Nine years later, Madame Duchesne once more looked toward Saint Charles to recommence the foundation. In 1838, they were enabled to begin and complete the new building contiguous to the Church belonging to the Jesuit Fathers; but later the increase of pupils was so rapid that extensive additions were made to the original building. But never had Mother Duchesne lost sight of those Western regions, where the original inhabitants of the soil were driven further off by the tide of American emigration. Her apostolic desires

aim, it is the formation of character, and that missed, the education is a failure, the strengthening of the will is considered a matter of primary importance. The training of the intellect is necessarily auxiliary. "You may dazzle the mind with a thousand brilliant discoveries of natural science; you may open new worlds of knowledge which were never dreamed of before; yet if you have not developed in the soul of the pupil strong habits of virtue which will sustain him in the struggle of life, you have not educated him, but only put in his hand a powerful instrument of self-destruction." Therefore 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 for which Divine Providence destines them.



BENTON SCHOOL



SACRED HEART CONVENT

ST. CHARLES BARRONEMO'S CHURCH AND SCHOOL.

The Church of St. Charles Barronemo, St. Charles, Mo., is one of the oldest west of the Mississippi. Its history goes back to the earliest years of the settlement of this city. The present church is the result of gradual development from the humble little log hut that was erected by the first settlers of St. Charles as a house of divine worship in the year 1781. In 1792, a frame church on Second Street near Jackson, took the place of the original log structure, and served the religious needs of the settlers until 1828. In that year the Rev. Peter J. Verhaegen, a priest of the Society of Jesus, built the old stone church of St. Charles Barronemo on Second and Decatur Streets. It was 80x40 feet in dimensions and at the time of its erection was the finest structure in the diocese of St. Louis.

This stone church answered the needs of the parish for nearly half century, when it was deemed necessary to divide the parish. Two fine churches were then erected—St. Peter's for the German, and St. Charles Barronemo's for the English-speaking Catholics. It was on March 9th, 1869, during the rectorship of Rev. John Ross, S. J., that the corner-stone of the present structure was laid by His Grace, the Archbishop of St. Louis, Most Rev. Peter Richard Kenrick, D. D. Early in October 1872, the church was completed, and on October 13th of that year it was solemnly dedicated for divine worship by the same Prelate.

Since that time the church has undergone many changes and improvements, until today, owing to the untiring energy of its present rector, Rev. C. J. Lagae, S. J., who, during the eleven years of his rectorship, has always shown a great zeal "for the beauty of the Lord's house," it stands a noble monument to the devotion and generosity of its parishioners, and the zeal and energy of its pastors. In its progress and to its very finish, the people have been one with its pastors, and like them, ambitious, generous and persevering in their efforts to have a fitting place for divine worship.

In the early 90's, Rev. Fr. Rosswinkel rented the Alexander residence on 4th and Decatur Streets, as a temporary school building, and invited the Sisters of Loretto to take charge of the parochial schools of St. Charles Barronemo's parish. The magnificent results of their education in the parish clearly show the wisdom of this step. These noble, self-sacrificing Religious everywhere recognized as efficient teachers and trainers of the young, have accomplished wonders in the cause of education since their foundation in St. Charles.

About the year 1894, Fr. Rosswinkel erected a brick building at the corner of 5th and Decatur Streets, which served as a parochial school and residence for the Sisters. A short time afterwards another brick building was built on 5th Street, about a hundred feet from the former. In the year 1899, the present rector Fr. Lagae, saw that in order to accommodate the rapidly increasing number of pupils, it was necessary to enlarge the school buildings. An addition, therefore was built, containing two large commodious classrooms and affording space above for the extension of the school hall to twice its original size, thereby supplying a much needed accommodation for exhibitions, and various church and school entertainments. At present there are two hundred and forty-four pupils in attendance at the parochial school.

The parochial residence, a three-story brick structure, was built in the year 1872, by Fr. John Ross, S. J. Like the church, it has been greatly improved, and now affords a comfortable home for the pastors. Rev. C. J. Lagae, S. J., and Rev. Aloysius Aeverbeck, S. J., are at present in charge of the church and school.



GERMAN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN IMMANUEL'S CHURCH

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**  
 The First Presbyterian Church, St. Charles, Mo., was organized in, or about, the year 1830, and is one of the oldest churches in the State. The first building worshipped in was on Main Street. It was a stone and brick building. From this they moved to what is known as the Blue church, on 5th Street between Madison and Clay. The church continued to worship in this house, without any interruption, until in war times when an eruption took place, and resulted in the establishment of two separate churches. The titles of these churches were, in due time, known as the First Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., and the First Presbyterian Church, U. S. Our branch remaining true to the mother church, continued to worship in the Blue church building, for the most part, until July, 1872, when the present building was entered and dedicated to the worship of the Master. Since entering the new building the organization has been known as the Jefferson Street Presbyterian Church.

Some sixteen ministers in all, have served the church, during its history. Many of these have been among the strong men of the church.

Since the division, caused by the Civil War, we have had ten different pastors and S. S. Most of these have been faithful, good men.

An effort has been made, in the past, to unite the two churches but to no avail as yet.

The church has had quite an interesting history, but during it all, peace and harmony have prevailed.

We have a good S. S. with Prof. Herring as superintendent and consecrated teachers. The Christian Endeavor is strong, spiritually and very helpful.

We have a very flourishing Aid Society and an exceptional Ladies' Missionary Society.

Lindenwood Female College is in connection with this

church, and for the most part, worship with us, and are quite a help financially.

We are now in the act of repairing, painting and decorating the building, and when completed will be attractive and a comfortable and inviting place to worship.



GERMAN METHODIST CHURCH

**GERMAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH,**  
 St. Charles, Mo.  
 Located on Fourth Street, between Clay and Jackson Streets.

We have a small but warmhearted membership, and a lively Sunday School. A cordial welcome is extended to all who worship God in the German language in our city.

Sunday School ..... 9:30 a. m.  
 Preaching ..... 10:30 a. m.  
 Junior League ..... 2:00 p. m.  
 Epworth League ..... 7:00 p. m.  
 Preaching ..... 7:30 p. m.

Bible studies and prayer meeting on Wednesday evening.  
 Chas. Holtkamp, Pastor; Residence, 735 Jefferson Street.

**BRIEF SKETCH OF THE SECOND STREET BAPTIST CHURCH OF ST. CHARLES, MO.**

The Second Street Baptist Church was organized in January, 1888, by Rev. James Reid, with nineteen members. In March of the same year the present church building was purchased from the German Methodists.

Rev. Reid continued as pastor until November 8th, 1890, when he was succeeded by Rev. Joseph Sturmlinger who remained with the church one year. Rev. L. P. Smith took up the work December 8th, 1897, and left it April 8th, 1898. During his pastorate a spacious brick parsonage was erected. In May, 1898, Rev. James Reid again became pastor and remained until his death February 12th, 1905, when St. Charles lost one of her choicest citizens and best pastors. The church was pastorless for over a year. Rev. J. H. Webber came in April, 1906, and resigned in June. During his stay he had the assistance of Rev. Joe P. Jacobs, an efficient Chapel Car Missionary, in a meeting which resulted in about thirty-five additions to the church. June 15th, 1906, J. Frank Moore took charge of the work and continues as the present pastor. During the time he has been here about one thousand dollars worth of improvements have been made on the church building and sixty-six members received into the church.



MADISON STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

BAPTIST CHURCH

JEFFERSON STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

GERMAN EVANGELICAL CHURCH



RESIDENCE OF DR. A. A. GOSSOW



J. F. RAUCH'S RESIDENCE



H. H. BRUNS' RESIDENCE



HENRY ANGERT'S RESIDENCE



JOHN H. WERNER'S RESIDENCE



HENRY PLATTE'S RESIDENCE



REPRESENTATIVE R. D. SILVER



DR. H. L. JONES, Dentist



JOHN R. GOSSLER, Photographer with R. Goebel



WM. WAYE, JR., Attorney



MR. CHAS. PAUL, Agent Metropolitan Insurance Co.

**F. H. ACHELPOHL, Dentist.**

Mr. F. H. Achelpohl was born in St. Charles county and spent the early years of his life on the farm. After graduating from the St. Charles college he taught in the public schools for two years, after which he took up the study of dentistry and graduated from the dental department of Washington in the year 1892. He has practiced his profession continuously in St. Charles ever since. Mr. Achelpohl is a member of the Missouri State Dental Association and St. Louis Dental Society. One institution of St. Charles of which the doctor is very proud and one upon which he can be easily approached, is the St. Charles Improvement Association. He believes that every incorporated city should unite its progressive and public spirited citizens in an organization fashioned after the principles of this

association. The doctor had the honor of being the president of the association the first two years of its existence and points with considerable pride to the work accomplished by this association.

**DR. A. A. GOSSOW.**

Dr. A. A. Gossow, physician and surgeon, has offices at 215 Clay Street, has been building up a good practice here since 1895, coming here from St. Peters, Missouri. The Doctor was born at New Orleans, La., August 11th, 1865, afterwards removing to Missouri with his parents, where his father also practiced medicine. The Doctor became an army surgeon with the rank of Major in 2nd Louisiana Volunteers. He is a graduate of the St. Louis College of Pharmacy '88, Beamont Medical College. Dr. Gossow is a member in good standing of American Medical Association, Missouri

State Medical Association and St. Charles County Medical Society.

**DR. H. L. JONES.**

Dr. H. L. Jones, dentist, who has enjoyed a large practice in his line here for the past ten years, was born at New Richmond, Va., thirty-seven years ago. He resided there for 18 years attending the public schools and perfecting his primary education. He then went westward stopping at St. Louis, where he attended the Missouri Dental College of the Washington University, from which he graduated with the class of '96. After leaving college he took a professional tour of about three years in the interest of his profession and after taking unto himself a wife in the person of a Miss Moore, of St. Louis in 1897 he came to St. Charles.

**MR. CHAS. PAUL.**

Mr. Paul, assistant superintendent of the Metropolitan Insurance Company, with office at No. 1 Central Building, was born November 17th, 1873, at Oberhessen, Germany, and came to this country with his parents in 1885 locating at St. Louis where he received his education in the parochial schools and the Y. M. C. A. night school, followed by a course of instruction in the School of Correspondence.

**WILLIAM WAYE, JR.**

Mr. William Waye, Jr., Assistant Assessor to Judge Pfarr, who was born in this County on October 5th, 1883, has served in this capacity ever since Judge Pfarr took office. Mr. Waye is a son of William Waye, Sr., who conducts a hardware and implement store here; he graduated as a Bachelor of Law, (LLB) from the Missouri State University at Columbia, Missouri, and was admitted to the Bar January 5th 1907.

**JOHN H. GOSSLER.**

Mr. John H. Gossler, the genial photographer at "Goebels" for 35 years, was born in St. Charles, Mo., 50 years ago. He served the city as councilman of his ward and takes part in every movement to promote the interest of the city and the welfare of its citizens, serving continuously in one position which speaks for itself.



H. B. DENKER'S RESIDENCE



EDWARD L. MEYER'S RESIDENCE



OTTO J. MARTEN'S RESIDENCE



HENRY KEMPER'S RESIDENCE



EDWARD F. GUT'S RESIDENCE



EDWARD STEINBRINKER'S RESIDENCE



CHAS. SHIBI'S RESIDENCE



CHAS. SHIBI

SHIBI'S BREWERY.

There is a comical phrase about a "German coming to this country without a dime and owning a brewery in five years time" which while being erroneous in some ways, almost fits to the career of this man Shibi. He is, however, a Franco-Prussian, born on March 27, 1852, and embarked for his adopted country in 1871 arriving finally at St. Charles in 1889. Three years later,

an establishment conducted upon more modern, sanitary or up-to-date and "up-to-business" methods, and it is truly creditable in Mr. Shibi, that his first rule is not wealth, but health. At 536 Clay street, you can be convinced of this any day, and you can find one of the places of interest to show to visitors to the city and you may rest assured that either Mr. Shibi, or one of his many assistants or employees, will show you through one of the best examples of American brewing industry that can be found anywhere, and this without marring any of your contemplated pleasures.

CHARLES RUNGE.

Mr. Chas. Runge, who is a native of St. Charles, presents the character of a hustling business man. His father was the founder of the Moerschel Spring Brewery, and from that time to this Mr. Runge has been connected with the Brewery business or its product. He is now the general agent and distributor for the Anheuser Busch Brewing Company of St. Louis, and has increased the sales of the Budweiser and other famous bottled beers, as well as the keg beer considerably in the past few years.

THE BRIDGE EXCHANGE.

Mr. S. F. Lawler is the congenial proprietor of the Bridge Exchange, after leaving school he engaged as a machinist, served his apprenticeship and made engines and other things in the great railroad shops of the country, which finally ended in his being the superintendent of the St. Charles Car Shops, which he resigned to accept a position with the Swift Packing Company,



CHAS. RUNGE

very fond of angling, there is no anxiety necessary regarding his entertaining qualities, and the very convenient location to the right of the Highway Bridge as you come, to the left as you go, within sound and sight of the first or the last car, you may safely leave all worry behind, who enter here.

CENTRAL HOUSE.

Mr. Barney Croghan proprietor of the Central House, is the very spirit of hospitality, and aside from the fact that he is and has been for the past 16 years a deputy sheriff, under four different sheriffs here, he conducts one of the



SHIBI'S BREWERY

he opened a brewery here, and while we don't know how much money he made, we are quite certain that anyone inspecting the brewery will come to the conclusion "that he made good" as the saying goes, for nowhere in this state is there

which he again left, and in 1905, he devoted his time and attention to dispensing the liquid refreshment that has done so much for the weary, thirsty, and dust-stained traveler coming to or going from St. Charles, and since Mr. Lawler is



BARNEY CROGHAN

representative eating and drinking houses of the city, where a dainty morsel or a bit of liquid refreshment may be had and enjoyed in peace and comfort, as well as in absolute safety. Mr. Croghan hails from La Crosse, Wis., and was born February 29th, 1856, and is one of the few men who enjoy a birthday but once in four years. He followed contracting and carpentry for nearly thirty years. Mr. Croghan was married in 1880 and came to St. Charles in 1905.



S. F. LAWLER



ANHEUSER-BUSCH DEPOT—CHAS. RUNGE, AGENT

# Moerschel-Spring Brewing Company



OTTO F. MOERSCHEL'S RESIDENCE



OTTO F. MOERSCHEL



HENRY C. HAPPY'S RESIDENCE

Associated with the coolness and clearness of the nectar of the Gods, and in fact, manufactured direct therefrom is the claim of the Moerschel Spring Brewing Company for the product which they have been offering to this most indulgent public for the past fifty-five years, and perhaps at few points in the United States have brewers found a more agreeable spot in which to practice the alchemy which has so delightful a result for millions of Americans as well as for perhaps the majority of citizens of the civilized world: i. e. Lager beer.

This brewery was established in 1852 by a Mr. Heuser, later acquired by his son-in-law, Mr. Theo. Runge, afterward passing to Mr. Jacob Moerschel, the transaction by which Mr. Moerschel became the proprietor being consummated in 1890. Mr. Moerschel operated the brewery for some time with the antiquated machinery and apparatus, with which he found the brewery equipped, but finally suspended the operation of the brewery, receiving his supply from other



HENRY C. HAPPY

Mr. Otto F. Moerschel is the brewmeister, and the success of the White Pearl, Muenchner, and Lager beers of this firm, indicates that he has touched the palate of those familiar with the exhilarating effect of good beer.

The brewery is at present equipped with three of the latest pattern American and Ball refrigerating machines, the Ball machine being the same one that was operated on exhibition at the St. Louis World's Fair; the capacity of the plant is 185 tons, and ice is supplied to all local dealers at a low rate in wholesale quantities only.

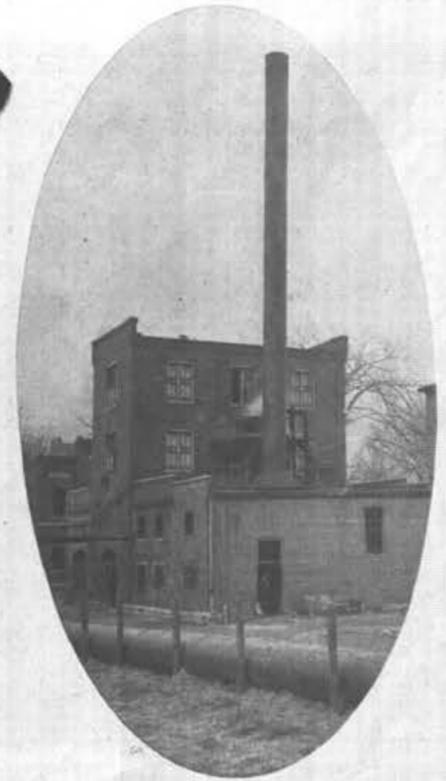
The kettle capacity is 75 barrels, and the fact that the company manufactures the malt right here at the brewery is the surest guarantee that all of their product is absolutely uniform, which to say the least is one of the fine points in the brewing of beer.



ALBERT W. HAPPY



ALBERT W. HAPPY'S RESIDENCE



breweries, located at St. Louis, during which time he used the brewery as headquarters and for cold storage. However in 1901 a company was formed with a capital of \$50,000.00, of which Mr. Otto F. Moerschel, son of Jacob Merschel was vice-president, Mr. Henry C. Happy being president, and Mr. Albert W. Happy, secretary-treasurer and they immediately began making alterations and rebuilding the brewery, Mr. Jacob Moerschel directing his efforts toward the Capital Brewery of Jefferson City, which he had acquired previous to his relinquishing the Spring brewery.

The new company purchased new machinery throughout and added several new buildings to the plant and immediately took up the manufacture and sale of first class beer in an aggressive manner, and today the output of the brewery is about 10,000 barrels annually.

Too much credit cannot be given to the Moerschel Spring Brewing Company for the manner in which they have employed their energy to build up this plant, and it is a mark of prestige to the city to note that they have in the past six years spent more than the full amount of their capital to thoroughly modernize this establishment, which today ranks well up in the brewing line, and compares favorably with any brewery in the United States.

The product of the Moerschel Spring Brewing Company is shipped to all points in the state, and is also dispensed in a number of saloons in St. Charles. The bottle beer is especially fine, and reaches many of the best homes in Missouri. Their White Pearl and Lager Beer being put up in bottles as well as barrels or half-barrels and kegs, the Muenchner being put up only in bottles.

# ST. CHARLES LIGHTING COMPANY



H. D. MITCHELL, Manager

The gas industry in St. Charles dates back to the year 1871, when a number of citizens organized a company to supply the city with gas, called the St. Charles Gas Company. Mr. H. G. C. Dammmer, was one of the first promoters and still holds a position on the board of directors of the present company. The original company organized with Valentine Becker, president, and Theo. Bruere, secretary and treasurer. In 1890, the St. Charles Light & Fuel Company purchased the St. Charles Gas Company, officered by Edward Gut, president; Joe Wesh, secretary and John Dell, treasurer. At that time gas was selling at the rate of \$4.50 per M. which has since been reduced to \$1.25 per M. quite in contrast to other commodities which have all advanced. On June 1, 1905, a new company purchased the St. Charles Light & Fuel Company. The new company being called the St. Charles Lighting Company, with Edward Gut, president; Edward Clifford, secretary, and I. C. Elston, Jr., treasurer. During the last two and one-half years extensive improvements have been made giving St. Charles a gas plant which she can justly be proud of, covering the city with a belt of mains reaching nearly every part and bringing to your door one of the most conven-

ient and useful products of modern invention. Many people hardly realize the vast amount of attention that is required to give you good gas and that at all times. What would you say if we should say we are out of gas today but will have some within a few days or next week. No you would hardly stand for that, and to give you this continuous and even service attention and care must be taken at all times. We invite you all to visit the plant as we will be pleased to furnish you a person to explain all the working parts of different machines. Gas as is made in St. Charles is known as coal gas and is made from the best grade of Illinois coal. In gas manufactured by this process sufficient coal storage must be had to take you through any time of coal scarcity or strikes. We always carry two months supply on hand at all times. The coal is hauled in small carts from bins to retort house after it has been weighed it is shoveled or as gas men would term charged in retorts which have been heated to about 2300 degrees, the doors or lids of these retorts are then closed which seals them airtight. The heat carbonizes the coal, the gas from it passing off into pipes extending upward from the retorts in a large pipe on top of the benches called the hydraulic main where it bubbles through water which seals the way back. From this time on the gas is drawn forward by a pump called an exhauster through pipe line and coolers which reduce the temperature to about 95 degrees. Most of the heavy tar is taken out in this cooling process although the gas is still black like smoke. From the exhauster which is now working as a force pump it is pushed ahead through another set of coolers and scrubbers which removes all of the remaining tar ammonia and lamp black, then through the purifiers which are large iron boxes filled with oxide of iron, their duty being to remove the sulphur from the gas. This is a very important feature of the manufacture and one on which we take especial care. From the purifier the gas passes to the station meter which measures all gas made and delivered to the holder. The gas now being in the holder we have passed through all the different phases of its manufacture. We will next pass to its distribution. Gas passing out from the holder passes through a governor which keeps the pressure the same at all times, no matter how much is used the pressure is always the same from them on to the mains which are laid in the street. These mains are tapped in front of your home or place of business and services run into house or store building. We next come to the meter which measures your gas and of which so much has been said and written but contrary to the belief of many it is one of the most accurate pieces of measuring machinery made, although it may become faulty just as your watch or your grocery mans scales although you would hardly call either a robber if such a mistake



CHAS. STOKES

should occur. You would go to your grocery man just as we wish to have you come to us and explain your difficulty and if after meter had been tested and any fault found an adjustment can be effected. We have at our shops a complete testing apparatus which is very simple and can be understood by any one and we are always glad to have you present at any test made by us. Above all things always read your meter and by doing this you will become acquainted with the cost of doing the different kinds of work you may have to do and if you are using too much gas on any one thing consult the gas office force about it, we are always ready to give you any needed instruction along the lines of cooking and oft times you find that your high bills are because you have not managed the fire right for that kind of work. If you can not read your meter stop at our office the first time you are down town and have some one show you. This will as you will find help you wonderfully in economizing on your gas. Do not think for one minute that gas is a luxury coal and wood stoves are to luxury now in use here, burn your gas stove all winter if its necessary for extra heat in your kitchen put in a small round heater and it will cost you less money, do not take our word for it but just sit down and figure it out for yourselves, \$20.00 worth of coal or wood for winter use in your kitchen or about \$5.00 per month.

A very few people know the amount of money expended and below we are giving a list of a few of the items for year ending December 31, 1907:

Coal carbonized.....	3,000 tons.
Coke burned under retort.....	1,000 tons.
Freight paid on coal alone.....	\$3,750.00
Wages paid St. Charles people.....	\$25,600.00
Highest number employed.....	78
Lowest number employed.....	14
Gas sold.....	14,500,000 cu. ft.
Coke sold locally.....	800 tons.
Tar shipped.....	350 bbls.

We are submitting the above figures to show you that the expenses of a gas plant amounts to a great deal although some have the idea that it is all profit in this business.



JOHN B. THRO

## THE DRY GOODS AND CLOTHING INTERESTS OF ST. CHARLES.

Every age has its peculiar and distinguished characteristics. This age of ours is characterized by a marvelous industrial energy. We are producing more material wealth than any age of the world ever before witnessed.

There is perhaps no industry in this country showing more marvelous growth than the fabric industry. The manufacture of fabrics dates back among the antiquities; references to it is found in the bible so it may be considered coeval with Moses and the Decalogue. The earliest fabrics were no doubt the handiwork of the Nomadic tribes that traveled the deserts of Arabia and Persia. They were mostly of heavy and coarse fibre, woven in weird and fantastic colors and designs.

When floor coverings were first made is hard to tell. Fragments of carpets have been found in Egyptian excavations, indicating a use as early as 3,000 years B. C. On two of the wonderful rock cut tombs of Beni-Hassen in Egypt B. C. 2800 there are pictures of weavers at work. Other monuments of ancient Egypt and Mesopotamia bear witness that the manufacture of fabrics date a considerable time prior to 2400 B. C.

It is a well-known fact that a community is judged by its business houses. When a man goes out in search for a place of residence or when a visitor goes out on a business or pleasure tour they invariably visit the business streets first and there they will find stores that will reflect or detract as the case may be. We depend on our drygoodsmen and clothiers for the necessities in wearing apparel and consequently he becomes a prominent factor in every community. The retail drygoodsmen and clothiers are men who possess that enterprising spirit which has made America known the world over as the land of unlimited possibilities. Their stores are modern and fitted up with modern fixtures and their stocks consist of the best of everything, stylish and moderately priced and in the treatment of their customers they are courteous and most con-

siderate. I dare say that St. Charles to-day ranks with any city of her size in the number, variety and proportion of her business houses which are engaged in providing the wearing apparel of her citizens. To-day St. Charles has drygoods, clothing and millinery stores and shoe stocks that carry and include every well-known and advertised brand of merchandise in this country and is selling it in the same season and at the same prices as it is offered in the greater markets of the east and west.

A few years ago advertising here was an unknown quantity and the window dresser did not tarry here, while now, there are the nice clean fresh windows, regularly dressed, fresh advertising appearing regularly on the sign boards and in the daily papers and all of this transformation has not yet shed its eye teeth. The entire mercantile business has taken on a new aspect in the last decay, which reflects credit and enterprise upon the new spirit, the invigorating tone, the hustling inclination and ambition of the younger business men, and a conservative clearheadedness upon the older merchants who have kept up with the pace.

## THRO CLOTHING CO.

Thro Clothing Company, dealer in clothing, hats, shoes and gents' furnishings at 137 North Main Street, is one of the oldest establishments of its kind in the city.

Mr. John B. Thro, Sr., has been a resident of St. Charles since 1854, when he came here from Mollau Elsass, Germany, where he was born September 2nd, 1835, and where he received his early education in the parochial schools, which he supplemented in this country by attending the schools here for four weeks. He then learned the painting trade which he followed for two years then taking a position in a mercantile house until 1860 when he started in the clothing and gents' furnishing business, under the firm name of Thro, Pritchett & Kohl, from which he withdrew in 1872 to enter the milling business with some other interested parties, under the name of the J. B. Thro Milling Company, which he continued until 1894 when he retired from active service with that company to accept the appointment as postmaster under President Cleveland. When this appointment expired he started in the above business with his nephew, John B. Thro, Jr. Mr. Thro was city assessor two terms, city clerk four years, presiding judge of the county court one year, and held numerous other public offices all of which indicate his worth and popularity as a citizen; the stock of the company has all the appearances of having been carefully selected and shows evidence of the experienced buyers who direct its affairs.

Mr. John B. Thro, Jr., was born at Alsace-Lorraine February 23rd, 1853, and came to St. Charles in 1868 at which time he began working for J. B. Thro & Co. and later for J. C. Mittelberger & Co. for four years after which he engaged with A. R. Huning & Co. until 1876, when he resigned to make a trip to Europe. After his return he started in business with Mr. Ehrhard under the firm name of Ehrhard & Thro, the interest in which he sold out to his partner in 1885 and in the fall of that year purchased an interest in the firm of A. R. Huning, which was conducted thereafter as Huning & Thro and later as the A. R. Huning Dry Goods Company, where he continued until 1898 when he started the present business. Mr. Thro was in the city council for three years from 1891; county treasurer in 1893-4, and is at present one of the active members of the Citizens Improvement Association and one of its directors.

Mr. Adolph Thro, who is also connected with the above firm, was born in 1871 in this city. He attended St. Francis College at Quincy, Ill. After completing his education he returned here and engaged with Huning & Thro. He remained with



JOHN B. THRO, JR.

them four years after which he worked in the same line wholesale for two years, then opening a dry goods store in St. Louis where he remained for two years. After disposing of his stock there he returned here and engaged with Kuhlman & Hackmann where he remained for three years, engaging with the above firm in 1898. Mr. Thro is married and has two daughters.

Mr. H. D. Luerding, a popular salesman of the Thro Clothing Company, was born and raised in St. Charles County. He has been with the firm since 1898. He has a large acquaintance in St. Charles and vicinity and is always glad to see his friends discard their old clothes.

Mr. John Werminghaus, another of the old and tried Thro Clothing Co. war horses, has been with the firm since 1900. "Ike," as he is familiarly called, always wears a handsome all-wool smile and is just the man to meet when in doubt about new clothes.

Mr. Otto Horstmeyer, engaged with the Thro Clothing Co. since 1906, is longer in the clothing business than any one else in St. Charles. He measures 6 feet 5 inches from end to end and he's all there when it comes to selling clothes.

## THE PALACE CLOTHING COMPANY.

The Palace Clothing Company which is under the direction of Mr. Weil the genial proprietor is one of the most complete and up-to-date aggregations of men's furnishings, shoes, shirts, and clothing for men and boys in the city, and at the most popular prices, and right in season too. Mr. Weil has had long experience in this line and offers only the best and the most seasonable goods, at as low a price as they can be had anywhere, and at times Mr. Weil finds some of the stock still on hand when a new fashion comes in, or the season nears its close and at such times Mr. Weil considers the difference between carrying these goods over, with interest on the money invested accruing, and insurance and storage costs going on, and of offering them at cost price to his patrons, and giving them the benefit of the saving in expenses, and St. Charles cannot find a better place to pick up bargains than at the Palace Store when such sales are being offered.



ADOLPH THRO



H. D. LUERDING



JOHN WERMINGHAUS



OTTO HORSTMAYER



PALACE CLOTHING AND SHOE STORE

GEO. H. KUHLMANN.

Geo. H. Kuhlmann conducts one of the most complete and fully stocked stores in the city of St. Charles, all of which he has earned while here by hard labor and thrifty actions, coupled with a foresight into the class of goods required by his neighbors and patrons.

Mr. Kuhlmann was born August 31st, 1860, in St. Charles, Missouri, and received his early education in the parochial and public schools of this city, and after working out his apprenticeship in the various lines, he started in business here with Mr. Hackman at the present location, under the firm name of Kuhlmann, Hackman & Company on February 20th, 1889. The firm continued to prosper and after some time became Kuhlmann & Hackman, the firm continuing to do business under this name until 1906. Shortly before the death of Mr. Hackman, Mr. Kuhlmann purchased his interest in the business and has since conducted the same as above, and Mr. Kuhlmann has done many things in the way of improvement that have added to the completeness of the store, and the number of its patrons, and this store presents an appearance second to none in the city to-day. Mr. Kuhlmann married Miss Divanna Hackman some twenty years ago, and as a result of that marriage Mr. Kuhlmann has a son almost fifteen years old. His lines of dry goods, shoes, fancy dress goods, silks, laces, linens, carpets, dress patterns, corsets, etc., are as full and complete as in any of the large stores of larger cities, and are sold at the same prices as the large stores in St. Louis ask for goods of like kind and quality. Mr. Kuhlmann employs a large force of clerks among them being Wm. Bredenbeck, Henry Poll, Edward Meyer, Frank L. Mueller, Henry E. Kunze, Joseph Naeye, Herman Mades, Joseph Erkoline and Misses Ida Wallenbrock, Minnie



GEO. H. KUHLMANN



WM. H. RECHTERN & CO., CENTRAL BUILDING

Fister, Katie Kreutzer and Clara Delegarde, each of whom is proficient in the particular line to which they have been assigned, be it woolen goods, blankets, comforts, corsets, shoes, neckties, collars or cuffs, notions, perfumery or what not, and the further assurance is at hand that mistakes are few and trivial, as each of these clerks is regularly examined to make sure of their acquaintance with the various goods offered for sale. The store is a large one occupying main floor and basement 25x125 feet and filled from top to bottom.

The employees all have steady positions, being employed the year round and in addition to the regular force a large extra force is employed for the holiday trade. Goods are delivered to all parts of the city. The success of this store is due largely to the strict business principles, they selling goods for cash only, thus preventing any possible loss, which is usually covered by additional profits on goods sold, and the fact that Mr. Kuhlmann has been in this line all his life, lends a further assurance that the latest seasonable goods can always be had here for the lowest prices, and all goods are marked in plain figures, so that no doubt or discussion need arise as to special prices, and this largely accounts for the fact that all of the trade of this firm has been permanent for years.



INTERIOR OF GEO. H. KUHLMANN'S STORE



EXTERIOR OF GEO. H. KUHLMANN'S STORE



HENRY WILLBRAND



HERMAN WILLBRAND



JUL C. WILLBRAND



OTTO H. WILLBRAND

HENRY WILLBRAND & SONS MERCANTILE COMPANY.

Henry Willbrand & Sons Mercantile Company is one of the oldest as well as strongest associations of brains and capital in the city, the direct result of 40 years continuous service in this line by Mr. Willbrand, senior, whose career began at Kries Hereford, Westphalia, Germany, on March 23rd, 1838, where he was educated in the parochial schools, starting for America in 1852, coming to St. Charles county where he engaged in farming, later attending college here, which he left, going to Boschertown, where he found employment in

brand, which after one year was again changed when the stock was divided and Mr. Willbrand removed his share to the city and located at 4th and Clay Streets, where he combined his fortunes with the firm of Koester and Gottschalk, acquiring in addition to his own property the interest of Mr. Gottschalk, later Mr. L. Marten acquired the interest formerly held by Mr. Koester. In 1890, Mr. Willbrand's oldest son, Herman, bought Mr. L. Marten's share, and three years later the other two sons, Julius C. and Otto H. Willbrand, each purchased an interest in the business, and after alterations and additions to the property were made, and the business expanded it was in 1899 incorporated as above; they now employ 14 people, and carry a full line of Dry Goods, Shoes and Groceries.



LEON EISENSTEIN

a general store, conducted by Mr. Boschert, in which he became a partner one year after, when the firm name was changed to Boschert and Will-

WILLIAM H. RECHTERN & COMPANY.

William H. Rechtern & Company are the oldest dealers in clothing and mens and boys furnishing goods in the city, have always maintained and carried a full line, complete at all times all of which is offered at prices fully as low as those of any dealer in St. Louis or elsewhere, and coupled with this fact is the assurance that this firm is a permanent fixture in the commercial history of the city, established many years ago they have grown with the youth of the city and fully understand the wishes and requirements of its citizens; the principal of this firm is a member and enthusiastic director of the Citizens Improvement Association, as well as many other important and prominent connections including director in the St. Charles Savings Bank. Their special fall and spring offerings in the newest creations for these most important seasons are features of this well managed house, which account largely for the well dressed neat appearing citizens of St. Charles.

Mr. Rechtern has installed a chemical cleaning and dry cleaning department in connection with his merchant tailor establishment.



A. R. HUNING D. G. CO.



EISENSTEIN'S



HENRY WILLBRAND & SONS



**MOEHLKAMP & SON**  
501 Clay Street, St. Charles, Missouri.

Mr. William Moehlenkamp first saw the light of day on one happy 12th of June, 1847, right here in St. Charles county, and after attending the public and parochial schools he busied himself working for his mother, until 1873 when he came to the city and purchased a one-half interest in the business of Boedecker and Brother, which was subsequently changed to Boedecker & Moehlenkamp, in 1876, Mr. Moehlenkamp acquired the entire business which he conducted until 1902, without alteration, at that time he took his son into the business and the firm name was again changed to Moehlenkamp & Son as at present, however, the business had been steadily increasing prior to the advent of the son and in 1896, Mr. Moehlenkamp found it necessary to build an addition to the property to accommodate the growing business, and facilitate the handling of an ever increasing trade.

Mr. Robert Moehlenkamp was born in St. Charles on January 29th, 1877, and after finishing a primary education in the public and parochial school here he attended the St. Charles College for three years, after which he entered the business with his father where he has since remained.

**THE ST. CHARLES MUSIC HOUSE.**

Mr. E. A. Schubert by his able and persistent management of one of the most centrally located business houses in the city has succeeded in bringing the St. Charles Music House far ahead of like institutions in other cities, and his proud boast to-day is that he can compete with any music house in the state, not excepting those in St. Louis, in the matter of price and quality and while his stock is not quite as large as that of a mail order house he claims to be far ahead of them in any other way. Mr. Schu-

bert has been teaching music here for about fifteen years, while working for the music house, and claims St. Charles as his home, and among his many achievements are the fact that he has had the chair of music at the Sacred Heart and the St. Charles Colleges for many years, and that he is director of the concert orchestra at the Orpheus, besides having a class of pupils in St. Louis and about thirty or forty pupils calling at his studio here, where he conducts a modern progressive course.

**ST. CHARLES STEAM LAUNDRY.**

Messrs. Prongue & Jacobs, doing business at 122 North Main Street as the St. Charles Steam Laundry, are two of the business men of this city whose effort and attention to business has accomplished something for the cleanliness of the people, and this themselves, of course a laundry is a wash house, but when you take into consideration the fact that the St. Charles Steam Laundry uses only distilled purified water to wash your clothes you will instantly without cost to the people, but with much credit to realize that this is no ordinary undertaking. This firm was established on May 1st, 1895. Mr. Prongue has over 10 years experience in the business, was born in this city, and belong to many of the fraternal organizations and social clan of the city. Mr. Jacobs who is secretary and treasurer of the company was



**ST. CHARLES ELECTRIC THEATRE**

an American Express Agent here for about fifteen years and is also a native of St. Charles, he became interested in the business last May, and has done much to add to the merit of the work done and the equipment of the plant.

**THE ELECTRIC THEATRE.**

Talk about real BRIGHT SPOTS in St. Charles, well there is none that can surpass the ELECTRIC THEATRE, on Main Street, which is a mass of light that can be seen from a great distance up and down the thoroughfare during the evening, and which is an attractive resting place for the shoppers and children during the afternoon. Mr. Murray, the melodious and congenial proprietor of the Electric, has spared no time or money to make the Electric a place of entertainment and amusement to all who would kill time and troubles in a most enjoyable manner, and Mr. Murray's vocal abilities as well as his foresight into the desires of his patrons warrant an increasing patronage, much of which is already at hand and still coming. Mr. Murray promises to have only the latest and best in his line, at this Theatre, and the past programme vouches for the high character of the entertainment.



**ST. CHARLES STEAM LAUNDRY**



**ST. CHARLES MUSIC HOUSE**

**JEWELERS AND INSURANCE**

left the business to Edward L. Meyer entirely. The Meyer jewelry store enjoys a fine trade throughout the county, and a mail order trade has been built up recently through the new catalogues which have been issued regularly since 1906. The store is well known and the reputation which it bears is that the name Meyer on jewelry stamps it as the best, and this reputation is the result of over thirty years actual work in this same line and store, and the work of the ancestors of the present owner along the most reliable and accurate lines. Mr. Meyer is an expert watchmaker and a graduate of the Detroit Optical College, of Detroit, Michigan. His son, Milton E. Meyer, who has been with him in this store for the past four years has just finished a course in engraving and watchmaking at the St. Louis watchmaking school. They carry a large and up-to-date line of diamonds, watches, silverware, cut glass, umbrellas, clocks and novelties.



**EDWARD L. MEYER**

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The jewelry business of Edward L. Meyer was established in 1835 by his grand father, Ludwig Meyer,



**MILTON E. MEYER**

**OTTO J. MARTEN.**

Otto J. Marten, real estate and insurance broker, is a native of St. Charles and all of his business career has been based upon local pride and experience. At the age of 14 he entered the St. Charles Savings Bank with which institution he was connected for 19 years rising from the smallest position to assistant cashiership from which post he



**INTERIOR OF EDWARD L. MEYER'S JEWELRY STORE**

who learned the trade in Germany and settled in St. Charles.

He commenced the first jewelry store in the city at Main and Madison Streets, and when he died the business was continued by his sons, Augustus and Louis Meyer. They removed to the present location on Main and Jefferson Streets in 1880, because the old store had become too small for the greatly increased business. In 1883 Louis Meyer retired from the business and Edward L. Meyer (present proprietor) was taken into the firm as part owner with his father, Augustus Meyer, whose demise in 1892

for 20 weeks during 1902, and in which many professional men took part.

**HENRY KEMPER.**

Mr. Henry Kemper is known as one of the most enterprising and hustling life insurance and real estate dealers in St. Charles, occupies the "M" suite of offices in the Palace building, and was born in this city in 1840, and after receiving his education at the St. Louis University, engaged in mercantile lines until 1873, when he was elected to the collectorship of St. Charles county. During his three term service he became instrumental in establishing the first board of trade, which meant greater progress and commercial recognition for St. Charles. His long experience in real estate and insurance business gives him great prestige among his many friends and clients in this particular, and his record for clean transactions and accuracy in business is second to none.



**HENRY KEMPER.**

Insurance



**INTERIOR OF WESTPHAL JEWELRY STORE**



**OTTO J. MARTEN, Insurance**



CHARLES E. MEYER

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Charles E. Meyer, Ph. G., owns and operates the most up-to-date and thoroughly equipped and best managed drug store in the city of St. Charles at 207 N. Main Street, where you may depend upon getting only the best drugs, chemicals and sundries, toilet articles and stationery, and at the most popular prices. Mr. Meyer has the largest store here and perhaps the most centrally located store and is a thorough pharmacist and an expert business man. He was born August 3rd, 1862, and is a native of St. Charles. He was educated here and at the Washington University of St. Louis and graduated from the St. Louis College of Pharmacy with the class of 1884, traveled around through New York and Boston and the east, working as he went. He was married to Miss Fannie Warren Salveter in 1889 and has a family of three children, Clifton S. Meyer, Fannie Jean, and Charles Warren Meyer, ages 18, 14 and 7 respectively, and while Mr. Meyer's profession requires his closest attention, he has always been a public spirited man, deeply interested in the welfare of St. Charles and ready and willing to assist in any move that will better the condition of the community.

EMILE GIBSON.

Emile Gibson, druggist, runs a first class aggregation of pills and bottles and other materia medica, necessary for the protection and adjustment of the health and culture of a large patronage, at 117 North Main Street. His store is verily a pharmaceutical treasure box, wherein may be found every article necessary for the proper care

of the health or toilet, every proprietary or non-proprietary preparation which might be required on a moment's notice by the physician to the layman, and his willingness to serve you in the most beneficial way, bespeak for him a continued prosperity.

Emile Gibson, druggist, 117 N. Main Street, was born January 9th, 1881, at Belleville, Ills. After finishing school he worked for Louis Kempf of that city three years, later for Mr. Wm. Kempf of St. Louis, where he remained 18 months, afterward working for Philip Niemann, in the meantime finishing his education at the St. Louis College of Pharmacy, graduating with the class of 1903. After leaving college he went to the store of Chas. Musick, which he left to open the present store here last October.

Mr. Gibson married Miss Liska Jacobs of Pevely, Missouri, who has been of material assistance to him in managing the affairs of the store, while Mr. Gibson directs his attention to the accurate compounding of prescriptions, which insures his patrons that there is expert skill, the best and purest drugs and chemicals used in this most important department.



EMILE GIBSON

he purchased the store which he now conducts under the above title, and assures his patrons that here may be found a full line of drugs, toilet articles, paints, stationery, cigars, etc., and that he will exercise the most careful attention to prescriptions, using only the best and freshest drugs, and only such as are specified by the physician. His store is situated in what is known as the old French settlement, and is a model of completeness and neatness.

B. T. BUSCHMANN.

B. T. Buschmann, druggist, who conducts a fine and complete assortment of drugs and drug sundries, toilet articles, cigars, etc., at 228 S. Main St., was born on July 29th, 1876, is a native of this city and has a wide experience in his profession. Mr. Buschmann is a registered pharmacist in Missouri and Texas, which required his passing examinations in both states. His store is as complete as fourteen years of careful observation

of the wishes of his patrons and experience can make it, and is conducted for the accommodation of his patrons at all times. This store was formerly the property of Mrs. Theo. Hackman, whose daughter, Miss Hilda, became Mrs. Buschmann on December 6th, 1907, and certainly this should be an assurance that in the future every needed addition to the business will be readily provided.



B. T. BUSCHMANN

MERCANTILE PHARMACY.

Mr. John G. Wolf, proprietor of the Mercantile Pharmacy, was born July 18th, 1880, at St. Charles and after finishing his education in the public schools he entered the drug business in the employ of H. D. Meyer where he remained three years, later working for F. G. Vinke for 2 years. Several years ago



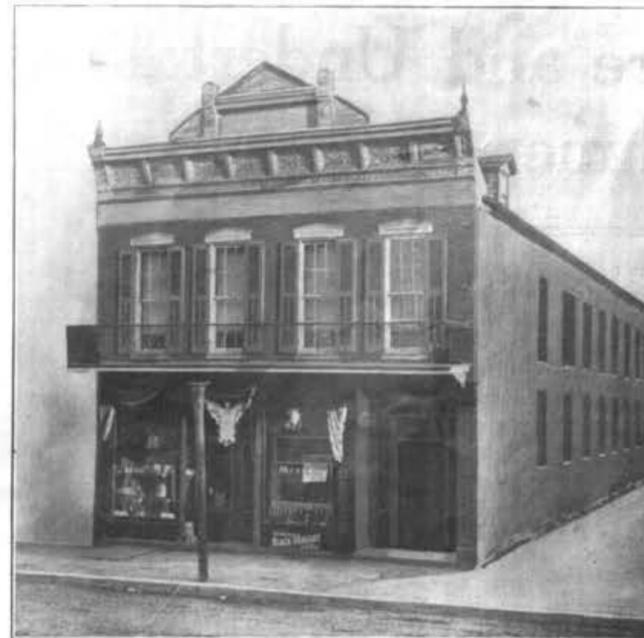
JOHN G. WOLF



CHARLES E. MEYER'S DRUG STORE



E. GIBSON'S DRUG STORE



H. D. MEYER DRUG CO.

HOFFMAN HOUSE.

Mr. Fred J. Menges, who conducts the Hoffman House hotel and restaurant, is truly a congenial soul. Born in Elsass, Lorraine, on June 13th, 1864, he received his early education there and learned the barber trade there under an apprenticeship lasting

of 1905, and his manner of conducting the Hoffman House here since that time has thoroughly demonstrated his fitness to supply a soft pillow and an invigorating meal to the weary traveler who happens to pass this way, and the Hoffman House is at all times perfectly clean and comfortable, and thoroughly modern in every respect, and the rates are always reasonable.



FRED J. MENGES

three years, and working in the same place at the same line three years longer, he finally became a conductor on one of the lines in Berlin, Germany, where he remained three years prior to his enlistment in the German army, which he served faithfully. In 1898 he embarked for America, arriving at Atlantic City, N. J., where he remained for five years, after which he engaged in the hotel business. His venture in St. Charles began in the early part

JACOB F. RAU.

Jacob F. Rau, 1925 West Randolph St., was born September 25th, 1846, at Bendersbach, Germany. He was educated in the Evangelical Lutheran school and worked for his father on the farm until 1873. He was married on November 13th, of that year to Frederica Koch, of Bendersbach, and started in business for himself, farming and wine grape raising. In November 1880, he sold out his property there and came to this country stopping for a short time at St. Louis, until the following March when he came to St. Charles and rented a grape farm. After three years he determined this to be a failing venture so he went into the city and secured employment, which enabled him after some time to purchase other property, which after several offers he sold at a profit, and purchased the farm which he occupies at present, where he does truck and vegetable gardening, selling his product in the city entirely.

F. F. WILMES.

F. F. Wilmes, real estate broker, insurance agent and notary public, has been a resident of St. Charles since 1903, when he came here to engage in this line. He has successfully negotiated many of the important real estate deals of the city since that time, among them the subdivision of the Cunningham farm property, the right-of-way for the coming street railway system, which the city council is now considering, the Roberts, Johnson & Rand Shoe Factory, etc.



HOFFMAN HOUSE HOTEL

Mr. Wilmes was born November 15th, 1862, in this county, and after completing his education in the public schools here he worked in different capacities in the stores nearby, until 1890 when he engaged in the general merchandise business at St. Peters, Mo., until 1900 when he sold his interest and opened another store at Orchard Farm, where he was also postmaster until 1903, when he sold his business and came to St. Charles. Mr. Wilmes represents the Home Fire Insurance Co. of New York.



F. F. WILMES  
Real Estate



J. W. MOORE  
Commission Merchant

J. W. MOORE.

J. W. Moore, Commission Merchant and Wholesale Jobber in Candies, Crackers and Sweet Goods and Paper for wrapping purposes, lays claim to being almost a pioneer in St. Charles, being born at this place on May 14th, 1864, and here he went to school, worked with his father as a gardener at which he remained until 1897, when he left the gardens and greenhouses to the care of the family and engaged here in the above business. Mr. Moore represents the Manewal-Lange Biscuit Company, Blancke-Wenker Candy Company, St. Louis Dressed Beef Company, Robert Heitz Commission Company, and others in whose interest he solicits the trade here. He is married and has one boy and one girl.



FAMILY GROUP OF JACOB F. RAU



BIRDS EYE VIEW OF JACOB F. RAU'S FARM

# Steinbrinker's Furniture and Undertaking Establishment



JOHN H. STEINBRINKER

younger brother, John H. Steinbrinker who had been employed in a minor capacity in the business from his boyhood, purchased a half interest in the business, and became the manager of the inside work, and general conduct of the business, Mr. Edward Steinbrinker giving his attention to the undertaking department he having graduated as an embalmer, the undertaking business has expanded to such proportions that the firm now requires the assistance of an additional embalmer, and Mr. Broeckelmann acts in this capacity, he also being a graduate embalmer. They carry a most complete line of caskets and furnish vehicles, in fact take charge of funerals in their entirety,

Mr. Edward Steinbrinker was born 44 years ago in St. Charles, educated and reared here, worked for his father here for several years after leaving school in the carpentering and contracting business, after which in partnership with Mr.



EDWARD STEINBRINKER

Main Street in this city and still resides at this address, and while he gives strict attention to the affairs of the firm, and constantly looks after the smallest details of the business, makes the purchases of the very latest designs of furniture,



G. Strathmann he entered the furniture business, they buying out the St. Charles Furniture Company, about one year after Mr. Strathmann withdrew and Mr. Steinbrinker became the sole owner of the business, then about nine years after, his

and their stock includes not only cloth caskets, but metallic caskets and vaults.

Mr. John Steinbrinker was born at 729 South

bric-a-brac, etc., and attends to all of the social duties devolving upon him, yet he has had time to serve the city as councilman, and to accept a directorate in the St. Charles Savings Bank and the St. Charles Building and Loan Association.



BEN BROECKELMANN



WM. HORST



EDW. T. ROBBINS



ALF. GRUER

## FURNITURE AND UNDERTAKING

his interest in the public welfare is not marred in the slightest degree by his long succession in office, his commercial pursuits, or the social connections which are of the warmest and friendliest character among all of his neighbors.

### KOENIG BROTHERS.

Two more earnest and industrious young men would be hard to find in St. Charles than the Koenig Brothers who are engaged in the Furniture, Hardware and Undertaking Business at 519-521 Clay Street, which was started by them in December, 1906, and has been very successful since.

Mr. John F. Koenig was born at Wentzville,

and after receiving his education worked on the farm at home until 1902, when he came to St. Charles and worked for a short time at the car works here, after which he engaged with the Alexander Undertaking Establishment of St. Louis where he learned the undertaking and embalming business, which enabled him to pass the State examination and become a licensed embalmer.

### B. FEUERSTEIN.

B. Feuerstein, who does a general livery business in addition to being the proprietor of the city bus line, was born June 24th, 1841, at Eberbach Elsass, Lorraine, Germany, and came to this country in 1853 and after finishing his education he worked on a farm



H. C. DALLMEYER

Mr. H. C. Dallmeyer, proprietor of the furniture and undertaking establishment at 801-3-5 N. Second Street, is one of the most experienced cabinet makers and furniture dealers in the city, and perhaps the only one who ever dealt entirely in the product of his own hands.

Mr. Dallmeyer was born September 18th, 1855, in St. Charles, and received his early education in the public and parochial schools here, after leaving school he entered the cabinet making trade which he mastered in due time, starting in business for himself at the above location in 1877, under the firm name of Heckman & Dallmeyer, after two years he purchased Mr. Heckmann's interest in the business and became exclusive owner, and this business has been continued since.

In 1896, business had grown to such proportions that Mr. Dallmeyer put up a store across the street, which he still uses, in 1907, he made an addition to the store, making it one of the largest in St. Charles with an area of almost ten thousand square feet, all of which is filled to overflowing with the most complete and substantial make of fine furniture, including everything necessary or desirable to completely furnish a house from the cellar to the garret; in addition to the fact that Mr. Dallmeyer is an expert in this line, and that he gives his best attention to the business, there are his two sons, Joseph H. Dallmeyer and H. L. Dallmeyer who are licensed embalmers and with whose help an undertaking department is conducted, which takes charge of funerals and provides every necessary detail for the preparation, shrouding and burial ceremonies, and a large stock of caskets are carried so that selections may be made without delay or doubt; this undertaking business is not confined merely to the city, but extends to the County of St. Charles and surrounding counties, and calls are made in any of these communities upon request.

Mr. Dallmeyer was married to a Miss Josephine Weinsohn of St. Louis, and numbers a family of five boys and three girls.

Mr. Dallmeyer was elected as an alderman of the fourth ward in 1885, and has served eleven consecutive terms in that capacity since, which is a fitting commendation of his colleagues and constituents for the faithful and efficient service he has rendered in that capacity and indicates that



B. FEUERSTEIN



JOHN F. KOENIG



VICTOR C. KOENIG

this county on April 8th, 1879, attended the public and parochial schools and came to St. Charles at the age of 19 years, when he secured employment in the cabinet department of the American Car

until 1859, when he came to St. Charles working for Mr. Miller and Mr. Gut in the harness business, which he also followed for some time in St. Louis. In 1864 he started in business on his own account,



ONE OF B. FEUERSTEIN'S HEARSES

and Foundry Company, where he remained until the present business was started. His wife was Miss Mary Kannier of Wentzville.

Mr. Victor C. Koenig, who attends to the undertaking and embalming end of the business, was born on October 2nd, 1885, at Wentzville,

doing a livery business. His establishment is the only livery business that caters to undertaking, he having four hearses, 11 carriages, and four white horses and about 15 black horses, and as no other livery business has any carriages, or cater for this trade, Mr. Feuerstein has practically no competition.



KOENIG BROS. 519-521 CLAY STREET



H. C. DALLMEYER'S, 801-803-805 N. 2nd Street



EDWIN DENKER  
Florist



D. J. BORGMEYER  
Harness Mfg.



DR. P. H. GREGORY  
Veterinary Surgeon



THOMAS DANNEGGER  
Harness Mfg.



PETER ARB  
Harness Mfg.

**EDWIN DENKER.**  
Mr. Edwin Denker, florist, 217 South Fourth St., has a real monopoly in his line in St. Charles, he being the only florist here, and his equipment is one of the most complete in Missouri, his stock is kept under a five thousand foot expanse of glass and he carries all the flowers of this latitude and has cut flowers at the proper seasons. He grows many plants and caters particularly to the plant trade, furnishes plants and flowers in pots and for decorative purposes. Mr. Denker was born in St. Charles October 29th, 1890, and attended the parochial schools here, afterward the St. Francis College, where he studied for three years, after which he received a diploma in the commercial department after which he went to work for the H. B. Denker Grocer Co., until September, 1899, when he bought Gelbens Green Houses, to which he has added several wings since.

**D. J. BORGMEYER.**  
D. J. Borgmeyer, who is engaged in the Harness and Saddlery business at 1128 N. Second Street, in addition to which he has the agency for Flynn's Marble and Granite Monuments, was born June 13, 1857, in this city, and attended the parochial schools here, after leaving school Mr. Borgmeyer learned the harness trade, taking a position in St. Louis, some time after to complete his education in this

**PETER ARB.**  
Peter Arb was born February 19, 1845, in Noergel, Tyrol. He emigrated with his father, two brothers and three sisters to America in the spring of 1857, and arrived in St. Charles. His father shortly afterwards died and he made his home on a farm until he was 17 years of age. After this he went to St. Louis and worked at the harness trade. In the spring of 1867, he started a saddlery shop in Cottleville. He carried on business there until the fall of 1868, and from there moved to St. Charles and has been in business there ever since.



EDWIN DENKER'S GREENHOUSE

line, after which he learned carriage trimming, returning in 1878 to St. Charles, where he started in the business on his own account, later consolidating and forming a company with his brother, Henry Borgmeyer and Mr. Ehrhard, under the firm name of Borgmeyer and Ehrhard Manufacturing Company. Incorporated, Mr. Borgmeyer being the manager of the business, this firm continued from 1890 until 1905, when the corporation was dissolved and Mr. Ehrhard bought out Henry Borgmeyer's interest which included the carriage and wagon making end of the business, Mr. D. J. Borgmeyer retained the harness department of the business.

**THOMAS DANNEGGER.**  
Mr. Thomas Dannegger, manufacturer of harness and saddlery, started in business for himself here in January, 1900, after he had remained in the services of Mr. Peter Arb, for 18 years consecutively, which was preceded by about 8 years apprenticeship under Mr. Edward Gut; Mr. Dannegger was born in St. Louis, on December 5th, 1854, but his parents removed to St. Charles one year later, so that Mr. Dannegger can be classed as practically a native of this city, he was educated here in the public and parochial schools and has lived here all his life, and was married here to Miss Emelia Hercules of this county, and has two sons and three daughters living.



DIERKER LIVERY AND TRANSFER CO.

**DIERKER LIVERY & TRANSFER COMPANY,**  
421-427 North Main Street.

Mr. E. H. Dierker was born at Wentzville, this county, November 15th, 1863, and came to the city two years later, was educated in the St. Paul parochial and the public schools here, after which he drove for his father for 11 years in the bus service which his father operated at that time.  
During the first three years of the present century Mr. Dierker and two brothers conducted the business which included transfer and heavy hauling, fine light livery, cut stone and sand, but in 1903, Mr. E. H. Dierker bought the other interests in the business out and became sole owner.  
Mr. Dierker is a Macabee and a member of the Royal Arcanum; among the other business in which he is interested is a sand pumping rig which he established two years ago, and a stone quarry which he acquired six years ago, which is located on the M. K. & T. Ry. about 2 1/2 miles south of the city.



E. C. NEHLS LIVERY AND UNDERTAKER



ROBERT EHRRHARD  
Wagon Mfr.



CHAS. EHRRHARD



GEO. RUENZI  
Cigar Mfg.



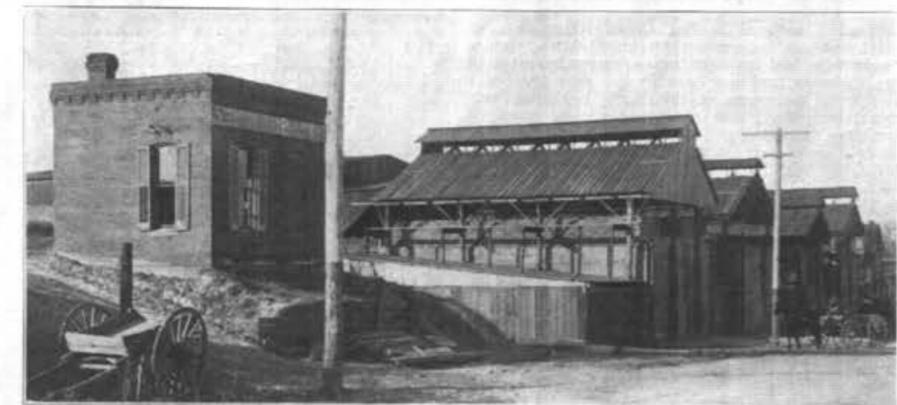
EHRRHARD MFG. CO.  
THE ST. CHARLES LIGHT & POWER CO.

**DR. P. H. GREGORY.**  
Dr. P. H. Gregory, the "animals' friend" whose modest sign at 431-33 N. Main Street indicates his offering in the capacity of veterinary surgeon, hails from Russellville, Missouri, where he was born April 27th, 1884. He was educated in the public schools and graduated from the High school in 1898, after which he continued his studies in the Western Veterinary College at Kansas City and later in the Ontario Veterinary College in Canada, finally returning and locating here, where his growing practice in the city and county indicate the success of his kindly ministrations.

**E. C. NEHLS.**  
E. C. Nehls, who is engaged in the livery business here since 1898 and who purchased the livery department of the Dierker Livery & Undertaking Co., in 1902, is one of the well known and popular pillars of the fraternal and social set. His advent upon this mundane sphere occurred on April 18th, 1869, in Chicago, Ill., where he resided for the first twenty-eight years of the time which has elapsed since, spending most of that 28 years in the public and private German and American schools and colleges, became a manufacturing chemist and practiced alchemy and other pharmaceutical pursuit for eight years. For a vacation Mr. Nehls went to Texas and engaged in the insurance business, afterwards came to work in the coffee business in St. Louis, and finally in 1898 found an opportunity here. He married Miss Addie Heck, of St. Charles two years after and became still more popular. He is also secretary of the St. Charles Aerie No. 1376 of the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

**EHRRHARD MANUFACTURING COMPANY.**  
Ehrhard Manufacturing Company, incorporated, does a general carriage and wagon making business at 2nd & Bayard Streets, since 1904 when by an act of Mr. Chas. Ehrhard, son of the senior member of the company, Mr. Borgmeyer's interest in the business of Borgmeyer & Co., was acquired, and the present company incorporated. Mr. Ehrhard, Sr., has been in the same line since 1868 when he came here from Elsass, Lorraine, where his birth took place on June 5th, 1851, his first employment being as a blacksmith and wagon maker.  
Mr. Chas. Ehrhard was born in St. Charles on March 5th, 1879 and after finishing at school, took a business course, graduating as a bookkeeper, in which capacity he was employed by Borgmeyer & Company until he purchased Mr. Borgmeyer's interest in the company.

**GEORGE RUENZI.**  
Mr. George Ruenzi, manufacturer of high grade cigars at 112 South Main Street, is another of the Native St. Charlians who has found it possible to remain within the shadow of the first camping grounds and grind out the essential features of a happy existence. Mr. Ruenzi, was born here on August 2nd, 1857, and after being educated in the public and parochial schools here he learned the manufacture of cigars under the tutelage of Mr. Peter Knapp, the call of the Wild attracted Mr. Ruenzi to the Northern Lights in 1885, and he went to Minnesota in that year and



ST. CHARLES BRICK CO.

traveled around there for two and a half years, he returned to St. Charles in 1891, and engaged with Wm. H. Mertens whose business he bought about a year later, and which he has continued successfully to the present time, among the leading brands of good smokes which Mr. Ruenzi offers to the public of St. Charles are the "G. R." and "Key West" which are 5c cigars and the "Washington" and "Ruenzi's Straight 10" which are 10c cigars of the highest quality, in addition to which he carries smoking and chewing tobaccos.

**ST. CHARLES BRICK COMPANY.**  
The St. Charles Brick Company was incorporated in 1890, and has been gaining ground and trade ever since, the officers of the company at this time are: V. D. Dierker, president and general manager; William H. Meier, vice-president and C. F. W. Hafer, secretary. The property and plant of the company are at Depot Avenue. They employ about thirty people and have a capacity of about thirty-five thousand brick daily, shipping many carloads of brick west of St. Charles; and taking the firm as a whole, they are doing a thriving business which is steadily increasing and may require them to increase their capital stock from \$10,500.00 to who can tell, what figure.  
Mr. V. D. Dierker, president of the company, was born on October 25, 1858, at New Melle, St. Charles county, Missouri, and after finishing his school education, took two terms in the St. Charles college, afterward working with his father in the livery and transfer business. Then he started on a tour to see the world and returned to St. Charles in 1874 and bought a half interest in his father's business, remaining until 1888 when he sold his interest to his brothers, after which he opened the H. B. Denker stock farm, where he conducted the stock-raising business for four years. He afterwards purchased the Crystal Spring Farm. He devoted the farm to poultry and fruit raising. In 1895 he was elected presiding judge, which office he held for four years. The next four years he served as county clerk and recorder of St. Charles county.

When you open your place of business in the early morning the first act that you find necessary is to make light, and the last thing that you can be found doing in your business or residence at night is to turn out the light, thus the day starts and stops with this commodity. Artificial light, always in mind, and justly so, for no matter in what line you are engaged you must have it. Imagine if you can, how the present service of this company compares with the pine knot or the wax tapers of your great grandfather's time. put yourself in the position which they undoubtedly were in and judge if you can, the result, just recollect what would happen if the lights in your place of business were to be shut down in the middle of some business transaction, or suppose that the lights failed when your supper was half over, and you will realize at once, how important it is that the service of the St. Charles Light and Power Company be continuous and perfect, consider how well you would prosper, or how little your business cares would be, if your own business were conducted as flawlessly as the service of this company to the entire population must be, and is at all times, the care and watchfulness that is necessary to keep the supply of raw material always sufficient for the anticipated needs of the city, the machinery always in perfect order, and the employees and officers of the company always on hand and able to perform their duties without default or demur, and perhaps some accident due to nature or the elements to be contended with and remedied on a moment's notice, day or night, no matter why, or where, then you will also remember that there are constant changes in the patrons of the Company, wires and pipes to be changed, meters to be regulated, or inspected, or removed or placed, all in your time, just when you want them, irrespective of the volume of work the company has on hand, and the bills that must be rendered, the accounts to be kept, the ordinances to be complied with, and the thousand other things that must be done, and are done, not once but every day in the year, holidays, workdays and Sundays, or nights, year in and year out. Consider the numerous complaints that are made about service which investigation proves is purely your own fault, but which business policy warrants shall not be so exposed, consider the efforts of the company to always make any changes you desire, to comply with your slightest request, to supply new territory, to repair the old equipment and to do everything that might be expected from any quarter at any time, and compare these things with the service which has been rendered by the St. Charles Light and Power Company.



ST. CHARLES LIGHT AND POWER CO.'S PLANT

# RINGE-BARKLAGE & COMPANY

Wholesale and Retail Dealers in Hardware, Farm Machinery and Implements, 126-130 North Main Street



With a meager capital Louis Ringe & Son purchased the assignment stock of Wm. Schmie-meier who had been in the hardware business in the Cosmos Building here in the year 1894, and by careful management this small beginning culminated in 1897, into a prosperous and growing business, assuming proportions by that time which made it quite necessary to open a separate department for handling farm machinery.

In making their preparations for this addition to the business, the firm decided upon taking into partnership in the new department, Mr. H. Geo. Barklage, who at that time had made quite a reputation in the farm machinery business while in



GEORGE H. BARKLAGE



LOUIS RINGE

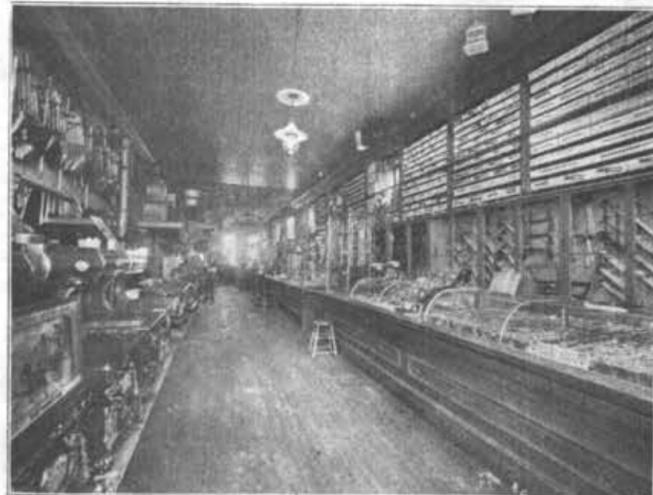
the employ of the large harvester and binder concerns of the east, the Deering and McCormick firms among them, and after some preliminary arrangements had been brought to a satisfactory conclusion the new department was opened with Mr. Barklage a half owner and manager in charge.

The firm of Louis Ringe & Son and that of Ringe-Barklage was conducted for some time in separate formation, while the farm machinery business was developing into an important subsidiary

and in 1905, on the first of the year it became possible to consolidate the whole into one firm, under the style of Ringe, Barklage & Company. To graphically describe the class and kind of goods which this firm carries in stock, which is bought in carload lots, other than by mere reference would be the same as taking inventory of perhaps half a dozen large stores, and to attempt to tell of the quantity of these goods would be equally futile, since there is scarcely any of their stock which is not constantly coming in and going out, the main principle of the firm being to sell goods quickly at small profit, and to depend



LOUIS J. RINGE



## HARDWARE



L. BRUCKER



H. AUSTERSCHMIDT



H. V. RANDOLPH



WM. WAYE



GEO. SCHOLZ

upon the volume of business done to carry the expense and provide the profits of the business, yet for the benefit of those who may not have had the time or pleasure of going through this emporium of equipment, we submit, that here may be found hardware of all classes, from the smallest shoemaker's nail to the largest thrashing engine on the market, and including cutlery, stoves, ranges, tinware, paints, kitchen utensils sewing machines, grain separators, guns and ammunition, stove pipe, gas pipe, sewer pipe, steam fitting, gas engines, binders, mowers, hay rakes, farm wagons, buggies and surreys, lime, cement, plaster, asphaltum, roofing, fencing, and tools, in fact if there is anything in the light or heavy hardware line that cannot be found in their basement, main floor or balcony, you may rest assured that it is either in the yard, warehouses or on the way from the depot, and it would be unfair to omit saying that whatever they handle, they handle in the fullest capacity, that is to say if they have shovels, they have every kind and pattern that could be required to do the work of a shovel, and if they have fishing rods they have all the variety that wisdom, capital, and a desire to satisfy the most fastidious as well as the most commonplace customer requires, the same with vehicles.

Of course all of these things speak a great deal for themselves, but we feel warranted in saying for this firm that there are few whose start in a business career has been more successful, nor whose efforts have been a more energetic struggle in one direction than those which brought the firm of Louis Ringe & Son from a little gunsmith shop to the hardware and farm machinery business in so short a time and few of us who would not like to copy the formula which these men employed, from the time when they first placed their little shingle over the door of their scantily stocked store in what is now the Post-office building, until February, 1906, when they purchased the stock of the Bruns Machine Company and occupied their location in the present building, which is one of the largest stores in the west of this line.

Mr. Louis Ringe, the senior partner of the firm was born at Hanover, Germany, in 1846, came to America in 1853, arriving at Cape Girardeau, Mo., where he remained one year, then removing to St. Charles. His father conducted a gunsmithing establishment here until 1875, during which time Mr. Ringe received his school education, which was supplemented by a night school education later. During the Civil War, Mr. Ringe served with the Union Army, working for one year in Kansas after the war, he then returned to St. Charles and took up the gunsmithing business on his own account. In 1879, Mr. Ringe was elected to the City Council, serving four consecutive terms, and two years after his retirement from the Council he was elected Mayor of the City, where he spent another four terms, when he again retired, however, the precision with which he guided the municipal ship was well remembered and eight years after he was again called to dominate the executive chair of the city, but as the years are advancing and Mr. Ringe desired private life, he declined last April to again accept the city's favor in this capacity.

Louis J. Ringe, the son was born in this city in 1869, and grew up with the business as general assistant to his father, he is married and has a handsome residence at Third and Madison Streets.

Mr. Geo. H. Barklage began his career as a farmer, afterward gaining a preliminary knowledge of the implements with which he tilled the soil, he secured employment with the Deering,

and the McCormick Harvester Company, in the capacity of salesman, where his knowledge of farm implements became expert, he followed this line until his association in 1897, with the present firm brought about a happy termination.

L. BRUCKER STOVE AND HARDWARE CO.  
308 N. Main Street.

About 30 years ago Louis and John Brucker started in the repairing, jobbing and merchandising business at 312 Main Street as Brucker & Bro., which continued until illness removed Mr. John Brucker, whose interest was acquired by Mr. H. Austerschmidt, who gave his entire attention to the business which continued to increase and prosper until in 1896, the firm was incorporated under the above name. Upon incorporation Mr. H. V. Randolph, who had been in the employ of the firm at that time for about 15 years purchased an interest in the Company and was elected vice-president, Mr. L. Brucker becoming president and Mr. Austerschmidt, secretary and treasurer, after three years the Company required more room and the business was removed to the present quarters at 308, the directorate during this time has remained unchanged and the conservative policies and fair treatment have done much to make the name of the company a household word in this city. They carry a stock of goods including stoves, ranges, hardware, furniture, bric-a-brac, chinaware, cutlery, ammunition, guns, pictures, lamps, crockery, toys, sewing machines, washing machines, garden tools, kitchen utensils, paints, clocks and in fact everything in their line, and in endless variety.

The members of this firm are well rated personally, Mr. Brucker owning his residence on Clay Street, and several other pieces of property, Mr. Austerschmidt and Mr. Randolph each own their own residence, and have been long time residents of the city. Mr. Brucker was born in St. Louis, Mr. Randolph in Illinois, and Mr. Austerschmidt is a native of St. Charles.

### WAYE & SCHOLZ.

Waye & Scholz, 900 N. Second Street, dealers in hardware, farm implements, buggies, wagons, lime and cement, is another of the combinations of brains and capital which indicate the enterprise of the St. Charles business men, and their determination to weld their futures in the fire of progress in a permanent manner. Mr. Waye, Sr., is a native born citizen of St. Charles since November 23rd, 1858. However, like most of our successful men, he left the old camping ground for a period of 11 years, while he was engaged in the grocery business in St. Louis. He came back home in 1882, and engaged in the liquor business from which he retired on September 1st, 1907, preparatory to engaging in the above connection, which enabled the addition of a hardware store to the business. Mr. Waye has some other property here also.

Mr. George Scholz has been a resident of St.

Charles since October, 1905, when he came here as a traveler for Deeds & Manley of St. Louis. He started in business here on his own account in June, 1907, enlarging the business when Mr. Waye became a partner in November of this year. Mr. Scholz hails from Hamburg, Scott county, Missouri, where he was born November 17th, 1877. After finishing his primary education in the public schools, he attended Normal High at Cape Girardeau, afterward entering in business as a blacksmith at Peers, Missouri, later removing to Dutzow, Mo., where he remained for five years prior to coming to St. Charles. Mr. Scholz is married and has three children.

### BRUNS MACHINE COMPANY.

The Bruns Machine Company is the oldest established and largest business of its kind in St. Charles. It deals in everything in the hardware, farm implement and machinery line, besides vehicles, stoves, lime, cement, sewer-pipe, seeds, paints and oils, etc. The business was established in 1882 by H. H. and H. D. Bruns and for many years was conducted at the southeast corner of 6th and Clay streets. In 1894 the present company was incorporated and the major portion of the business moved into the new building erected for it on the old Klinger Mill site at 118 and 120 North Main street. For a couple of years both stores were operated, but later the Clay Street store was discontinued. By persistent effort, energy and fair-dealing the business has grown. In December, 1906, it was moved into the newly completed store rooms at 222 and 224 North Main Street. The building was built for and is especially adapted to the business. The Bruns Machine Company occupies approximately 15,000 sq. ft. of floor space in the basement, main and 2nd floors. It has the handsomest store and largest vehicle repository between St. Louis and Kansas City. It has an established reputation for integrity and fair-dealing, which was built up by its policy to never misrepresent goods and always give its patrons value received for every dollar spent. Its facilities now, are as far ahead of the store of '96 as was that store ahead of the one of '86. And the year (1907) just closed, was the most successful in its history.



L. BRUCKER STOVE & HARDWARE CO., 308 N. MAIN ST.



INTERIOR OF BRUNSE MACHINE COMPANY. MAIN FLOOR

THE HOUSEHOLD SUPPLY CO.

I. F. Hansberger, who conducts a second-hand store at 136 South Main St., where he carries a full line of linoleums, rugs, carpets, stoves, etc., was born July 12th, 1868, at Lindsey, Ohio, was reared and educated at Monroe, Mich., and went to farming until he became 18 years of age, when he returned to the Buckeye state, working in the general merchandise business for about 8 years, leaving this connection to open a store in Thornville, Ohio, later in Murry City, same state, after which he came to St. Charles and opened as above, where he

conducts a business that is practically the best in the city, since he buys and sells on time payments anything in the house furnishing line.

THE FAMOUS.

"The Famous," Paul Polski, proprietor, 819 N. Second Street, (Frenchtown) is the style of the sign on one of neatest and most up-to-date ladies and gents furnishing and Millinery establishments in St. Charles, and the still more neat little proprietor deposes and says that he was born July 7th, 1877, and came to St. Charles in March, 1906, that he was married to Miss Fate of St. Louis, and that he makes

a specialty of fine millinery and furnishings for the ladies, which ought to be an alluring assertion to those who are fond of dainty things to wear.

JOHN M. ROHLFING.

John M. Rohlfing, of the firm of Ocks Rohlfing Dry Goods & Grocery Co., was born in New Melle, Mo., on the 24th day of July, 1865. His occupation was farming until the age of 23 years when he came to St. Charles and took employment in the merchandise line. In 1892 he started in business with Mr. Ocks.



CARL BULL



F. J. BULL



J. F. UEBERLE



C. F. UEBERLE



L. L. PALLARDY



FRED F. HUG

CARL BULL & SON,

As a successful firm in the architectural and building line none can surpass this firm, the principals of which hail from Mecklenberg, Germany, coming to this country in 1866, and their work here on the Roberts, Johnson & Rand Shoe Factory, the St. Charles Savings Bank, Moerschel Spring Brewing Companies plant, and residences speak for the care and integrity which they exercise on the work entrusted to them. Mr. F. J. Bull, who ranks as the junior member of the firm, was born at Mecklenberg on November 27th, 1863, and after leaving school, learned the bricklayers trade, and studied evenings, finally graduating from the Washington University.

J. F. UEBERLE & SON,

Contractors, whose chief industry is stone masonry and stone cutting, cement and granitoid work, need make no show of coyness when quoting the results of their labor for the past thirty years. Mr. Ueberle was born at Heidelberg, Germany, June 29, 1849, was educated at the fountain head of learning in his native city, and learned the stone masonry trade there, which he followed all his life. He came to America in 1877 stopping first at St. Louis. He was married one year later, then went west working on the Midland railroad in Colorado, returning to St. Louis in '79, and in the spring of 1882 he began on his own account in the same line, working up in the trade and in 1895 he was awarded the contract for the Immaculate Conception church in St. Louis, which is entirely of stone and which he finished in due time. He then came to St. Charles and continued his efforts here which resulted in his securing the contract for the court house which he built at a cost of \$45,000.00 in 1901. Mr. C. F. Ueberle, junior member of the firm, was born in St. Louis, February 25th, 1881, and after finishing at school joined his father in this business. He was married to Miss Blanche Geisart, of St. Charles, and has a boy and girl to share the pleasures of his prosperity.

JOHN SCHULZE.

John Schulze, whose popular house of Plumbing, Gasfitting and Sewering at 206 N. Main Street calls for further explanation, is the first plumber in the matter of rank, in the City, his establishment is in the heart of the City, it is fitted most completely and makes a good appearance from the street, almost as good an appearance as the

work which is done under the personal direction of this eminent master plumber. Mr. Schulze was born August 9th, 1875, at Waterloo, Ills., and attended the public schools, after which he worked at and served his time in the plumbing trade at St. Louis, coming to St. Charles in 1898, worked for O. Link, Mr. Link took in Mr. A. Runge as a partner during this time, however, without losing much time Mr. Schulze gave evidence of his ambitions by purchasing the interest of Mr. Link and later that of Mr. Runge and that same spirit

FRED T. HUG.

Fred T. Hug, dealer in cornices, guttering, spouting and roofing materials at 318 North Main Street, was born January 25th, 1874, in St. Charles, and received his education in the public and parochial schools, after which he worked for the American Car & Foundry Company in the Tin Plate department for 12 years until 1906, when he bought out R. H. Buehrle, who had the sole agency for the front rank hot air furnaces, and the Star rainwater filters and his attention to business since that time has given him plenty of work a great deal of which is special church cornices, etc., in and outside of St. Charles.

L. L. PALLARDY & CO.

Leo L. Pallardy and Company, 108 South Main Street, dealers in stoves and tinware, guttering, roofing and cornices, is the lineal continuation of a business which Mr. Pallardy's father purchased in 1883, at which time the present proprietor worked in this store with his father, in 1898, at the demise of his father Mr. Pallardy's mother gave him a half interest in the business. Mr. Pallardy was born December 4th, 1867, in this city, and received his education in the parochial schools, he is married and has beside his wife, six children, three boys and three girls; the business includes most everything in the metal line, and they make a specialty of figuring on metal work for buildings, etc.

AUSTIN S. FOX.

Austin S. Fox, Plumber, gas fitter and drainlayer, at 330 North Main Street, was born on October 8th, 1879, at Paducah, Ky., but after two years shook the Kentucky soil off his shoes and moved with his parents to Decatur, Ill., where he resided until 1897 when he started to tour the country, learning his trade as he went, and during this time he was engaged on the work at the Fort Wayne court house, Government Building at Mobile, Alabama, Times Building, at St. Louis, the water works at Clarksville, Mo., and the gas plant and many other buildings. His work also includes the first sanitary sewerage in St. Charles, installed the plumbing in the new court house, and is now on the job at Lindenwood on the new Dormitory, being the largest plumbing contract ever let in St. Charles. Mr. Fox is known from one end of the country to the other, and while he is careful to give his attention to the business, he enjoys the outdoor sports, base ball, football, etc., and is the possessor of the prettiest motor boat on the river.



JOHN SCHULZE, PLUMBER

has enabled him to advance to the head of his profession here, among his most prominent work being the R-J. & R. Shoe Company Building, the St. Joseph Hospital, the Jefferson and Benton School, the St. Charles Savings Bank Building, and many prominent residences; his help is always the best, his sample rooms and offices are exquisite, and his own practical education, superb for the proper practice of his trade.



JOHN SCHULZE



INTERIOR OF JOHN SCHULZE'S PLUMBING SHOP



AUSTIN S. FOX



I. F. HANSBERGER, Proprietor of The Household Supply Co.



JOHN M. ROHLFING, Ocks-Rohlfing D. G. & Gro. Co.



GEO. DELGER



E. C. NEHLS, Livery and Undertaker



PAUL POLSKI, Proprietor of The Famous



HENRY BROEKER



FRANK FORSTMANN



GEO. R. FORSTMANN



JOHN PLATTE



WM. H. ECHELMEIER

**HENRY BROEKER.**

Henry Broeker, painter, wall paperer and decorator, at 103 N. Main St., and 104 West Jefferson St., has been in that line of business here since 1872, and wherever he has done work once, he has occasion to return when time and weather despoiled the beauty of his labors. Mr. Broeker was born at Westphalia, Prussia, in 1849, and attended school there until he was 14 years old, when he learned the painters trade, serving an apprenticeship of three and a half years. He worked at the trade in Germany until 1868 when he came to this country and settled at St. Louis removing shortly afterward to St. Charles. He added the wall paper department in 1878 and business prospered, so that in 1895 he took the large quarters he at present occupies.

Mr. Broeker married Miss Mary Mueller in 1872, and of the 9 children born to them, 7 still live, two of them being occupied in their father's business, Henry, Jr., at the trade and his daughter Edna keeping books. He has considerable real estate and personal property in St. Charles and takes an interest in public affairs.

**FRANK FORSTMANN & SON.**

Frank Forstmann & Son, painting contractors, have been in this business continuously since 1867 when Mr. Forstmann came here from St. Louis and associated himself with Henry Miller, and later with Christian Mitrucker with whom he was in partnership and whom he succeeded later. Mr. Forstmann was born March 19th, 1845, at Rietberg, Westphalia, Prussia, and after attending the parochial schools he went to college for three years, after which he served as an apprentice for 3 years when he took a position as painter in Germany. He arrived in this country in June, 1864, and stopped for a time at St. Louis, later coming to St. Charles. In 1903, Geo. R. Forstmann, his oldest son, became his partner.

**GEORGE R. FORSTMANN.**

Mr. George R. Forstman, junior partner of Forstman & Son, was born in this city on March 29th, 1878, and attended the public and parochial schools after which he learned the sign painting and ornamental painting branches of the business in which he is now engaged as a partner with his father, his interest amounting to one-half of the business.

Mr. John Platte, general contractor and architect, doing business at 927 N. 4th Street, is another of the natives in this thriving city. He was born here on August 13th, 1870, and like all of us needed some education, so they sent him to the parochial schools where he learned to read, write and spell. Afterward his father decided that he would do well in the brick yard which he at that time conducted, until John became 16, when he took a position with Mr. John Borgmeyer, learning the carpenter business, after some work in this line he went to St. Louis and later to Chicago following this trade. While in the east he studied architecture and when he returned to St. Charles in 1891, he brought with him a full edged degree as architect and contractor, which he readily employed in starting out for himself and his work on the St. Peters Hall and schools and the Catholic church at Flint Hill, a church at Lindsey, Texas, another at Old Monroe, Mo., and a convent at O'Fallon, Mo., and many other residences all vouch for his ability in this line. Mr. Platte has taken up the concrete block work, and to demonstrate its usefulness and stability he has erected several houses of concrete blocks, thus preceding Mr. Edison in the belief that they are practical.

**W. H. ECHELMEIER.**

Located at Second and Jefferson Sts. is a carriage and wagon manufacturer who can be relied upon at all times for promptitude in the repairing line and first class new work; a wagon-making expert. Mr. Echelmeier is in charge, and one in whom we feel doubly warranted in placing our utmost con-

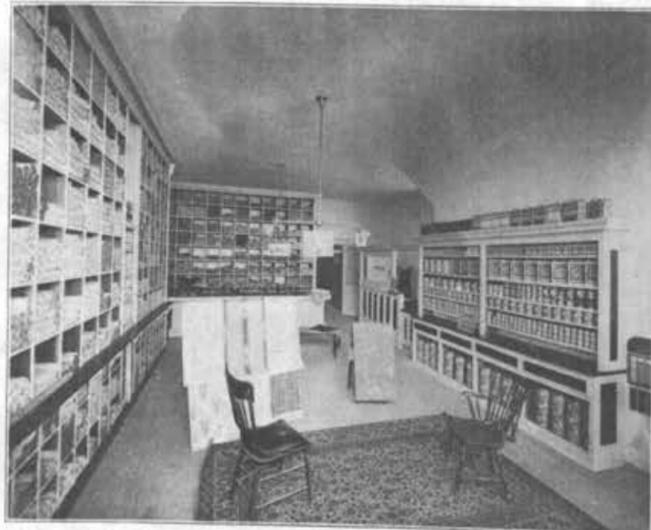


**FORSTMANN & SON**

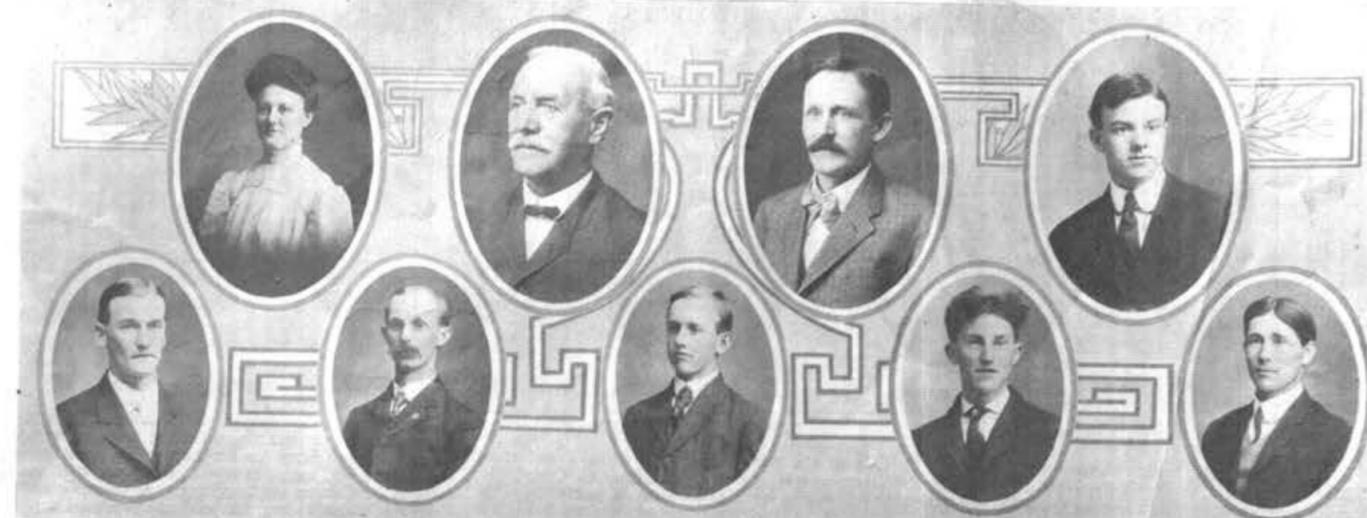
fidence, in the building of our new wagons and carriages, on account of his long residence here. Mr. Echelmeier was born here February 4, 1863, and learned and remained in the carriage building and repairing business all his life. Could he do more?



**INTERIOR OF HENRY BROEKER'S STORE**



**INTERIOR OF FORSTMANN & SON'S STORE**



MISS ALVINA WALLENBROCK, H. B. DENKER, GEO. PUNDMAN, T. JUNGBLUT, ED. WINGERS, GEO. H. WALLENBROCK, H. C. ZUMWALT, OLIVER E. DENKER, FRANK KAULLEM

**H. B. DENKER.**

H. B. Denker, mayor of St. Charles, was born January 30th, 1839, in Hanover, Germany, and came to this country in 1859, stopping at St. Charles, Mo., where he entered the grocery business until 1869, when he opened a store in partnership with Mr. Pieper under the firm name of Denker & Pieper, but one year later he became sole owner of the business, which he conducted until 1895 when it was incorporated. Mr. Denker's other connection included the establishment of a packing house here in 1870 where about 5,000 hogs were received and cured annually. He continued this business until 1889, and he was instrumental in organizing the St. Charles Car Company, was vice-president from its organization in 1872 to 1895 when he became president and general manager, which position he held until the company was bought up by the American Car and Foundry Company when Mr. Denker became district manager for that company which he continued for one year. Mr. Denker was county treasurer from 1865 to 1875.

**H. B. DENKER GROCERY CO.**

H. B. Denker Grocery Company, 205-7 North Main Street, was established in 1863 by Denker & Pieper, and is the oldest grocery store in the city, the business later became the sole property of Mr. H. B. Denker who is the mayor of the city, until 1895 when the business was incorporated, H. B. Denker becoming president, Charles Denker, vice-president, and George Wallenbrock, secretary-treasurer and general manager. (This firm has the agency for many of the finest condiments in the market, and has the most complete line of fancy groceries in the city. Mr. George Wallenbrock who became the manager of the business in 1889, was born July 24th, 1864, in St. Charles, Mo., and was educated in the public schools and took a course at night school and became connected with this firm in 1881 as a clerk for H. B. Denker and his present position is the result of advances resulting from his faithful and continuous service. The firm employs quite a number of clerks.

**BOEDEKER'S GROCERY.**

Boedeker's Grocery is one of the staunch purveyors of condiments and other necessary food specialties in the city of St. Charles, which is conducted entirely without the wills or ways of the

sterner sex, Misses Rieka and Helen C. Boedeker being the executive heads of the business. The business is conducted at 7th and Clay Streets, and numbers among its assistants as clerks, Mr. Will H. Merx and Walter Boedeker, and as chaperone and counsellor, Mr. Geo. H. Boedeker.



WM. H. MERX



MISS RIEKA BOEDEKER



GEO. BOEDEKER



MISS HELEN BOEDEKER



WALTER BOEDEKER



HENRY PLATTE



ED V. EHLINGER



DAVID FOSSELL



V. A. HELLER



F. L. DIECKMANN

PLATTE & EHLINGER.

Mr. Henry Platte, senior partner of the firm of Platte & Ehlinger was born in St. Charles on December 10th, 1862, and received his education in the parochial schools here, afterward being engaged with his father in the brick yard for a period of five years, he then entered the grocery business in St. Louis, and remained there three years, upon returning to St. Charles he purchased a lot at Second and Baird Streets, and after erecting a building there he occupied same for about thirteen years, when he sold this store to Ocks, Rohlfing & Company. Mr. Platte took advantage of a much needed rest for a year and was again induced to engage in business in 1907, when he purchased property at the above location and started the present business in company with Mr. Ehlinger. Mr. Platte has considerable property here and numerous other collaterals which are the fruit of his labors; he is married and has four children, there being three boys and one girl, the oldest boy is now eighteen years of age and employed in the store as a clerk. The firm makes a specialty of furnishing the best goods for the least money and to give prompt and efficient service to all of their customers, and their wagons may be seen plying back and forth through the city delivering goods at all times, they receive many telephone orders, having both phones in the store, the Bell, 331, and the Kinloch, 351. Politeness and despatch being the watch-words of the business.

Edward V. Ehlinger, dealer in groceries and general merchandise, at Second and Morgan Streets, is another of the faithful sons of St. Charles, whose life was tied to this favorite spot. Mr. Ehlinger was born here July 31st, 1873, and educated in the parochial schools here, after which he engaged for the next twenty years in the grocery business in St. Louis, returning to this City in due time, he took up partnership with Mr. Henry Platte under the above style. Mr. Ehlinger does the soliciting and Mr. Platte the inside work, this arrangement seems to suit the ideas of both to perfection. Mr. Ehlinger is married to a Miss Lora Needham, of Des Moines, Iowa, and has three children one boy and twin girls.



PLATTE & EHLINGER

FOSSELL & HELLER.

One of the most perfectly organized and conducted general stores in St. Charles County is that conducted by Messrs. Fossell & Heller, who succeeded to the business established here by Messrs. Schaberg & Hafer, in 1867, they carry a large stock and complete lines of groceries, provisions, dry goods, hardware, queensware, gents furnishings, etc., at 927 N. Second Street, and have both telephones, employ eight people, operate three wagons and devote their entire undivided attention to the business, send out solicitors and make daily deliveries.

This is one of the oldest established business in the city, and enjoys an immense patronage, or the firm Mr. David Fossell was born on April 18th, 1869, in St. Louis, removing with his parents to St. Charles one year later, after completing his school education here he entered the store of Mr. Chas. Hug where he remained until 1885, when he went to work for Messrs. C. & H. Hafer, who had previously succeeded Schaberg & Hafer, and here Mr. Fossell has remained since, having acquired in partnership with Mr. Heller, this store in 1903, Mr. Fossell later took a course in book-keeping by attending college at night, and married Miss Marguerite Fischer of this County.

Mr. V. A. Heller was born on December 2nd, 1877, at Augusta, Missouri, and received his early education in the parochial and public schools of the state later taking a collegiate course in the Gem City Business College, at Quincy, Ills., later was employed in a general store in Washington, Mo., later with the J. G. Droege Mercantile Company until February, 1903, when he came to St. Charles and entered the dry goods business with the A. R. Huning Dry Goods Company, on the 1st of November, of the same year he formed a partnership with Mr. Fossell in the present business and has since made his time count well for the firm. He married Miss Helen Droege, of Washington, Mo.

DIECKMANN MERCANTILE COMPANY, 142 North Main Street.

F. L. Dieckmann, the proprietor of this thriving establishment, was born February 8th, 1886, in St. Louis, and after finishing school he took two courses



FOSSELL & HELLER

in the Belleville Commercial and Shorthand College, after which he entered the real estate business in St. Louis, later working for his father who was then also in the real estate business. In June, 1907, he came to St. Charles and bought out the Diehr Grocer Company, which he has enhanced and improved until it is to-day one of the best in the city. One of the leading articles for which this store has a reputation is the coffee, they having the agency for the Howard W. Spurr Coffee Company's Big Four line of coffee, Revere, Lexington, Concord and Continental brands.



THEO. BUESCHER

THE WEST END GROCERY.

The West End Grocery, conducted at 912 Jefferson Street, by Mr. Theo. Buescher, has been gaining favor with their large and increasing patronage since the latter part of last year when this first-class establishment was first opened to the public. Mr. Buescher has been in the same line of business from the beginning of his business career and takes an interest in providing only the best goods at the best season of the year, and in keeping his trade well pleased, his goods fresh and clean, and his business dealings above reproach.



FRANK HACKMAN, SR.



FRANK L. HACKMAN



CHAS. H. KEMPER



JUL. KOHL



E. G. KOHL

FRANK HACKMAN, Sr.

Frank Hackman, Sr., who has made live stock trades for the past ten years more or less, was born in Hanover, Germany, January 11th, 1833. Mr. Hackman having lost his father when but four years of age started in the world at large on his own grit when quite young, coming to St. Louis in 1849, where he secured employment shortly afterward in the brick yard, which he left to take up wagon making in Quincy, Illinois, which he followed for four years, then returning to St. Louis, and subsequently to St. Charles. Mr. Hackman married here and after spending two years on a farm, he moved to New Melle, where he engaged in the wagon making business from which he retired two years after, moving to St. Louis again, and taking up the business we find him now engaged in; returning to St. Charles he was elected for four years as County Assessor, in 1897, he went into the butcher business with his son, Frank L. Hackman. Mrs. Hackman died in 1901, and in 1905, Mr. Hackman sold out his interest in the butcher business to his son, and continued trading stock.

FRANK L. HACKMANN.

Mr. Frank L. Hackmann, dealer in fresh and salt meats, at 915 N. Second Street, is the son of Frank Hackman, Sr., a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this book. Mr. Hackman was born July 23rd, 1867, and came to this city first with his parents in 1877. He received his education here and has many friends. He worked for his father from time to time in the live stock business until he opened this establishment, which became the sole property of Frank L. Hackmann in 1905, and

which he has conducted in a creditable manner and to the entire satisfaction of his large patronage.

CHAS. H. KEMPER.

Mr. Chas. H. Kemper, who conducts a meat market at 510 W. Clay Street, is one of the best known business men in the city, was born in St. Louis on December 13th, 1865, and after receiving his early education, worked on the farm in Missouri, came to St. Charles in 1888, and learned the butcher business, married Miss Julia A. Winkelmeier of Boonville, Mo., and in 1897, started in business here for himself, and his success and social popularity since do not require any further introduction, he handles only the very best goods and enjoys a large trade.

JULIUS KOHL & BRO.

After a try at farming as an industry, Mr. Julius Kohl came back into the butcher business in this city to stay and seems to like it better than working. Mr. Kohl was born December 6th, 1855, at Dover, Ohio, but soon left the Buckeye State, accompanying his parents first to Winona, Minnesota, and finally to this city, arriving here in 1867. He attended the school here, soon completing his education sufficiently that he entered the butcher business, working for several firms in that line here; in 1886 he opened his own shop, which he conducted successfully for five years, when the call of the wild induced him to leave the shop for the farm, he having in the meantime purchased some land. However, he rented the farm to a tenant in 1895, and returning here opened a shop, purchasing the above location 2 years later and after putting up a building he opened at the present location. In the meantime, however, he acquired 7 other properties in the

city some of them in company with his partner, Mr. E. G. Kohl, who is also his brother, and a 200 acre farm at Palmer, Texas, where he intends to raise stock. This firm has a very complete establishment, do their own killing, buy and sell cattle and handle only the best fresh and salt meats. Mr. E. G. Kohl first entered upon this life on March 28, 1875, in this city, and after leaving school worked as a stationary engineer, later joining his brother as above.



JULIUS KOHL & BRO.

J. ZEISLER & COMPANY, MANUFACTURERS OF SODAS AND MINERAL WATER

J. ZEISLER & COMPANY.

J. Zeisler & Company, Manufacturers of soda and mineral waters, ginger ale and syrups, at 600 S. Main Street, do not claim that age improves their product, unless properly kept, but age certainly does indicate the reliability of a firm, in so much as, that unlike a human if it is no good, it does not last long. From a small shop built in 1860, this firm has gradually worked up until it

required larger and more improved quarters which were built in 1903 and which are equipped with the latest machinery and methods, and a laboratory conducted upon the most expert and sani-

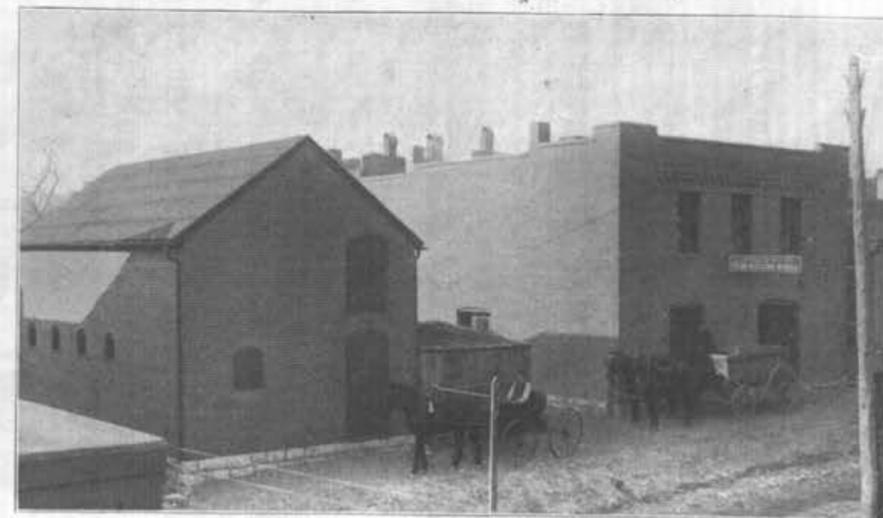
tary conditions, and their product has indeed a wide circulation; there is probably no one in the City who has not in one way or another, tested their product.



JACOB ZEISLER



JOSEPH H. ZEISLER



J. ZEISLER'S SODA FACTORY



F. W. WEYRAUCH



BLUE LABEL BAKERY



WM. V. MILES

**BLUE LABEL BAKERY COMPANY.**  
Mr. F. W. Weyrauch, Secretary and Treasurer, and General Manager of the Blue Label Bakery, was born at Weldon Springs, St. Charles County, on July 26, 1874, and received his early education in the rural schools of the county, after finishing his school education he came to St. Charles City and worked for the American Car and Foundry Co., in the coach department, where he became an expert in his trade from roughing to finishing later he worked at St. Louis, but soon returned

shortly thereafter the company purchased property and put up a plant entirely equipped with the very latest machinery operated by steam with a capacity of 5,000 loaves of bread daily in addition to the cakes, pies and pastry, the company does a strictly wholesale business, supplying the grocery, confectionery and kindred trade that handles bread, pies and cakes within a radius of about 100 miles from the city. They make two regular daily deliveries to the city and suburban trade, along the Wabash and M. K. & T. Ry.

the most cardinal features of good citizenship and loyalty to the community.  
Mr. William V. Miles, Vice-President of the Company, was born in St. Louis County, Mo., on Weyrauch's bakery. Mr. Miles is a practical baker and for this reason is in charge of the baking department.

**BAMBERGER'S CONFECTIONERY.**

Bamberger's Confectionery, located in the Pfeiffer Building, is the continuation of a busi-



DELIVERY WAGON OF BLUE LABEL BAKERY



INTERIOR OF BLUE LABEL BAKERY

here, again in the same position with the same company until he started in the bakery business in 1905, at 827 N. Second Street, this business Mr. Weyrauch established as a money making enterprise to fill a long felt want here, and his wisdom in selecting an able baker to properly fill the ever increasing demand for high grade bread has been demonstrated by their utter inability to supply the demand for bread, and they are constantly on the alert for any new or available way of increasing their capacity.

The Blue Label Bakery Company, Henry Kister, President; Wm. V. Miles, Vice-President; F. W. Weyrauch, Secretary and Treasurer and General Manager, was incorporated this year with a cash paid up capital of \$9,000.00, and is the busiest concern in the City of St. Charles, strictly "home rule" applies to every transaction of the company, they buy all their material here, they hire only local help, and make constant effort to keep their money circulating in St. Charles, which is one of

ness started many years ago by Mr. Pfeiffer, to which Mr. Bamberger succeeded in June, 1906. A complete line of fresh confections is always on hand, including bread, cakes, ice cream, pies, candy, etc., in addition light lunches are served with coffee or chocolate, and everything which they do serve is first-class. Mr. Bamberger attends to the many details of the business in a most efficient manner and can always be found at his post.

In 1907, the firm was incorporated with a capital of \$9,000.00, with a Board of Directors consisting of Messrs. Kister, Weyrauch, Miles, Fred Meyer, Edward Thro, Louis Nolle, and Henry Happy,



L. GLIATTA

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"The Grand" of which L. Gliatta is the proprietor, offers an elegant assortment of candies and confections at 227 Main St. He serves hot coffee and chocolate with light lunches, carries a line of fine cigars and tobacco, as well as home made ice cream, bread, cakes, fruit, etc. Mr. Gliatta was born 37 years ago, came to St. Charles February 15th, 1898, which does not infer that he was "blown up from the Maine" the anniversary of which was marked by his arrival in St. Charles.



INTERIOR BAMBERGER'S CONFECTIONERY



THEO. PUNDMANN

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Theo. Pundmann, dealer in wood, coal, sand, stone and lime at the corner of Main and Adams Streets, was born November 13th, 1882, in St. Charles, attended the St. Charles Military College two years after completing his primary education, and then began working for his father, who established this business in 1878; after the senior died in 1904, the business was left entirely in Mr. Theodore Pundmann's charge, and the way in which he has conducted the large business, which now includes also teaming and hauling of all kinds, as well as street sprinkling and the street cleaning contracts for the city, is sufficient warrant of his energy.



ST. CHARLES ICE AND COAL CO.

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St. Charles manufactures all of its ice, the consumption being about 5,000 tons annually, and about an equal amount is being shipped out to the outlying districts and smaller towns, the price of ice delivered to the trade in a retail way ranges from 25 to 40 cents per hundred pounds, and the total production therefore is about ten thousand tons. To keep the smoke going up the chimney in St. Charles it requires about 60,000 tons of good Illinois coal, and by reason of the fact that the world's greatest coal fields are located in Illinois just across the Mississippi river, this supply costs St. Charles about the same as it does to St. Louis or the other large cities adjacent. The estimated cost of transportation on coal from the Illinois fields to St. Charles is about 90 cents per ton, thus making it possible to supply coal for steam at \$1.60 to \$1.75 per ton, and for domestic uses at \$3.00. For all of this, we have the St. Charles Ice & Coal Company whose business it is to see that every one desiring "heat or cold" be promptly supplied, and they certainly do it well. This company was incorporated in October, 1905, H. H. Wilmes being president, R. A. Wilmes, vice-president, and J. J. Amptmann, secretary and treasurer. They employ about 20 men, and have a good business which is increasing daily. The management of the company is in the hands of Mr. H. H. Wilmes.



LOUIS F. MARTEN'S ELEVATOR. At Blair Station, Burlington R. R.



THEO. PUNDMANN'S YARD

**LOUIS F. MARTEN.**  
Louis F. Marten, a prominent grain dealer of St. Charles, succeeded his father in 1889, and has built up a considerable trade throughout the surrounding country. He has a grainary in St. Charles, (located

St. Charles county is one of the banner farming counties of the state. It produces a variety of corn peculiarly its own, known as the "St. Charles White," a very long grained corn with a very thin cob. This corn is shipped as far north as Canada, as far



LOUIS F. MARTEN'S ELEVATOR At Orchard Farm on Burlington R. R.



LOUIS F. MARTEN, GRAIN DEALER, ST. CHARLES

on 4th & Clay Sts.) an elevator at Blase, and one at Orchard Farm, and also buys grain on the various spurs and switches of the Wabash, Missouri, Kansas & Texas, and the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railways.

east as the Atlantic Ocean and as far south as the Gulf Coast and Texas, to be used for seed. While the wheat of St. Charles county is probably not so famous as its corn, never-the-less there is no better quality grown anywhere in the state.



J. H. WERNER,  
St. Charles Roller Mills



FRED W. WERNER,  
St. Charles Roller Mills



HENRY KISTER,  
Pres. Home Milling Co.



EDWARD H. THRO,  
Sec'y and Treas. Home Milling Co.

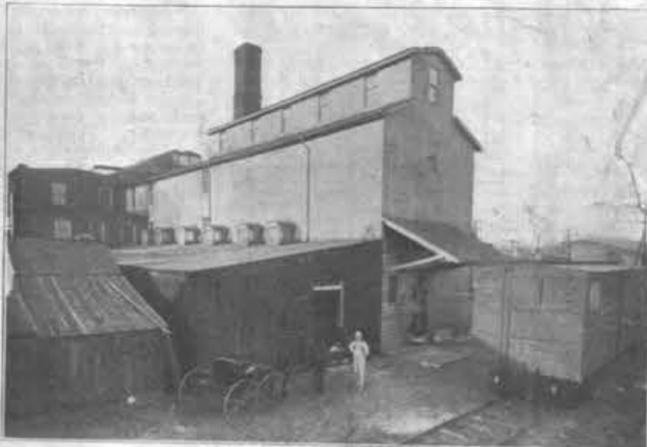


HOME MILLING CO.  
HOME MILLING COMPANY,  
906-12 N. Second Street.

Home Milling Company, 906-12 North Second Street, surely bids fair to bring the name of the city to the best possible advantage, if reaching the top in milling business will help to do so, for there is scarcely a child in St. Charles County that has not heard of or does not know of the Home Milling Company, which makes the "Snowball" and "Thro's Best" flour which can be used for all different kinds of best bread, cakes, pies and pastry, neither is anyone who has not heard of, seen and spoken to Mr. J. B. Thro, the founder of this mill or Mr. Henry Kister, the president and manager of the business. Mr. Thro organized this mill about thirty-five years ago, and Mr. Kister purchased a large interest therein one year later, he having been previously engaged as a contractor here. Mr. Kister has been constantly and actively engaged in the milling business since that time. The firm now maintains a warehouse in St. Louis in order to supply the local demand there more promptly. The other officers of the Company are John B. Thro, vice-president; Edward H. Thro, secretary and treasurer; while Mr. Edward Kister is employed as a bookkeeper and assistant manager. Mr. John B.

Thro left the active duties of the mill some years ago upon being appointed postmaster here in President Cleveland's second term, and upon the expiration of that service he did not reenter the milling business actively but established himself in the retail clothing business.

Mr. Edward H. Thro, who is a machinist by trade, began working for the St. Charles Car Company in 1883, afterward working for the Allis-Chalmers Co., of Milwaukee, where he remained until the incorporation of the present firm, which



HOME MILLING CO., ELEVATOR

took place on July 2nd, 1892, when he returned here and became secretary and treasurer.

ST. CHARLES ROLLER MILLS

A more successful career in the same line would be rather difficult to find than that of Mr. J. H. Werner, proprietor of the St. Charles Roller Mills, who was born in St. Louis, on March 1st, 1862, after passing his educational period in the public schools there he entered the milling business with the Geo. P. Plant Milling Company, afterward working for the Saxony Milling Company, in 1889 he went to Cleveland, Ohio, and engaged with the Cleveland Milling Company, as assistant head miller, remaining in this position four years and until he came to Belleville, Ill., to take charge of the Crown Mills and the Harrison and Switzer Milling Company, running both

mills, in 1898, he returned to St. Louis and in charge of the Southern Roller Mills, remodeled the mill and enlarging its capacity from 600 to 2,400 barrels per day, in 1899, he left this position to build a mill for Marcus Bernheimer of St. Louis, in Clinton, Missouri, remaining in charge for two years, he then returned to St. Louis, and in due time came to St. Charles where he purchased the St. Charles Rolling Mill, shortly afterward making extensive improvements which he continued until the mill was fully complete and up-to-date in every particular. Two of the leading brands of flour which this mill produces are "White Dove" and "White Lily" both of which are first class in every particular. In the conduct of this business it requires more than ordinary judgment in the buying of wheat, and Mr. Werner's long association with that great staff of life has enabled him to judge it expertly.



ST. CHARLES ROLLER MILLS



INTERIOR OF WAREHOUSE, HOME MILLING CO.

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Two papers, managed and edited by R. A. Chase and R. M. Thompson, are issued from this office. The daily is the leading paper of the city of St. Charles, and the weekly occupies a similar position with regard to the county. We recommend them both to our advertisers as covering the field more thoroughly than any other papers, and to the readers as containing more local news than all others combined.



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The Weekly Banner-News is a consolidation of the Banner and the News, both mediums of heavy circulation in their day. It prints volumes of country correspondence as well as county seat intelligence of every variety. It is careful and conservative, but fearless in its views, standing for the interests of St. Charles county and particularly for those of the farmers, who make up the majority of its readers.

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MARTIN L. COMANN, Business Manager



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COOK'S NEWS STAND

Mr. W. W. Cook, who holds the fort at 223 North Main Street, under the above title, is one of the best examples of energy, tact, thrift and

enterprise to which St. Charles can lay credit for her Metropolitan attitude in the conduct of business affairs. Mr. Cook began here a few years ago, selling papers on the street, and by perseverance succeeded in acquiring the store formerly conducted by Mr. C. F. Ahmann. Mr. Cook re-furnished and re-stocked the store as soon as he took charge, and the manner in which this was accomplished and the completeness of the change bear testimony for his ability as a hustler among

small fee of say 5c or 10c and secure another book, and so on, in endless chain fashion, certainly adds an attractive feature to this promising business. Mr. Cook carries also a large line of cigars, post cards, magazines, stationery, school supplies, etc., etc., and is a veritable fountain of hospitality.



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