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MANY IMPORTANT DATES.

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| Dec. 16, 1773—Boston Tea Party. | June 19, '64—Kearsarge sunk Ala. |
| Apr. 19, '75—Battle of Lexington. | Apr. 9, '65—Lee surren. to Grant |
| June 17, '75—Battle of Bunker Hill. | Apr. 14, '65—Lincoln assassinated. |
| July 4, '76—Independence Decl'd. | Mar. 30, '67—Alaska purchased. |
| June 14, '77—Am. Flag, 13 stars, 13 stripes. | Dec. 18, '67—U. S. abolished slavery. |
| June 18, '77—Phila. Evacuated. | Feb. 25, '68—Andrew Jackson Im. |
| July 4, '78—Wyoming Val. Mas. | Sept. 24, '69—Black Friday. |
| Sept. 23, '79—Paul Jones' Nav. Vic. | Mar. 30, '70—15th Amendment pas'd. |
| Oct. 19, '81—Sur. of Cornwallis. | Oct. 8, '71—Great Chicago fire. |
| Sept. 3, '83—Treaty, ends Revo. | July 2, '81—Pres. Garfield shot. |
| Nov. 25, '83—Evacuation of N. Y. | July 2, '86—Liberty Statue at N. Y. |
| Sept. 17, '87—Constitution adopted. | May 31, '89—Johnstown Flood. |
| Apr. 30, '89—Washington Inaug. | Feb. 15, '98—Maine blown up in Havana. |
| Feb. 25, '91—First U. S. Bank char. | Apr. 20, '98—War with Spain. |
| Apr. 2, '92—First Mint estab. | May 1, '98—Dewey's Manila victory |
| Sept. 18, '93—Capitol cornerstone ld. | June 3, '98—Hobson sunk Merri- |
| Apr. 30, 1803—Louisiana Purchase. | mac. |
| July 12, '04—Hamilton-Burr duel. | July 3, '98—Cervera's fleet dest'd. |
| Aug. 7, '07—Clermont steamboat trial. | July 7, '98—Hawaii annexed. |
| June 19, '12—War with England. | July 27, '98—Porto Rico taken. |
| Aug. 24, '14—Washington burned. | Dec. 10, '98—Treaty of Paris ends war with Spain. |
| Dec. 24, '14—Treaty of Ghent. | Sept. 9, 1900—Galveston Inundated. |
| Jan. 15, '15—Battle of New Orleans. | Sept. 6, 1901—Pres. McKinley shot. |
| July 4, '17—Erie Canal begun. | May 14, '02—Great Hard Coal st'k. |
| Feb. 22, '19—Florida Ceded to U. S. | Feb. 8, '04—Great Baltimore fire. |
| May 24, '19—Steamer to cross At. | Feb. 26, '04—Panama Canal Treaty. |
| Mar. 30, '20—Missouri Slave Com. | July 29, '05—Russo - Japanese Envoys sign Peace Pact at Portsmouth. |
| Dec. 12, '23—Monroe Doctrine Pro. | April 18, '06—San Francisco's earthquake. |
| July 4, '28—B. & O. Ry. begun. | Dec. 28, '08—100,000 people destroyed by earthquake in Sicily and Calabria. |
| Nov. 24, '32—S. C. Nullification Act | Dec. 28, '09—U. S. severed diplomacy with Nicaragua demanding Zelaya's resignation. |
| May 27, '44—First Telegram sent. | Aug. '11—Reciprocity with Canada passed U. S. Sen. |
| Mar. 1, '45—Texas annexed to U. S. | Aug. '11—Arbitrament Treaties negotiated with England and France. |
| June 15, '46—Oregon Settlement. | Arizona and New Mexico admitted. |
| Feb. 2, '48—Mexican cession. | |
| Dec. 30, '53—Gadesden Purchase. | |
| Aug. 4, '57—Atlantic Cablegram sent. | |
| Oct. 16, '59—Brown's Harper's Raid. | |
| Dec. 20, '60—South Caro. seceded. | |
| Feb. 8, '61—Confederacy organized. | |
| Apr. 14, '61—Evacuation of Sumter. | |
| Mar. 9, '62—Monitor and Merrimac fight. | |
| Jan. 1, '63—Emancipation Procla. | |
| July 1-3, '63—Gettysburg Battle. | |



Soldiers Monument.



Our First Skyscraper

AUSPICES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

No city can expect its full measure of advancement while depending upon natural advantages alone. The most favorable location, without the spirit of push, will soon fall behind in the race, while an inferior place with decided business energy may lead a more favored rival. These facts led to the organization of the present progressive Chamber of Commerce, for the advancement of every legitimate interest of Meadville, the promotion of manufactures, collection of statistical information connected with commercial and industrial interests.

Our design in promoting this publication is to present in a concise and reliable manner all of the material features of progress and prospect, with a brief mention of the principal persons and firms who are active workers, that the special advantages of Meadville may be made known. Our compiler has a well earned reputation as a local historian. He has taken much care to make this volume a true chronicle of facts and figures, each page being censored by the Secretary of our body, in order to avoid errors. That this edition may assist in the upbuilding of Meadville the cordial co-operation of every business man, and our citizens in general, is requested; so that a wide distribution of our advantages may be made known. We shall abbreviate dates and words, where intelligible, in order to condense the most facts into the allotted space.

The thoughtful man seeking for a place of residence while educating his family, or a city in which to open business, will prefer to have an accurate portrayal of present conditions, rather than novelistic flights of imagination or fulsome flattery. For Meadville's ultimate good we hope to have hundreds of this work mailed to friends and customers throughout the states, to advertise its resources and advantages, and expect a liberal patronage from every generous firm; but mention of our leading industries will not be omitted should any one from false economy fail to extend the merited support. There is abundance of room in this well watered and picturesque French Creek Valley for thousands of additional progressive men, and we cordially invite them to make a thorough investigation of Meadville's merits, believing that a truthful knowledge of conditions will induce many to choose this city for a permanent home.

Forward March. Meadville's unmistakable natural and acquired advantages, coupled with the efforts of its Chamber of Commerce, have resulted in a steady permanent growth, as will be seen from the last census, and its wide awake citizens are determined to still further publish its advantages and show a greater percentage of increase within the next decade. This volume is well illustrated, printed on enameled paper of convenient size for mailing, and of sufficient merit to insure its preservation. While we have condensed many important historical facts, the object will be to present in a concise manner the educational, religious, commercial and industrial advantages of Meadville.

Progressive Features. Our merchants are progressive, with several department and jobbing houses, so that Meadville citizens seldom need to appeal to metropolitan places, for the ordinary needs of life, as rich and poor alike can be supplied, excepting for unusual demands. By its diversified industries, and permanent frugality of its working people, strikes of importance are unknown here, and the city is rarely much affected by financial panics. Each small, or medium industry, contributes a mite to the general prosperity and the aggregate of these concerns make a large weekly wage. These diversified products are shipped to many sections of the states and publish Meadville's wares to the world. Did space permit we might dilate indefinitely on these environments, but believe it to be more in keeping with Meadville conservatism to present a volume of condensed facts regarding the present condition of our industrial, education and commercial interests.

Meadville is fortunately located nearly midway, of the 999 miles, between New York and Chicago, and our business men can enjoy a sleeper from here to either metropolis, without wasting commercial hours. It is but 38 miles to Erie by trolley, about 100 to Pittsburgh, Cleveland or Buffalo by rail. Through the Erie, B. & L. E. and Pennsylvania connections these and many other metropolitan cities are reached in short order.

PRE-HISTORIC.

Northwestern Pennsylvania is full of interest for the student of history both for ancient or for modern times. Long before the Indians, of whom we have record, roamed through this section, it is believed to have been inhabited



First Baptist Church, Erected 1906.

by a superior people—of whom not even a tradition remains—whose only monuments are earthworks and tumuli, scattered here and there. Whether these were a distinct people from the aboriginal Indians or not, we may never know; but it is reasonable to suppose that they were predecessors, or a division of the half civilized race, from whom the Mexican Aztecs descended. Mounds and relics from these "Mound Builders" were formerly abundant throughout the Ohio and Mississippi valleys and especially in this section.

Of more recent explorers, Samuel P. Bates, and other local compilers have made volumes of bound histories which may be consulted in our principal libraries and found in the well-to-do homes of Crawford County. With the space allotted for this work the compiler will be able to present but a brief review of early history, and a more comprehensive sketch of present advantages and surroundings.

Early History. The illustrious "Father of Our Country" passed up the Venango River, 158 years ago, with a message from Gov. Dinwiddie, of Virginia, to the commandants of the French garrisons at LeBeouf and Presque Isle, to vacate because this was English territory. In his diary of Dec. 7, 1753, Washington wrote, 'We passed over much good land since we left Venango (as Franklin was then known), and through several extensive and very rich meadows, one of which (now the site of Meadville) was quite wide and nearly four miles in length.'

Pioneers. The Indian title to Western Pennsylvania was extinguished in 1785, and while there may have been an occasional white squatter, no permanent homes were erected until those built by the Mead party in 1788. These pioneers have left an historic remembrance which cannot be effaced

by the effects of time; while their heroic courage and thriftiness are worthy of emulation. Many of them will be noted, in later pages, as ancestors of present solid citizens of this county, but as the real father of Meadville we cannot refrain from giving a short biography here of David Mead.

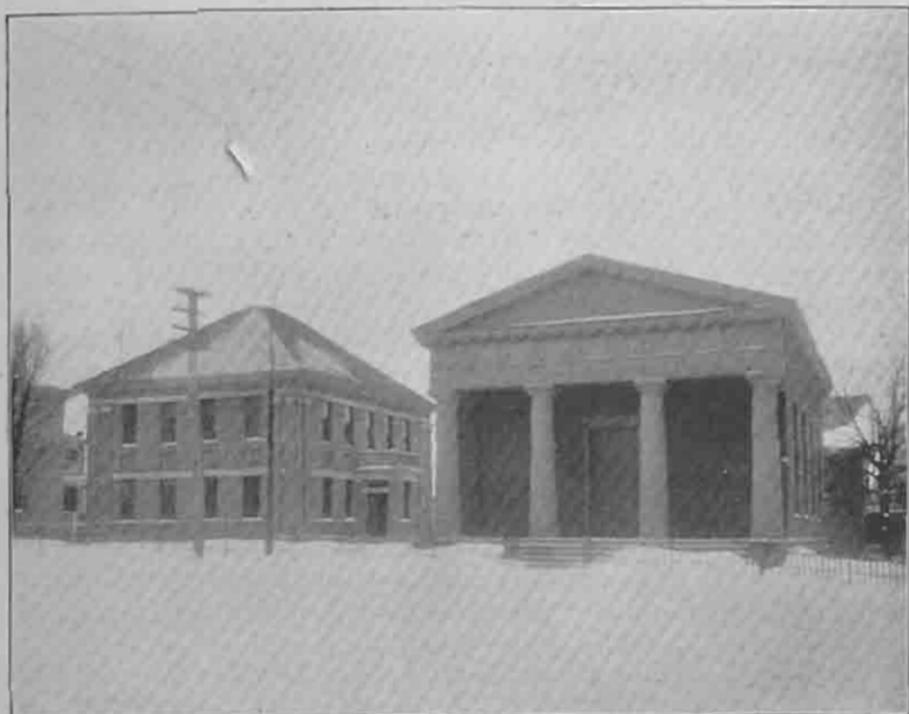
David Mead, the eldest son of Darius and Ruth (Curtis) Mead, of Connecticut, was born at Hudson, N. Y., Jan. 17, 1752. In 1774 he married Agnes, daughter of John and Janet Wilson, of Northumberland Co., Pa., and located near Sunbury. To this union came nine children, five of whom, William, Darius, Elizabeth, Sarah and Margaret, lived to maturity. In 1787 David Mead, accompanied by his brother John, came to this place prospecting and upon their return to Sunbury prevailed upon others to come with them (spring of 1788), to colonize the French Creek Valley. The company included David, Joseph and John Mead, Thomas Martin, John Watson, Jas. Fitz Randolph, Thomas Grant, Cornelius Van Horne and Christopher Snyder. These nine men, with two teams, arrived on the site of Meadville, May 12, 1788, and blazed the way for future industries. Corn and other truck were raised upon the meadows here that had been early Indian cornfields. Thomas Grant took up part of the present site of Meadville, but soon sold out to David Mead, who built a substantial residence, known as "Mead's Block House," near the present location of the old McFarland home on Water street. Fitz Randolph chose a site some two miles south; Van Horne southwest and others settled on the Vallonia side, now Fifth Ward. The families of Darius, David and John Mead, Robt. Fitz Randolph and Frederick Baum came, in 1789. Sarah, daughter of David Mead, was born that year and in 1816 was married to Rev. James Satterfield of Mercer Co. Darius, the father of the Mead Brothers, was killed near here by the Indians, in 1791, and his widow died in '94.

MEADVILLE BOROUGH.

David Mead had a village plot surveyed, in 1793, selling 17 lots that year; 27 lots in '94; and as many more in '95. The Holland Land Co., represented by Dr. Thos. R. Kennedy and Maj. Roger Alden, had a resurvey made, in 1795, and extension of the plot to 75 squares, creating the present Diamond 300x600 ft. Settlers arriving here before the close of the Eighteenth century were, in addition to those before mentioned, James Herriott, merchant; Samuel Torbett, blacksmith and nail-maker; Eliphalet Betts, tailor; Patrick, John and Geo. Davis, tanners; Lawrence Clancy, blacksmith; Wm. Dick, carpenter; Capt. Richard Patch; James Gibson, inn keeper; Jacob Rayser, gunsmith; Joseph Hackney, store; John Carver, tavern; Wm. McArthur, officer; David Compton, tavern; John Brooks, J. P.; Henry Reichard, Samuel Lord and Frederic Haymaker. Descendants of the last named have dropped the y from the spelling of the name. Rev. Jos. Stockton, Wm. Clary, Henry Hurst and Joseph Patterson came in 1801-2.

Meadville was incorporated March 29, 1823. Thomas Atkinson was elected burgess, and the councilmen were E. Betts, Jos. Patterson, Jas. Hamilton Daniel Perkins and Geo. Selden. Clerk, David Dick; Treas., Ewd. A. Reynolds. The borough limits were extended in 1853. The census of 1800 gave 125; 1810, 300; '20, 666; '30, 1,104; '40, 2,000; '50, 2,578; '60, 3,702.

(Continued under Meadville City.)



Independent Congregational (Unitarian) Church.

Indians. Corn Planter, Canadochta and other chiefs in this vicinity were usually peaceable; but the red men throughout the Northwest were on the war path, 1791-4, and the pioneers passed through perilous scenes. Several times the women and children were sent to the fort at Franklin; but with Wayne's great victory at Greenville, O., in 1794, a permanent peace was established.

OTHER PIONEERS.

Maj. Roger Alden had served in the Revolutionary War from Lexington to Yorktown. His home was where the present Shryock mansion stands on Walnut street. He fought a duel with A. W. Foster, 1804; was chosen as a legislator, 1809; and later served as a county official. He died 1825. Col. Joseph Hackney located nearby, in 1794, started a store on Water street, in '97, served in county offices until Warren Co. was created, 1817, when he was appointed Associate Judge and removed to Warren. H. J. Huidekoper came late in 1804; Thomas Atkinson and W. Brendle about the same time, Jan. 2, 1805, the two latter having started the Weekly Messenger. Many other early settlers will be mentioned in our business notes or biographical sketches.

Mead Twp. David Mead had been a justice, in Northumberland Co., and March 31, 1796, together with Thomas Rees of Erie, was appointed to hold court, for Mead township, then comprising the present area of Crawford and Erle counties. Gen. Mead's wife died in 1795, and in 1796 he married Jenett Finney, from which union came six children, all removing from this vicinity, excepting Maria, the youngest, who was married to Wm. Gill and spent her life in Meadville.

Holland Land Co. German merchants who had loaned large sums to Robert Morris, the financier, of the Revolutionary War, upon the establishment of peace decided to take U. S. lands for their bonds, and in 1792 pur-

chased 900,000 acres in Pennsylvania. Of this 9,112 tracts were taken between French Creek and the Allegheny River. The price allowed was about 80 cents per acre, and it was surveyed into 400 acre tracts. The company offered to bonafide settlers, till 1805, 100 acres free, to improve on each tract, and the privilege of buying the 300 acres at \$1.50 per acre.

Maj. Roger Alden was agent here 1799-1804. H. J. Huidekoper till '37, when he purchased the remaining Holland Land Co. interests, in several counties, for \$178,400.

The Pennsylvania Population Co., organized in 1792, also owned numerous tracts in Crawford and Erie counties, closing its affairs June, 1812, by auction at Philadelphia; the results being \$70,739. Many disputes were had between these companies and squatter intruders, before actual titles were finally settled.

CRAWFORD COUNTY.

Pennsylvania, west of the Allegheny mountains, remained as Allegheny Co. until March 12, 1800, when the northwest corner erected into Crawford Co., from which has since been taken Erie, Warren, Venango and Mercer, leaving the present Crawford, containing 1,020 square miles. It is 46 miles from east to west, bounds Ashtabula Co., O., for 24 miles, narrows down to 18 miles at the east end, and is divided into 34 prosperous townships. In 1800 the county had 2,346 inhabitants, grew rapidly through the harvesting of timber, 1850 to '70, since which the growth has been very conservative. The county was named for the heroic Gen. Wm. Crawford, who was burned by the Indians, at Sandusky, O., June 11, 1782.

Early Court House. Although the county was created in 1800 it was four years later, March 5, 1804, when an Act was passed ordering county buildings, and a two-story hewed log structure was erected, the first story serving for a jail and the second story as a court room. The cost of the building was \$2,493, and John Grier was paid \$100 for sinking a well. Another jail was built in 1824, and 25 years later the present stone structure was erected, which is now quite antiquated and should be replaced by one more in keeping with Twentieth century architecture.

Prior to the erection of the first court house, on west side of the Diamond, courts had been held in the second story of Wm. Dick's residence, at Water street and Cherry alley. Upon the erection of a brick court house, in 1824, the old court room was used for jail purposes, until '49, when the lot was sold to Judge Derickson. Up to 1819, the county officials occupied rented offices. Then a building was erected, for offices, at a cost of \$2,579. The Brick court house of '24 cost \$15,000.

The present court house, built 1868-9, is a commodious and convenient structure, well adapted to the needs of a county of 100,000 population. It cost about \$250,000, is surmounted by a handsome dome, upon which rests the figure of justice. The building has abundant room for all the county offices, well lighted court and jury rooms, and will answer all court needs for many years to come.

Presiding Judges have been Alex. Addison of Pittsburg, up to 1803; Jesse Moore of Meadville, to '25; Henry Shippen to '39; N. B. Eldred of Warren, to '43; Gaylord Church of Meadville, to '51; John Galbraith of Erie, to '60; Rasselas Brown of Warren, for vacancy; S. P. Johnson of Warren,



Crawford County Court House

to '70; W. H. Lowrie came to Meadville, '76; S. N. Pettis of Meadville, '78; Pearson Church to '88; J. J. Henderson, '98; Frank J. Thomas, 1908; T. J. Prather, 1918.

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CITY OF MEADVILLE.

Nestling in the beautiful Venango River valley and surrounded by gently sloping, but majestic hills, upon which the outskirts of the city are extending. Meadville has many fortunate environments. Conneaut Lake, covering 1,200 acres and largest in Pennsylvania, is 8 to 10 miles distant and a popular summer resort. The Ponce de Leon Springs and Oakwood Park are less than 2 miles from the Court House, where vaudeville, a small lake and other varieties contribute to summer outing happiness. Mineral waters of several varieties, lauded for health-giving properties, are found in Central Crawford. French Creek here is 1,000 feet above the sea, while the water reservoir is 300 feet higher, affording ample pressure, good drainage and proper declines for grading sewers, streets, parks and lawns. The city is also supplied with natural gas.

Meadville City was incorporated Feb. 15, 1866, the census of 1870 giving 7,103; 1880, 8,860; 1890, 9,520; 1900, 10,291; 1910, 12,780. With Kerrtown, Fredericksburg and other immediate suburbs a conservative estimate for 1912 is 17,000, and from this time forward Meadville will doubtless show a greater percentage of gain. The assessed valuation is over \$4,000,000; net debt but \$150,000. There are about 11 miles of paved streets; the educational, religious and fraternal advantages are unexcelled. Mayors have been Wm. Reynolds, 1866; J. A. Dunn, 1867; Arthur Cullum, 1868; J. G. Foster, 1869; S. B. Dick, 1870; A. S. Dickson, 1871-2; J. D. Gill, 1873; H. L. Richmond, Jr., 1874; M. P. Davis, 1875-6; G. W. Delamater, 1877; M. H. McNair, 1878; C. W. Miller, 1879-80; G. B. Sennett, 1881; W. S. Harper, 1882-3; Chas. Farnicorn, 1884-5; W. Babcock, 1886; F. H. Bemis, 1887; John Porter, 1888; J. B. Cochran,

1889; Cyrus Harper, 1890; A. Gaston, 1891-5; Whitney Braymer, 1896-8; E. W. McArthur, 1899-1901; L. L. Lord, 1902-4; J. E. Reynolds, 1905-7; J. H. Reitze, 1908-10; F. M. Graff to first Monday of December, 1913.

Mayor Graff was born in Woodcock township, May 30, 1874, and graduated from the State Normal School at California, Pa., class of '92. For 20 years past Mayor Graff has been connected with the mechanical department of the Erie R. R. here, and is now chief clerk. He was Select Councilman from the First Ward 1906-10, serving as president of that body for two years, prior to his promotion to the mayoralty, which with his railroad duties makes him fully and efficiently employed; but he seems to enjoy the assiduous duties.

Controller Henry Haas, elected 1904 and twice since, holds over, under the new law to December, 1913. He was born in Meadville, 1845; clerked in his father's store, 18 years in Budd House and some years in other hotels before accepting the controllership, where he has made an efficient record.

Fred C. Kiebort, City Clerk, is son of Peter Kiebort, a Meadville business man. Fred graduated from our High School, class '05½, attended Cornell University, admitted to bar January, 1910, and April, 1910, was elected City Clerk for 3 years. Chas. H. Schmidt, born in Meadville, March 3, 1869; in grocery a while, spent some months in Oklahoma, served 14 years with D. A. Gill's hardware, elected City Treasurer April 1904, and re-elected to present on Democratic tickets, while the Republicans elected mayors. J. W. Kightlinger, Chief of Police, born in Meadville, June 14, 1859; was variously employed until appointed Patrolman, 1898. In 1902 he was promoted to Chief. Four Patrolmen prove sufficient for this orderly city. James Kepler, Police Magistrate, is a native of the county, taught school in younger days, was R. R. agent for many years, elected J. P. 1889. He was serving on fourth term as Alderman, and died suddenly Nov. 23, 1911. Charles Fix, born in this county, has been in city service for 15 years and Street Commissioner for 8 years past. Capt. H. S. Phillips, the well known editor of The Tribune, officiates as Secretary of the Board of Health.

Market House. In 1870, Meadville erected at Chestnut and Center Streets the present commodious Market House, which is used thrice each week for a center, where the farmers, hucksters and consumers may meet to exchange their products or purchases for cash. The institution has proven to be a great convenience to both buyers and sellers. Up to 1910 the Market House concession was let each year to the highest bidder, but in that year the city took entire charge of the market and created the office of Supervisor of Markets, who is also ex-officio Sealer of Weights and Measures. Lot J. Anderson, who had held the market concession for many years, was appointed Supervisor when the new ordinance was enacted. Mr. Anderson was farming in Cussewago township, until some 20 years ago since which he has been assessor in the Third ward.

WATER AND LIGHT CO.

The Meadville Gas and Water Co. was chartered Jan., '54, with capital of \$39,000, by N. Y. capitalists. The plant at Poplar and S. Main was purchased by Meadville men, 1864, and the stock increased to \$100,000. New buildings were erected below Mercer St. bridge. Up to '84 about 100 posts had been used, when replaced by the Fuller Electric Light, now usren.

about 170 arc and 40 100-watt incandescent. The latter are economical and rapidly coming into popular favor.

The Meadville Water Co. was chartered Oct., '74, and '75 a pump house erected on French Creek, above the city, with reservoir, east of Highland ave., capacity about four million gallons. Continued sewage from boroughs on upper French Creek contaminated the water; the plant was purchased by the city, 1899, for \$200,000, and 24 wells drilled in the valley of Vernon twp., where an abundance of crystal spring water was found. The reservoir was emptied and renovated, and Meadville has a pure supply of water so cold as to scarcely need ice in the hottest weather, and so warm in winter that the reservoir seldom freezes over. The daily use is $1\frac{1}{2}$ million gallons. Families



Stone Church—First M.E.

are supplied at a low rate, while manufacturers pay but 5cts per 1,000-meter. The average pressure is above 100 lbs., giving excellent fire protection. There are 33 miles of mains, about 3,000 services in use, 175 hydrants, and water earnings net, about \$16,000 per year. Following the purchase of the water works by the city, Herring & Fuller, well known N. Y. engineers, were retained as consultants to reorganize and put the plant on a modern basis. The results fully justify the most sanguine expectations, and we now have a water plant which compares favorably with much larger cities.

Harry Ellsworth, Supt. since 1904, son of the late Sheriff Ellsworth, was born 1870 and engaged in electrical work for 10 years prior to his connection with the Water and Light Co. Wm. H. Clough is chief engineer at the pumping plant. Geo. S. Cullum was Supt. of the old plant 1874 to 1904 and being well acquainted with the books officiates as secretary.

The city owns about 24 miles of sewer mains, at a cost of \$115,000. The garbage crematory installed in 1904 is working very satisfactory and adds much to the sanitary status of the city. The sewage disposal plant, now approaching completion, was designed by Herring & Gregory, of N. Y., and the plant complete will cost about \$140,000. City Engineer B. F. Miller, Jr. was born in Mt. Pleasant, Westmoreland Co.; graduated from Allegheny College 1907, served 2 years with State Highway Dept. and as City Engineer 1907-8, 1910-14.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Good fire protection is an essential element in every well regulated city. As early as 1829 a company was organized and hand-engine purchased here at a cost of \$500. In '42 Cussewago No. 1 was organized to man a brake-engine. About '47 Rough and Ready No. 2 started, but long since suspended, but among the early members still living are E. C. Balizet, Martin Kuppler and Henry Oster. In 1865 J. D. Gill became Fire Chief and a steamer was purchased, to his honor. A hose cart was presented by R. M. W. Taylor, to Taylor Hose No. 1. In '66 Hope Hose No. 2, Keystone H. and L. and S. B. Dick Co. started, and several changes in names have since been made. At that time a substantial 2-story brick was built at Chestnut and River Sts., the upper story being used for city offices and quarters for firemen.

The department was reorganized in '76 and four new hose carts purchased. The present up-to-date Gamewell system was installed in '88, remodeled 1909, now comprising 42 boxes, a full supply of breakers, a 4-circuit switch board, 9,000 ft. of good hose, and everything necessary to successfully fight fires. A. J. Balizet, of Stark Co., O., has been Supt. of the fire alarm telegraph here for 20 years, having been continued by seven successive mayors. Prior to that for 20 years with Rough and Ready, which makes him the longest in city service.

Fire Chiefs. Gen. John Dick, 1844-9; Wilmot Bartle, '50-64; J. D. Gill, '65, '67-8; H. L. Sherwood, '66; M. P. Davis, '69-72; J. M. Clark, '73-5, '82-3; H. L. Richmond, Jr., '76-8; W. A. Logan, '79-80; F. A. Striffler, '81; Win S. Rose, '84; Oscar Hartman, '85-7; H. S. Phillips, '88; J. W. Curry, '89-93; Geo. Dreutlein, '94-5; C. F. Baker, 96-8; J. W. Curry, '99-1904; E. S. Cutter, '05-6; Chas. Smallenberger, '07; Howard Dowdell, '08-12. Chief Dowdell commenced in '74 with a steamer at Albany, N. Y., and '76 came to Meadville, since which he has been on the force here. His long service and efficient fighting force have saved much property in Meadville.

Headquarters are at the City hall, where H. F. Hamman has been in charge of the chemical engine team for 5 years and H. E. Yochum of the H. and L. equipment. Fire alarms average about one each week. The force here numbers about 300 volunteers and has well fitted club rooms on Water St., which are enjoyed by many of Meadville's prominent citizens. A detail of 30 members is made monthly for fire duty. Hope Hose No. 2 has a brick building at Park and Center St., about 30 men, Geo. T. Smith, driver, since '97 and W. W. Hudson has been in city service for six years past. Four bunk men sleep here, and the parlors are on Chestnut St. S. B. Dick Hose No. 3 has about 75 men, hand drag, and quarters at 550 State St. A new hose house is in contemplation here. M. P. Davis Co. No. 4 has hand drag and 75 men, with fire quarters at 1061 S. Main St. Fifth Ward, No. 5, was organized when Vallonia became a part of the city, has a fine new building on Lincoln Av., in Fifth Ward, 60 members and well fitted parlors. The Erie R. R. has two hose companies to protect its cars and buildings here. These also respond when needed in city emergencies. The cells for city prisoners are on first floor of City Hall.

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

In 1867 an effort was made to establish a library, but its promoters failed to raise the proposed \$10,000. Later Dr. E. H. Dewey, J. H. Lenhart

and others evolved a plan for each member to contribute \$1 and a book each year. R. Lyle White contributed several volumes and L. F. Margach gave office room for some years, when a librarian was secured and the books removed to Water St., thence to Richmond Blk., later to Derickson Blk. By 1880 3,000 volumes had been collected. A loan exhibition, held Feb., '79, had netted \$1,638 and March, '79, the "Meadville Library, Art and Historical Association" was organized, Wm. Reynolds, Pres.; S. P. Bates, Sec.; G. W. Adams, Treas. The old Huidekoper woolen mill, which had previously been remodeled into Central Hall, with lot 93 ft. on Center and 200 ft. on Park



Residence Major A. C. Huidekoper.

Av., was purchased, the building refitted, a lecture room opened and the City Library consolidated, the entire improvements costing \$15,000. At that time Miss E. G. Huidekoper was president of the Library, and August, 83, Rev. Frederic Huidekoper endowed it with \$2,500. Walter Irving Bates is president. Susan McCracken, Librarian since '79, is zealous in her work. For four years past she has been ably assisted by Lorena Palm. The books are neatly kept, well catalogued, artistically arranged, with good reading accommodations, where leading papers and magazines are for use of the citizen or stranger. Some 16,000 volumes are now in the Library.

RAILROAD FACTS.

The Erie was chartered in 1832. In '41 but three locomotives were required and these weighed 16 tons each. The equipment in 1912 includes 1,600 locomotives, the largest of which, with tenders, weigh from 200 to 300 tons, or 15 times as much as those made 70 years ago. In 1851, the Erie was opened from Hudson to Dunkirk, having at that time been the longest in the

world, excepting one from Moscow to St. Petersburg, in Russia. The sleepers "Erie" and "Ontario" were built in '43, ahead of Pullmans and Wagners. In '51 the Erie R. R. carried 688,780 passengers and 250,000 tons of freight. This was, at that time, deemed stupendous, while for 1911 the Erie carried about 31 millions of passengers and nearly 40 million tons of freight. The Erie was first railroad to dispatch trains by telegraph and this was changed in '88 to the safer and more efficient block system, which is now in vogue on all its lines.

The Erie Railroad is the largest corporate contributor to industrial Meadville and has been a potent factor in her development, since the old A & G. W. first came here 1862. This has always been a divisional terminal, and for many years general headquarters were held here, paying a large weekly wage. The shops here are still among the most important on the great Erie system and every interest here feels the influence of this large pay roll. In 1901 the headquarters of the mechanical and stores department were moved from Susquehanna, Pa., to Meadville. The stores department was later moved to New York, as well as the office of the General Mechanical Supt., but the general office of the Car Department, the Mechanical Engineer and all of the mechanical department staff, save the personal force of the General Mechanical Supt., remain here and conduce largely to Meadville's solid and steady growth. R. H. Wallace, General Passenger Agent, and Luis Jackson, Industrial Agent for the Erie Railroad, each have offices at No. 50 Church St., New York, and will be pleased to answer questions regarding passenger service or the desirability of locations for homes or factories in Crawford County.

The Meadville division, including the R. R. shops here, gives employment to about 3,500 men, of whom about 2,500 are paid from Meadville, where over \$100,000 is paid out monthly. E. W. Batchelder, Supt. of Meadville division since Dec., 1903, has been in R. R. work since 1870. Including the Franklin Branch, he has charge of 257 miles. T. J. Cole, Master Mechanic of Meadville division, has been in the employ of the Erie R. R. since '88 and in charge of the Meadville shops since March, 1904. About 1,000 men are under his supervision. Within the past decade modern machinery has been installed throughout the shops here. In addition to the repair work for this division, some of the heavy repair work is done for other divisions and several new locomotives have been made here complete within a few years past. Meadville and the Erie Railroad interests are mutually helpful to each other. Wm. Reynolds was first president of the A. & G. W. here and James McHenry its financial agent in London. Other Meadville promoters were J. J. Shryock, Gen. John Dick, Wm. Thorp and Gaylord Church.

(Steam and Electric Railways continued on later pages.)

Express and Telegraph. Meadville is connected with the Wells Fargo and Adams express companies, the Western Union and Postal telegraph companies, all so well known as to need no further comments.



Meadville's U. S. Government Building.

A Postoffice was opened at Meadville 1801 and postmasters have been Frederick Haymaker, 1801-2; Edw. Work to '07; Jas. Gibson, '12; Henry Hurst, '14; Daniel Andrews, '41; Jos. C. Hays, '44; C. L. Rowland, '45; J. J. Douglas, '49; A. F. Stewart, '53; J. E. McFarland, '61; J. C. Hays, '62; Clinton Cullum, '69; D. V. Derickson, '73; L. D. Williams, '78; J. F. Morris, '82; J. W. H. Reisinger, '86; E. W. McArthur, '90; O. H. Hollister, '93; R. B. Brown, '97; E. A. Hempsted, 13 years to 1910; H. M. Dickson to present. P. M. Dickson was born in this city Oct. '54, served about 20 years in county offices, handled real estate some years, and has for 19 years past been on the Board of Directors of the First National Bank.

Harry H. Steffon, Assistant P. M. for 15 years, is a native of Meadville, educated in her schools, and was a conductor prior to taking up this

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1908. Annual transaction of the office
H. S., \$60,000. It is not open
500 pu but week days continuous.

The well appointed, 2-story handsome finished government building was finished in 1910 at a cost of \$86,000. The P. O. occupies first floor and government offices upstairs. (See illustration, on page 15.)

A postal savings bank was established Oct. 14, 11, and at once became popular, but at this writing we cannot give statistics. Twelve rural routes radiate to all points of compass.

EDUCATIONAL.

Nothing conduces more to attract intelligent citizens to a city than a high educational status, and in this respect Meadville will stand a critical examination. The newly elected Board of Education is not dominated by political schemes, but is seeking to promote the public welfare, and former boards have had among their members several of Meadville's best citizens.

Meadville Academy. The upper story of the "Mead Block House" was repaired, in 1798, and a school opened

by Mr. Kelly. In establishing the county seat for Crawford, in 1800, it was provided that \$4,000 or more be raised for educational purposes. Mainly through the efforts of David Mead, \$4,580 was subscribed, and he with Frederick Haymaker and James Gibson were appointed trustees with full power. The opening of the Academy was delayed until 1805, when Rev. Joseph Stockton commenced the school at his residence, until a school-house could be completed. In the early half of the Nineteenth century, village as well as county school houses were usually constructed of round or hewn logs, furnished with slanting desks, held upon pins from the logs, and fronted by long puncheon seats. Lower benches, without backs, were provided in the middle of the room for the smaller children. Every pupil paid a quarterly tuition, until 1809, when a law was passed providing, for the "education of the poor gratis," but only those assessed as indigent were entitled to free tuition, and many self-respecting families evaded such a classification. The Academy was incorporated, March 1807, and re-incorporated, in 1811, providing for the attendance, free, of not more than five indigent pupils. A building was erected at corner of Liberty and Chestnut Sts., which continued in use until 1826, during which time Stockton, Cary, Kerr, Douglas, Reynolds, France and others were teachers. This property was sold, and a lot secured at Market and Walnut Sts., where a four-room, two-story brick was erected. Teachers here were Henry Pettibone, John Adams, John Nichols, John Reynolds, David Derickson, Abner Jackson, David McKinney, Samuel Leffingwell, Pike, Rodgers and Donnelly, the latter teaching here almost two decades. The Misses Benedict and other ladies were employed from time to time.

When Dr. Burrows made a state report of schools, 1837, the Academy buildings were invoiced at \$4,000 and invested funds \$1,781. In 1852 the buildings were repaired and a graded school established under Profs. T. F. Thickstun and S. P. Bates, with several assistants, and continued to do progressive educational work until the public high school was established by Profs. A. D. Cotton and J. W. Witherspoon.

Free Schools. A school house was erected here in 1807 and through the Academy or private teachers educational facilities have at all times been provided. The Act of 1809, providing free tuition, was not well received. The amount appropriated in Crawford Co. for free tuition was gradually increased, from \$30 in 1810 to \$622 in '34 when the common school law opened the avenues of education to rich and poor alike. Dr. Burrows, Sec. of State, visited Meadville, Feb. 1838, and reported 7 common schools, open 7½ months, paying 2 male teachers \$24.16 per month each; 5 females an average of \$14.50 per month; total pupils 231, school houses of no value. Up to 1850 grading had hardly been attempted. The first Teachers' Institute of Pa. was held here March, 1850, and the enthusiastic co-operation by teachers to spread the system of grading and progressive teaching has sent an inspiration throughout the land.

Buildings. In 1816, \$30,000 was appropriated by the State for the erection of arsenals at Harrisburg and Meadville. Col. David Mead donated the lot and Wm. Clark built the arsenal for \$16,000. In '59 D. A. Finney and others had this transferred to the free schools and a two-room frame was added. May 1, '61, the Meadville Academy was also transferred to the common schools. In '58 school-house was erected in Alfred H. Huidekoper gave a



First District Schools, 1864—Old Building, 1869

\$5,000 and the three-story brick "Huidekoper Grammar School," accommodating 700 students, was built, 1868. The family and estate later added gifts to endow a fund for the purchase of reference books. Hon. Geo. B. Delamater and others donated to the 1st Dist., and a two-story brick was erected there, 1869. In '94 a \$20,000 structure was erected in the 1st Dist. and prior to the annexation of Vallonia an \$8,000 school-house had been erected there.

City Superintendents. George W. Haskins was the first, serving 1867-9, '72-5; W. C. J. Hall, '69-72; S. P. Bates '75-81; H. R. Roth, '81-6; H. V. Hotchkiss, '86-99; U. G. Smith, 1900-8; Russell H. Bellows, '08-14. Supt Bellows, born at Gloversville, N. Y., Feb. 16, '70, was graduated from N. Y. State Normal, Albany, 1893, subsequently receiving B. S. and M. A. degrees from Columbia University and Master's diploma in school administration at Teachers' College, New York City. He was for 7 years Supervising Principal at Ft. Plain, N. Y., Master in Newark Academy, N. J., for a year, and 4 years Supt. of Schools at Watervleit, N. Y., before coming here, 1908. Present enrollment, including H. S., is nearly 2,100, besides about 500 pupils in the Parochial schools.

High School. The High School building, erected in '88 at a cost of \$30,000, has since been remodeled in heating and plumbing at different times, to extent of \$10,000. It is a commodious building, nicely surrounded by shade trees, as shown in illustration. The graduates from the Meadville H. S. to Jan., 1912, number 1,073, and present enrollment of the H. S. is 450, with 35 in the graduating class for June, 1912. W. D. Lewis, Principal, born in Indiana Co., was educated in Preparatory School of Allegheny College, graduating from the classical course, 1905; served as Principal at Cambridge Springs, '05-7; at DuBois, '07-9; and since at Meadville. Hannah R. Davies and Eliza Dickson were early principals here, succeeded by H. V. Hotchkiss, Jeremiah Tingley, Geo. I. Wright, Prin. '87-90; Euphemia R. Haxton, '90-1909.

Meadville Theological School. was founded in 1844. Its charter provides that "No doctrinal test shall ever be made a condition of enjoying any of the opportunities of instruction in the school. The brick Cumberland Presbyterian Church building, opp. the First Presbyterian, was used for chapel, library and class was purchased by Harm Jan Huidekoper and presented to the school.

In 1853 the Divinity Hall was erected upon a commanding hill on Alden St. Four acres were donated by Rev. Frederic Huidekoper and the building erected at a cost of \$1,500. An endowment fund of \$50,000 was raised in 1851. Various churches in New York, New England, Baltimore and elsewhere have contributed substantial amounts from time to time. Unitarian associations and individual friends increased the endowment from year to year, until the total of buildings, library, grounds and endowment now aggregates a creditable sum. Rufus P. Stebbins, D. D., first president, was succeeded in 55 by Oliver Stearns, D. D. A. A. Livermore, D. D., took the helm in 63; Geo. L. Cary, L. H. D., 91; F. C. Southworth, D. D., in 1902. President Southworth serves also as Dean and Prof. of Practical Theology. He was graduated A. B. from Harvard, 1887; A. M. and S. T. B. from the same, 92. He taught in Adams Academy, Quincy, Mass., 87-9; served as pastor at Duluth and Chicago to 99 and as secretary Western Unitarian Conference prior to accepting his present important station.

The endowments before mentioned, in stocks and bonds, now aggregate \$665,000; while the campus and buildings are valued at \$133,419. The library contains 32,000 volumes. Over 300 ministers have been graduated, and half as many more have taken a partial course. These are largely Unitarian although several denominations are represented.

Meadville Commercial College.

The first business college of Meadville was No. 53 of the Bryant and Stratton chain, with A. W. Smith, principal, Jan., 1866. Later Mr. Smith became owner. G. H. St. John and others were connected prior to its discontinuance several years ago. Miss S. L. Boyd evidently was pre-

cisely fitted for this line of work and opened rooms in a small way, 1887. Her commercial college rapidly increased from a handful to a hundred or more, and required additional room, from the original, 240 square feet, until now 12,000 square feet of space is occupied on 2d and 3d floors of the Merchants National Bank building, southwest corner Water and Chestnut streets and 40 typewriters are in use. In 1895, the Meadville Commercial College was incorporated: Dr. T. L. Flood, president; Hon. E. W. McArthur, vice president; Walter Irving Bates, secretary; P. J. Shaughnessy, treasurer; L. E. Stacy, business manager; each taking stock with Miss Boyd and the material interests of the college were largely advanced by this addition of finances and business ability. Prof. Stacy, born in Washington county, O., took a commercial course in Zanesville, taught for five years in Spencer Business College, of Kingston, N. Y., a year at Camden, N. J., Commercial College, and at Salem, Mass., Commercial School, prior to becoming manager for the Meadville Commercial College, 1905. The annual enrollment is from 200 to 250. Miss S. L. Boyd, principal of the college from its start, retains the position she has so ably filled. She is a native of this county, graduated from the Edinboro State Normal School, and was principal of the second district, Meadville school, for some years prior to starting the Commercial College.

Pennsylvania College of Music.

Meadville not only has classical, theological and commercial colleges, but a musical college of which the city is justly proud. This was chartered, 1887, as the Conservatory of Music, the name later having been changed to the above title. This college has steadily aimed at a high standard of excellence in its special educational field. It is



Hunnewell Hall - Theological School

more complete in its faculty and curriculum than any musical college in Northwestern Pennsylvania, including every department of musical study and allied arts. The college year is divided into four terms of 10 weeks each. The average yearly attendance is above 400. Present officers are Dr. T. L. Flood, Pres.; W. S. McGunnegle, V. P.; E. A. Hempstead, Sec.; C. S. Burwell, Treas.; Nina Elizabeth Blair, Registrar and Office Secretary, with twelve additional expert musicians on the faculty. Harry Waithe Manville, Musical Director of the college, also conducts a class in Erie two days each week. The Board of Directors includes Hon. J. J. Henderson, Hon. Arthur L. Bates, Maj. A. C. Huidekoper, Dr. F. C. Southworth, Dr. F. A. Christie, Prof. W. T. Dutton, Col. Ned Arden Flood, J. H. Pardee, J. S. Hotchkiss and B. L. Singley.

Beethoven School of Music.

At 317 Diamond Park the above school, in a modest manner, has been steadily progressing since its incorporation, Sept., 1890. The graded course in this school of music is based upon the celebrated Leipsic and Stuttgart methods, and those who have received Certificates and Diplomas have made

a gratifying record of proficiency. Over 1,000 recitals have been given, more than 50 have been awarded Diplomas, and a goodly number have taken the Post-Graduate course. Prof. and Mrs. Dixon, who have charge of the above school, usually spend their vacations at the leading musical and operatic centers of Europe. The benefit of a tour devoted to travel and study, where one becomes imbued with the very latest methods in the music profession, is of untold value, and the pupils of the Beethoven School of Music are to be congratulated in being under the instruction of progressive, modern teachers.

HOSPITALS.

Mother Agnes opened St. Joseph's Orphan Asylum, 1854, on upper Pine street, and as there was no hospital in Meadville, commenced receiving emergency cases. This specialty rapidly gained prominence, the orphans were transferred to the Erie asylum, and Sept. 1st, 1870, St. Joseph's Hospital was incorporated. Dr. T. B. Lashells remaining physician in charge from that time until his death, 1906.

Spencer Hospital. To conform with the non-sectarian act and receive state aid, the institution was

incorporated as Spencer Hospital, Oct. 24, '88, at which time a large addition was made to the hospital and later the laundry and other improvements, the property now invoicing over \$40,000. The present Sister Superior has been in charge 29 years. She is assisted by six sisters of St. Joseph. Edgar Huidekoper, president; F. G. Prenatt, treasurer; J. R. Belnap, secretary; Dr. C. P. Woodring was house physician. A training school for nurses is also held here. The average annual treatments aggregate 8,500 days, with about 500 patients, of whom nearly half are treated free of charge.

The City Hospital was incorporated July 2, '80; Joshua Douglas, president; W. S. McGunnege, treasurer; C. M. Boush, clerk. The treasurer resigned soon afterwards and Mr. Boush served as clerk and treasurer for several years. Mrs. Edward Northam and Mrs. Sarah Stewart had been leading promoters in awakening the public and Mrs. Stewart served as matron. In '86 Alfred Huidekoper paid \$2,500 for a 2-acre lot, donating it to the cause, and a commodious brick hospital 42x86 feet, illustrated page 29, was erected, at a cost of \$25,000. Emily Arthington, matron in the new building, opened a school for nurses. In spring of 1908, the John Crow property was purchased for the nurses home and '10 the elegant maternity home erected at a cost with furnishings, \$22,660; the whole being under the able management of Lydia A. Whiton as superintendent; A. M. Fuller, president; J. A. Northam, secretary; H. H. Fuller, treasurer.

To the Ladies' Advisory committee and the generous gifts of Mrs. H. F. Kidder and Cora H. Clarke, both of Boston, (the latter's gift in memory of Elizabeth Huidekoper), the public is indebted for this great boon to suffering humanity. Officers of the

Advisory Committee are Mrs. John Dick, president; Mrs. M. W. Sackett, vice president; Mrs. J. A. Northam, secretary; Mrs. M. F. Richmond, treasurer.

ODD FELLOWS HOME.

The Odd Fellows have long been noted for deeds of beneficence and April 3, 1872, established the Odd Fellows Home, at Meadville, which is believed to be the first fraternal home established in the world and now cares constantly for about 80 children. The grounds, of 8 acres, are on a commanding hill, N. Main street, buildings having been erected and improved from time to time, aggregating with furnishings above \$50,000. Miss W. Maud Newman, superintendent, is a graduated nurse from the University Hospital of Philadelphia, and adapted to be matron over this large flock. Whitney Braymer, assistant superintendent, is a native of this county, served as County Commissioner for 9 years, as Mayor for three years and was in contract work for many years. The president of the home is D. W. Morgan, a prominent business man and former postmaster of Franklin; O. B. Tyler, vice president, native of the county, and many years a resident of Meadville; L. W. Ohlman, the Meadville clothier, has been treasurer for 19 years, and L. H. Lauderbaugh, after serving 11 years, gave place, Oct. 6, '11, to Wm. C. Moritz, who was reared in Meadville and has been connected with the hardware trade from boyhood. The home is of great moment to the I. O. O. F., of Western Pennsylvania, and its deeds of mercy, in caring for and educating the orphans are greatly appreciated by the fraternity.

Children's Aid Society.

An Auxiliary branch of the Children's Aid Society of N. W. Pa. has been maintained in Meadville since 1890.



Spencer Hospital, built 1888

This has not only cared for children, but for old people, and having outgrown its Linden St. home, A. C. Huldekoper and family, in 1908, donated a fine lot opposite Huldekoper Park, and the present home was

Arthur, 1st V. P.; Mrs. A. J. Affantranger, 2d V. P.; Mrs. A. H. Mansfield, Treas.; Miss Finetta Porter, Sec. Mrs. Emma Kelley, matron since June, 1910, is from Venango Co., and well fitted to be superintendent here. The home (see illustration) cost about \$22,000 and makes a desirable place for young or aged.



Children's Home

erected that year to the memory of Edith Ellicott Huldekoper, deceased. The charter granted in 1908 was for Children's Aid Society and Home for the Aged. The family averages ten or more children and some fifteen aged persons. Those above 70 years are eligible to a life home here, upon payment of \$500, and the surroundings are really those of cheerful home. A small annual appropriation is received from the state. The officers are Mrs. S. Merrell, Pres.; Mrs. E. W. Mc-

RELIGIOUS.

The moral uplift of any community has great weight with prospective settlers, whatever be their religious affiliations or belief. Meadville may well be proud of her church and school history. In 1800, Rev. Joseph Stockton came from Washington Co., Pa., to take charge of the First Presbyterian Church in Meadville and to assist in the Academy founding. He continued as pastor here for 10 years.

First Presbyterian. Succeeding Rev. Stockton, Rev. Robt. Johnson was pastor for six years. Mr. Johnson, assisted by Thomas Atkinson, of The Messenger, organized a Sunday School Dec., 1814. In Jan., 1815, the trustees fixed the pastor's salary at \$200 per annum. The first elders were John and Hugh Cotton and Robert Stock-

ton. Meetings were held first in private houses, later in the Academy building and court room of the old log court house.

In 1818-19, a brick church, 60x70 ft., was erected at a cost of \$6,500, and Aug. 14, 1820, the pews were sold to highest bidders, in order to meet the cost of construction. This church was used by the different denominations until 1825, when the Methodists fitted up a room on South Main St. Rev. John Van Liew became pastor in 1821. He was succeeded by Rev. Wells Bushnell. Next came Rev. Nathaniel West, and 1839, J. V. Reynolds, D. D., who continued for 30 years. Jas. G. Carnahan, LL. D., succeeded, continuing for 12 years. The present commodious and handsome church was erected, 1874-5, at a cost of \$43,000. It has a seating capacity of 750 and is among the best church properties in Meadville.

E. P. Sprague, D.D., pastor, 1881-7; Ken C. Hays, '88-1903. The Central Presbyterian originated from a division, 1839, of the First church into what was then termed old and new school, the members that affiliated with the new school, forming the Central. Pastors there were E. W. Kellogg, 1839-41; R. S. Lockwood, '41-3; Richard Craighead, '44-73; T. D. Logan, '74-87; Jonathan Edwards, D. D., '88-91; J. S. Malone, '92-7; D. C. McLeod, '98-9; F. M. Silsley, 1900-7. In 1903 when the First church had no pastor Mr. Silsley considered it a fitting time to reunite the flock, divided 64 years prior, and this worthy object was accomplished without serious opposition. The Central building, erected 1844, was sold to the Christians, and Mr. Silsley continued as pastor of the united congregations to 1907. W. B. Irwin, D. D., 1907-12, born near Mansfield, O., was graduated from Washington and Jefferson College, and from McCormick Theological Seminary, of Chicago, coming



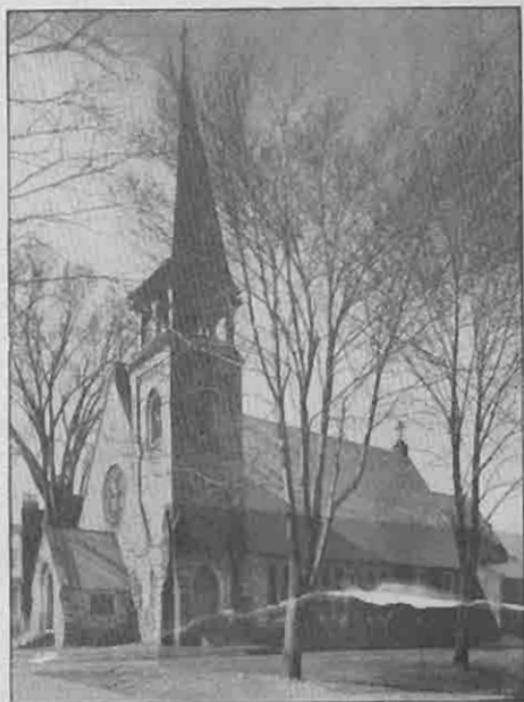
First Presbyterian. 1874-5

from the pastorate of Emporia, Kan., to Meadville. Present membership about 800, Sunday School in charge of Supt. J. D. Roberts, who also officiates as president of the Crawford County Sunday School association.

Christ's Episcopal Church was organized, 1825 by John Henry Hopkins, D.D., of Pittsburgh, later presiding bishop of this denomination in the United States. Chas. Smith became rector, 1826, and Aug. 11, '28, a church costing \$8,000 was consecrated, by Bishop Underdonk. This was enlarged, 1832, again in '63; but April '83 was torn down to give place to the present handsome gothic edifice, which was consecrated, March 23, '84, by Bishop Whitehead, at a cost of \$30,000. The adjoining rectory was built, 1878, at a cost of \$2,700. Following Mr. Smith rectors have

been, J. W. James, 1830-2; E. J. Buchanan (brother of the President), '33-4; T. Crumpton, '35-9; J. P. Hosmer, '40-1; Orrin Miller, '42-4; A. Varian, '45-6, '51-8; W. M. Carmichael, '47-50; R. W. Lewis, '59; M. Byllesby, '60-9; G. C. Rafter, '70; W. G. W. Lewis, '71-5; D. I. Edwards, '72-8; G. A. Carstensen, '79-82; W. H. Lewis, '83-5; Rogers Israel, '86-92; F. M. Kirkus, '92-6; Geo. S. Richards, '96-1902; G. W. Brown, '03-4; R. H. Edwards, '4-9; Leffred M. A. Haughwout, 1909-12. Mr. Haughwout was born in Mifflin county, Pa., graduating from Washington and Jefferson college, 1899, and served as dean of St. Andrews Seminary, of Mexico City, prior to coming to this parish. The membership of Christ's church, with the advent of 1912, is above 500.

Independent Congregational. (Unitarian) was organized, 1825, largely through influence of H. J. Huidekoper, who, with Margaret Shippen, continued to be leading promoters of the church through life. The present Greek style, doric front church was built, 1836, for \$3500 aside from lot. Adjoining chapel cost \$6,000. The lot in rear of the church on South Main street had a brick structure for county offices erected in 1819. This was purchased for a parsonage and 1891 the present parsonage built. Pastors have been J. M. Mudge, 1825-7; W. Gilbert, '28-30; E. Peabody, '30-1; Geo. Nichols, '31-2; A. Brigham, '32-7; A. D. Wheeler and W. H. Channing, '34; J. Q. Day, '35-7; H. Emmons, '38-43; C. A. Stales, '54-7; R. R. Shippen, '58; O. Stearns, '59; R. Metcalf, '60-5; J. C. Zachos, '66-8; H. P. Cutting, '70-3; R. S. Morrison, '74-8; J. T. Bixby, '79-83; W. P. Tilden, '84-5; H. H. Barber, '86-90; T. J. Volentine, '91-3; J. M. Whiton, '94; W. I. Lawrence, '95-8; E. M. Wilbur, '99-1904; W. H. Fish, '05-9; Henry T. Secrist, '10-12. Mr. Secrist was born near Belle-



Christ Church (Episcopal)

fontaine, O., graduated from Antioch College and Harvard University, coming here from a pastorate at Boston. It is worthy of note that a very large share of above pastors have been graduates from Meadville Theological School.

First Baptist organized, with 14 persons, Aug. 23, '31, by delegates from Randolph, Carmel, Allegheny and Rockdale churches, convened in the Academy building. Elder Foote was pastor, 1832, when a frame building was erected, which later became the A. M. E. Church. Hicks, Miles, Kidder, Nicholson, Stevens, Chapman, Caldwell, Hazen, Fuller and Look were pastors to '62; Willoughby to '64; Kelsey, '66; Austin, '71; Langille, '72; W. B. Grow, '74; W. M. Young, D. D., '78; Geo. Whitman, '82; E. M. Haynes, '89; Wm. H. Marshall, '92; Will C. King, 1902; P. F. DeLancey to present. Rev. DeLancey has ministered to several churches in W. Pa., coming here

from Pittsburgh. The brick church on Center St. was dedicated, 1865, and improved in '75. In 1902 this was sold to Cussewago Lodge of Odd Fellows the old Crawford Hotel and lot purchased for \$11,000. The corner stone of the present elegant church was laid Sept. 20, '04, and building dedicated Oct. 21, '06, the congregation in meantime using Library lecture room and Sunday School room. The edifice cost \$40,000 exclusive of lot, and the membership numbers 500.

German Protestants. As early as 1815 C. W. Coleson ministered to the Lutherans, in Northwestern Pennsylvania, and was followed by David Mock, John Kugler, and others. Philip Zeisar came to Northwestern Pennsylvania, 1818, later organizing German Reformed churches. The old church, formerly where St. Agatha's school now stands, was dedicated, Dec. '47, by Jacob Zeigler and Benj Boyer, owned together by Lutherans and Reformed who used it on alternate Sundays.

Evangelical Lutheran. In 1866 the Lutherans purchased the interests of St. Paul's Reformed church, selling the property, 1893, to St. Agatha's, and July '94 dedicating their neat brick edifice on Park ave., near Baldwin street, at a cost of \$8,000. Services formerly alternating in German and English are now conducted only in English. Pastors have been Boehm, Bruegel, Deiss, Kittle, Doepken, Schmidt, Fickeisen, Orr, (twice), Graepp to '93; A. L. Benze, '94-7; Chas. Koerner, '98-1901; N. Scheffer, '04-12. Mr. Scheffer is a native of Clarion Co., Pa., graduating from Thiel College of Greenville, 1880, and from the Theological Seminary of Philadelphia, in '85. He was pastor at Berwick, Pa., prior to coming here, April, 1904.

St. Paul's Reformed Church of the United States organized 1846, and 1847 together with Lutherans built a church. In '66 they sold to the Lutherans and Feb. 24, '67, dedicated the church, Park and Poplar streets, at a cost of \$8,552. This had not outlived its usefulness but some of the progressive members desired a modern structure so the old one was demolished and the present excellent building dedicated May, 1910, which with memorial organ, unique art-glass memorial windows and other furnishings, aside from lot, cost about \$25,000. A good parsonage was built several years ago adjoining the church. Pastors have been D. B. Ernst, 1850-4; L. D. Leberman, '55-65; J. W. Ebbinghaus, '66-7; D. D. Leberman, '67-85; F. B. Hahn, '86-8; T. S. Land, '89-95; A. M. Schaffner, '96-9; F. L. Kerr, '99-1902; Lewis Reiter, '03-5; B. B. Ferer, D.D., '06-12. Dr. Ferer was born at Easton, Pa., graduated from Franklin-Marshall College of Lancaster, Pa., and 1878 from Seminary of the Reformed church. He was pastor of Pleasant Unity church, of Westmoreland county, for six years, and at Riegelsville for 22 years prior to accepting the call to St. Paul's. Former dissensions have been healed and the church is in a prosperous condition.

Zion United Evangelical Church, at Poplar and South Main, organized, spring, 1868, is identified with the German Evangelical Synod of North America, which originated from members of the established church of Germany, who immigrated to Pennsylvania about 1848. Zion church has been served by pastors Koehler, Kaufmann, Gilles, Blass and Dr. Phillip Kraus, who Christmas 1911, had been 25 years in this charge the membership increasing from 21 to 425. Dr. Kraus was student five years in Germany and graduated from Eden Col-

lege. of St. Louis, 1885. The church property here is valued at \$35,000, and the congregation flourishing.

St. Agatha's R. C. In 1845 Rev. M. A. De La Roque, of Frenchtown, opened Mission work in Meadville and in '49 Nicholas Steinbacher organized St. Agatha's church. The fine building, at Pine and Liberty streets, was dedicated Aug. 10, '50, Joseph Hartmann pastor, 1850; Fathers Lechner and Shifferer, '51; Anton Reck, '51-64; '66-8; '83; Peter Kline, '65-6; M. J. Decker, '68-70; Geo. Meyer, '71-7; M. Appel, '78-82; Franz Winter, '83-1912. The present elegant church structure, dedicated Oct. 19, 1873, by Bishop Mullen, cost \$60,000. Later the unique metal spire, 150 feet in height, was added. The parsonage was finished, 1890, at a cost of \$4,000. In '56 Father Reck bought three acres adjoining Greendale and established St. Agatha's cemetery. Father Kline started a parochial school, 1865, and 1873, the old church was remodeled for school purposes. In 1898, the present building was erected. The enrollment of over 200 is cared for by five Sisters of St. Joseph and in charge of assistant priest, Andrew J. Weschler, of Erie, graduated from St. Bonaventure's Seminary of Allegheny, N. Y., ordained 1904. A high school department was added 1909 and the first class will graduate 1913. Father Franz Winter who has full charge of St. Agatha's parish is a native of Asmalekuck, Germany, graduated from St. Vincent's at Beatty, Pa., ordained Aug. 24, '76, and officiated at Corry seven years, prior to coming to Meadville.

St. Bridget's R. C. commenced 1862. Later Divinity Hall, was purchased for \$750. Mark De La Roque, of Frenchtown, served '62; Rev. Gilibasti, '63; Fathers Titta and Fayella, '64; Jas. Perry, '65; Jas. Haley, '66; J. L. Flinucane, '68-70; J. L. Madigan, 71-4; Jas.



St. Agatha's R. C.—1873

J. Dunn, '74-1912. Father Dunn, born at Mallahide, Dublin Co., Ireland, June 9, '41, graduated A. B. and A. M. from Mt. St. Mary's College, Emmetsburg, Md., '63; taught Latin while preparing for the priesthood, in the attached Theological Seminary; ordained Oct. 28, '66, assistant pastor at Oil City, '67; pastor Petroleum Center '68-74, since which his 38 years of service here speaks for itself. In 1905 he was created a Monseigneur by Pope Pius X.

Early in '66 the old M. E. ch. property at Arch and Liberty Sts. was purchased for \$7,000, and Nov. 24, '81, St. Bridget's, that cost near \$20,000, was dedicated by Bishop Mullen. It seats 600 and is beautifully decorated with Bible scenes. The handsome parsonage, erected 1891, cost \$7,000. St. Bridget's Parochial school has 170 pupils under charge of 4 Sisters of St. Joseph. The school house, in rear of the church, was built, 1873, moved to its present place and enlarged when

the old M. E. ch. was torn down. By a purchase of 11 a., 1910, St. Bridget's cemetery now covers 16 acres.

Italian R. C. Large industries provide employment for the better class of European workers and recently Meadville has had considerable accessions from Italy's sunny clime. In 1909, Bishop Fitz Maurice, appointed Father Salvator Papandrea to missionary work at Meadville, and his congregation hear mass at C. M. B. A. hall, until such time as they are able to build a chapel. Father Papandrea was born at S. Giovanni di Gerace, Province of Regio, Calabria, Italy; was ordained prior to coming to America, 1907, and served as assistant at Shawmut before his appointment here.

First M. E. Church was organized, 1825, by Robt. C. Hatton, with 18 members, and for many years was served by circuit riders. Meetings were held over Lopher's blacksmith shop at Arch and Main Streets. A brick church was built, 1830-4, at a cost of \$3,000, which served over 30 years. The massive stone church at Chestnut and Main, was dedicated, July 29, '68, costing with lot, \$84,000. This seats about 1000. When Meadville was made a station Jos. Barris was first pastor, John Peate and others prior to 1870. Alf Wheeler, '70-2; W. W. Wythe, '73-4; W. F. Day, '75-7; T. L. Flood, '78-80; J. G. Townsend, '81-3; E. D. McCreary, '84; A. C. Ellis, '86-7; Chas. E. Hall, '88-90; T. C. Beach, '91-3; J. Bell Neff, '94-6; A. M. Courtney, '97-8; A. C. Bowers, '99-1901; L. H. Bugbee, '02-7; Wm. S. Mitchell, '8-10; J. H. Bickford, '11; Gilbert R. Williamson, '11-12. Mr. Williamson was born in W. Va., Dec. 18, '72; graduating, 1891, from the Conference Seminary of that state (now W. Va. Wesleyan College), at Buchanan, and was pastor at Oakland, Md., prior to having been trans-

ferred from W. Va. Conference Meadville, Sept., 1911.

State Street M. E. Church was chartered Sept. 20, '69, and a frame church costing \$9,000 erected. Pastors have been T. P. Warner, '69; W. Sampson, '70-1; Albertson and Norton, '72-3; W. H. Wilson, '74; R. Bear, '75; O. Babcock, '76-7; A. Dobbs, '78; J. B. Espy, '79; A. Lindsay, '80-1; A. W. Decker, '82; W. Clarke, '83; O. L. Mead, '84; Allen and Arbuckle, '85; M. Miller, '86-7; J. H. Herron, '88; James Clyde, '89; J. H. Laverty, '90-2; Wm. Branfield, '93-6; J. H. Bates, '97-8; A. J. Merchant, (died Nov. 19, '99); R. E. Brown, 1900-1; A. M. Lockwood, '02-3; W. W. Dale, '4; O. H. Sibley, '5; R. A. Buzzard, '6-9; J. M. Crouch, '10; Chas. McKinley, who came to this charge Sept. 1911. He was born at Polk, Venango Co., and graduated from Wooster, O., in '89. Mr. McKinley commenced the ministry, 1899. He comes from Kingsley M. E. church of Erie to Meadville.

African M. E. was organized, 1850 by Jacob Palmer. In '53 the building at Liberty and Arch streets was purchased from the Baptists, repaired '67, partly burned and rebuilt '76. P. E. Paul, pastor since Nov., 1911, comes from Bellefonte, Pa.

The Free Methodist organized here Sept. 2, '83, and for several years held services in Temperance Hall on Market street, July '92, a frame 24x36 feet was built at North and State streets. Pastors have been Bentley Harvey, Berlin, Falkner, Hodgkins, '93; M. L. Schooley, '94; Mrs. Smith, '95-6; John Grace, '97; T. Simpson, '98-9; J. N. Bennett, 1900-1; F. N. Fox, '02-3; J. F. Collins, '04; Mrs. Ellison, '05; H. M. Mitchell, '06-9; J. F. Barkas, '9-12. Mr. Barkas has been preaching for eight years, coming from Ellwood here. The small church was sold, 1909, for a lumber office and the present one, was dedicated 1910.



Meadville City Hospital, built 1886

Park Avenue Congregational was organized, May 1, '81, by the withdrawal of 132 members from First Presbyterian, "who for conscience sake felt it to be their duty to renounce the Presbyterian form of government." J. E. Carnachan, who had been pastor of the First, for 12 years, was made pastor of the new organization, meetings being held in Library Hall. Feb. 3, '84, the chapel, costing \$6,000, was dedicated and main auditorium, aggregating \$26,000, on Oct. 2, '87, by G. F. Wright, D.D. This is handsomely finished and a credit to Meadville's progressiveness. W. T. Sutherland pastor, '89-93; R. R. Davies, '94-6; C. W. Wilson, '97-1900; T. C. Crawford, 1901; Frank Russell, D.D., '02, (died July, '05); C. Thurston Chase, '06-10; John T. Nichols, '11-12. He is a native of Mass., graduated from Harvard College, '84; Yale Divinity School, '90; pastor at Seattle, Wash., and Asbury Park, N. J., prior to coming here. The Park church has 350 members among whom are many of Meadville's leading citizens.

United Presbyterians. The Cumberland Presbyterians had an organization here in the early thirties and built a church on Center street, but disbanded in '36. The United Presbyterians have had several churches in Crawford county for 60 years past. Joseph Waddle, of Evansburg, and others supplied the Meadville church, which used the old school Presbyterian church, corner Park avenue and Center street, 1840-50. Rev. S. P. Barackman who was born in this county, 1862; after graduating at Allegheny Seminary, served as pastor at Salineville and Trenton, O., coming to Meadville, July 1908, to take charge of the United Presbyterian church which had been organized Jan. 31, 1906. A lot 50x100 was secured on North Main, and the neat buff brick gothic structure built at a cost of \$10,000. The auditorium 48x48, seats 300. This was dedicated July 2, 1911.

First Christian Church organized March 18, 1904, by J. A. Joice, with 31 members, now has about three

times as many. The Central Presbyterian building, on Center street, originally erected, 1844, enlarged '69, at a cost of \$9,000, with \$2,000 organ and other furnishings, was turned over to the Christians Aug. 1904, at less than half its former value.



First Christian Church

Pastors have been W. D. Trumbull, 1905-6; Fred Kline early '07; J. Evard Smith, '07-8; L. M. Moody, '09-10; Clayton M. Iams, '11-12. Mr. Iams was born in Illinois, ordained '76; served several churches coming from the First Christian church, of Pittsburgh. (See Addenda.)

FINANCIAL INTERESTS.

Solid banking institutions contribute largely to the progressive interests of a city, in supplying the capital to carry business firms through temporary emergencies and promoting industrial concerns of merit. Through political entanglements and indiscreet banking several serious failures occurred in banking circles here during the panicky times of the nineties, but all the banks now doing business here may be classed as thoroughly solid, a suspicion of unsoundness having never appeared against the present concerns.

Banking Briefs. As early as 1814 a branch of the N. W. Bank of Pa. was chartered here, authorized capital \$200,000. When 10% had been paid,

1815, S. B. Magaw, Pres.; Joseph Morrison, Cashier, opened business. This failed in '22. J. & J. R. Dick started bank in 1850. Gen. John Dick retired in '55, S. B. Dick became a partner under the firm name of J. R. Dick & Co. Later it was J. R., S. B. & J. M. Dick and in '75 S. B. & Sturgis T. Dick. The death of Sturgis T. Dick, 1893, caused a dissolution and the depositors were reimbursed in full.

The Bank of Crawford Co., chartered May, '57, continued in business a few years. The First National, org. 1860, C. A. Derickson, Pres., continued in business until June, '80. Meadville Savings was org. April, '67; Cyrus Kitchen, Pres.; S. P. Officer, Cashier. A fine stone front was built at 94 Water St., where a large business was transacted until it failed, Jan., '90. The People's Savings, org. 1871, Gideon Mosier, Pres.; J. H. Lenhart, Cashier, with capital \$30,000, transferred to First National, 1894. The Farmers Co-operative, chartered 1884, for \$60,000, Jos. Brown, Pres.; W. W. Dean, Cashier, succumbed to the general crash in '93 and made but partial payment. The Delamater & Co. bank was org. May, '76, by Geo. B., G. W. and T. A. Delamater. W. S. McGunnegle, cashier, in '88 gave place to V. M. Delamater. Unfortunate complications arose during G. W. Delamater's candidacy for Governor, and the bank made an assignment Dec., '90.

The Merchants' National Bank

was chartered Jan., 1865, including among its original subscribers the names of thirty of Meadville's prominent citizens. It commenced business April, 1865, with paid up capital of \$100,000. Jas. E. McFarland, who had been active in the formation of the bank, was chosen president and John Porter cashier. Mr. Porter withdrew in '66, to engage in other business, and Jas. E. McFarland was chosen cashier, with John McFarland president, serv-



United Presbyterian Church, erected 1906

New First National.

Banking matters in the early nineties, not only in Meadville but in all sections of the States, had been panicky, with many suspensions; and people hid their small funds, rather than trust them to banks, of which they were fearful. Deposits in Meadville had gone down to \$250,000 when the nerry promoters of the New First National deemed it an opportune time to open another bank, Feb. 1, 1894. A. M. Fuller was chosen president; Wm. Thomas cashier, with an able force of well known directors. The capital stock was made \$100,000. A recent statement showed surplus and undivided profits of \$178,820, with deposits of \$1,300,423, illustrating that established confidence had brought funds from their many places of obscurity. In 1908, the New First National erected its handsome home, s. w. cor. Chestnut and Market Sts., which with vaults and furnishings is valued at \$70,000. This bank was chosen as a United States Depository eight years ago, and when Meadville

ing as such until his death, 1881, when Col. Alex. Power succeeded, continuing until 1888, when Jas. E. McFarland again assumed the presidency, holding the office until removed by death in '99.

Wm. S. McGunnele, who had been elected cashier in 1888, was promoted to the vacancy caused by Mr. McFarland's demise and continues, to the present writing, as the head of this bank, ably assisted by Geo. D. Trawin, one of Meadville's most successful merchants, as vice president; John H. Reitze, for twenty years a faithful employee of the bank, as cashier; Joseph H. Gurnsey, Edgar F. Weber, Henry E. Rupp and S. D. Lord all true and tried assistants. The board of directors includes such other prominent names as J. L. Lord, Jas. S. Hotchkiss, John E. Reynolds and A. R. Huidekoper, a guarantee of continued conservative management. Nearly half a century of successful business here has established the Merchants' National Bank as one of Meadville's secure concerns and brought to it a full share of depositors.



New First National Bank

Postal Savings Bank was started, last October, the New First National was selected as the depository for Postal Savings.

C. S. Burwell has been Cashier since 1895; Chas. Fahr, Pres. since 1900. E. A. Hempstead is Vice Pres. J. J. Farnicorn, Ass't Cashier. Directors are Chas. Fahr, E. A. Hempstead, C. S. Burwell, A. M. Fuller, Arthur L. Bates, Geo. F. Davenport, H. M. Dickson, S. Merrell, Chas. Veith, Herman Frankel and W. J. Logan, all well known business hustlers.

Crawford County Trust Co.

In 1900 a number of Meadville business men believed the field was open for another bank, and the Crawford County Trust Co. was organized. This has met with excellent success and has recently completed its superior home, shown on page 3, which will long remain a lasting monument to the enterprise of its owners, being the first steel structure, strictly fire-proof, concrete, up-to-date building in Meadville. The vaults and safe are metropolitan and must be seen to be fully appreciated. This bank pays 4% interest, and as shown by its increasing deposits is justly popular with Meadville people. In its new home the Trust Company not only has the finest equipped banking room in this section, but one of the most up-to-date fire and burglar proof vaults in the country. The officers are James C. Chapin (Vice President of the Colonial Trust

Co., of Pittsburgh), Pres.; J. M. Speer, Vice Pres.; E. W. McGill, Sec. Treas.; M. P. Breckenridge, Assistent Sec.-Treas.

The Commonwealth Bank.

The phenomenal success of the Commonwealth Bank, during its first year of business, effectually dispels whatever doubts may have remained regarding the expediency of a fourth bank in a city already supplied with three strong financial institutions. The capital stock of \$70,000 has been judiciously distributed among the five men of Meadville and its vicinity; the president and cashier have been long and successfully connected with Meadville banks, while the large directorate is composed of leading business men and farmers, thereby laying a solid foundation for success which is shown by the fact that during the first year the deposits reached about \$250,000. The bank has handsome furnishings at the N. E. corner of Chestnut and Market Sts., operating under State charter, granted Nov. 21, 1901. G. W. Phillips, Pres.; Geo. C. Reith and Boud L. Lyon, Vice Pres.; J. J. Dunbar, Cashier.

NEWSPAPERS.

In connection with the public schools, newspapers have been assistants in the education of the population and Meadville has been fortunate in having public spirited journals for more than a century past. The Weekly Messenger was established Jan. 1805, by Thos. Atkinson and V. Brendle, when but three other journals were published west of the Allegheny Mountains. The paper was a four column, four-page sheet, enlarged to 5 columns in '31. Jos. C. G. Kennedy bought The Messenger Jan., '33, and ceased to exist in 1835.

The Allegheny Magazine, '16; Western Standard, '20; Meadville Gazette, '28; Unitarian Essayist, '31; Western American Citizen, '41; Democratic Republican, '42; Gazette and Far



The Meadville Odd Fellows' Home

Advocate, '44; Starr, '30, were all short lived. The Courier, started by W. W. Perkins in '31, lived 6 years. The Pa. Sentinel, started '49, was published for 10 years, when the office was moved and became the nucleus for the Titusville Herald. Jos. C. Hays started The Statesman in '36. With several changes in name the paper continued five years and expired. Later Mr. Hays purchased the Democrat-Republican, changed name to Democratic-Whig Journal, which June, '55, became the Crawford Journal. This arising with birth of the Republican party has steadily continued Republican. Col. Hays in '64 sold to J. D. Nicholas, since which it had numerous editors until purchased in '73 by E. A. Hempstead, who continued at the helm to April, 1909, when it was purchased by The Tribune Publishing Co., from which office it is mailed weekly to its many friends. The National Vindicator, started in '79 by W. S. Plummer, lived for 3 years as a Greenback champion.

The Daily Republican, started June, '67, by R. Lyle White, excepting for a brief interval, has since been continuous. It alternated from morning to evening editions and The Tribune as successor is published both morning and evening issues. C. M. Blair and E. P. Cullum started The Star in '82, and in '85 sold to Murphy & Bates. The Morning Star, started '91 by H. V. McCandless, A. McClintock, R. L. Batterwhite and A. C. Pardee. McCoy

& Calvin purchased The Star, selling a controlling interest to Hempstead & Shartle Feb. 1, 1907, they in turn selling April 15, '09, to The Tribune Co.

The Reporter, started by Williams & Orr, 1877, in '81 became The Messenger, by Murphy & Bates. J. H. Nichols bought this and it was consolidated with the Crawford Democrat, making the Messenger-Democrat. This was purchased Dec., '85, by R. B. Brown.

Messenger-Democrat — The Crawford Democrat, founded by J. E. McFarland, 1835; consolidated with the Courier in '37; purchased by Wm. Willson in '57, who sold in '61 to Thos. W. Grayson and he, June '84, to Murphy and Nichols. R. B. Brown former publisher of the Erie Observer, purchased the plant Dec. '85 and made a progressive paper. It was purchased 1893 by W. H. Gaskill and edited by A. J. Palm until it reverted to Mr. Brown in '97, who continued the publication until his death, Feb. 8, 1901, when the work was taken up by his sons. The Messenger was changed to a daily May 4, 1903 and is the only morning Democratic paper in Northwestern Pennsylvania. It is published by the Messenger Printing Co., at 899 Park ave.

Job Printing. C. A. Breakiron commenced printer's trade, 1873, having continued in the various offices here, until opening business for himself

1900, five years later moving to Water St., and Apr., 1911, to commodious rooms in the Richmond Blk., where he is well equipped for commercial printing.

The **Pennsylvania Farmer** was started in Mercer, 1880, by F. H. Umholtz, purchased by R. H. Odell and brought to Meadville '84. In '88, G. H. St. John and W. W. Dean became owners and L. A. Tucker was editor, 1889-94, when it was purchased by H. C. Crawford and edited by S. J. Logan. It was consolidated with the **Sledgehammer**, 1898. S. J. Logan purchased **The Farmer** in 1900 and, 1903, sold it to E. P. and R. X. Brown, who published it under the editorial management of S. J. Logan. In 1908 the **Pennsylvania Farmer Publishing Co.**, was organized under the management of Frank H. McLaughlin. This company Nov., 1911, sold to the **Lawrence Publishing Co.**, of Cleveland. The **Pennsylvania Farmer** will be improved from month to month and continued distinctly in the interest of the agricultural section of Pennsylvania. Neff Lang, the new manager, has been connected with the **Ohio Farmer** and the **Michigan Farmer** for 18 years past. Arthur J. Anderson, a graduate of the **Michigan Agricultural College** and eight years with the **Ohio Farmer**, is now editor here.

The Tribune-Republican. The **Cussewago Chronicle**, started, 1850, by **Geo. Youngson**, was bought, 1853, by **Harper Mitchell** and name changed to **Spirit of the Age**. Mitchell sold to **G. H. Hamilton**, who 1860, sold to **Alex Meyers**, who changed the name to **Republican**. **Wm. F. Clark** followed, selling 1865, to **R. Lyle White**, who started the first Meadville daily Aug. '67. **Col. C. W. Tyler** became a partner, selling in '69, to **J. C. Hays**, Nov. 1, '70. **Col. J. W. H. Reisinger** bought the plant. Sept. '77, **F. H. and Geo. O. Morgan**, bought from **Dr. D. P. Robbins**, the **Cambridge Springs Index** removing it here and changing

the name to **Meadville Index**, which subscription and good will was purchased by the **Republican**, 1881. **J. '84**, the **Republican Publishing Co.** was organized, **H. C. Flood**, editor and manager.

The late **Wesley R. Andrews** was a born hustler and recognized as a progressive journalist, prior to starting the daily and weekly **Tribune**, Aug. 11, '84. Under his vigorous writing and pushing management the **Tribune** soon assumed an important place among the republican journals of Northwestern Pennsylvania. In '85 he purchased the **Daily and Weekly Republican**, combining each with the **Tribune**, making the name **Tribune Republican**. Later **Col. Andrews** sold to his brother, **W. H. Andrews**, who 1898, sold to **Walter Irving Bates**. In 1906 the **Tribune Publishing Co.** was incorporated; 1909, the **Morning Star** and **Crawford Journal** were bought from **Hempstead & Shartie**, the list of the **Morning Star** being added to the daily **Tribune-Republican** and that of the weekly **Tribune-Republican** added to the **Crawford Journal**, now owned and published by the **Tribune Publishing Co.**, which in addition to its news department has a very complete jobbing establishment. Officers are **Walter Irving Bates**, president; **H. Phillips**, vice president; **E. H. Sackett**, secretary-treasurer. Equipment at No. 283 Chestnut street. The **Tribune-Republican**, daily, has a larger circulation than any other daily in Western Pennsylvania, aside from **Pittsburgh** and **Erie** papers.

The Chautauquan, a high class literary magazine, was started here by **T. L. Flood**, D. D., 1880, and continued for about 20 years, reaching a circulation of 80,000, necessitating the erection of the building now used by the **Spirella** factory. About the close of the past century the publication office was removed to **Chautauqua Lake**, from whence it goes to an increasing list of subscribers.



Campus Ravine

ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

While Meadville has made an enviable record in the advancement of the interests of the common schools, introducing the Teachers' Institute and other notable innovations of popular education, it has not been unmindful of classic advancement and nearly a century ago was interested in the establishment of a high grade college.

April 24, 1815, Rev. Timothy Alden arrived here from New York, with a view to establishing a college; as he believed Northwestern Pennsylvania to be an available center for higher education. On June 20, following, a public meeting was held in the old log court house, with Maj. Alden as chairman and John Reynolds secretary, where it was resolved that as all this section was tributary to the Allegheny River that the proposed school should be called Allegheny College. Rev. Mr. Alden was chosen Pres.; Rev. Robt. Johnson V. P. This institution has weathered the storms of nearly a century and under the new regime of advancement, instead of being in senility, is but just reaching a sturdy and progressive maturity.

The spirit of progressive educational philanthropy introduced by the founder has been far-reaching in its effects, although like many other promoters he did not live to see the best days of the child of his brain. He faithfully canvassed for subscrip-

tions during the winter of 1815-16, and wrote to the elected trustees. The result of his labors showed above \$9,000 in cash, lands and books, \$5,685 of which was subscribed in Meadville, as his untiring zeal convinced the people that the project would succeed and was worthy of aid.

The Act incorporating the college, March 24, 1817, donated \$2,000 additional, and \$1,000 per year for five years. On the 28th of July, 1817, the first annual commencement was held, the ceremonies having been largely conducted in Latin. The college was opened in the Court House, later occupied a frame building on Pine St., which subsequently became the residence of Robt. McMullen.

College Buildings. The nucleus for the magnificent present campus was laid by Samuel Lord, who donated five acres, on the finely elevated, south fronting hillside, and the corner-stone of Bentley Hall was laid July 5, 1820; President Alden, acting W. M. of Western Star Lodge, F. & A. M. The hall was named in honor of Wm. Bentley, LL. D., of Salem, Mass., who had bequeathed a library valued at \$3,000 to the new enterprise. Isaiah Thomas, LL. D., of Worcester, also contributed a library valued at \$750, and James Winthrop, LL. D., of Cambridge, Mass., one valued at \$6,400; thus creating the nucleus for the present rare and magnificent library. In 1877, the estate of David Dick contributed 760 volumes, and five years later a bequest of W. F. Day, D. D., added 600 more. The museum embraces thousands of curios which have been secured, by the Scientific Club, from time to time. In 1885 the 16-acre campus with buildings was invoiced at \$75,000; Library, \$20,000; cabinets, \$50,000; apparatus, \$15,000; invested fund, \$160,000, making a total of \$320,000.

With the opening of the thirties

the Presbyterian Synods withheld their allegiance to Allegheny, believing they were under greater obligations to support Washington and Jefferson Colleges. Rev. Mr. Alden, somewhat disheartened at the decline of Allegheny, after 16 years of indefatigable labor, which had made inroads upon his health, resigned, Nov., 1831, and the college was closed for two years. He recovered his health and taught in an Academy at Pittsburgh from 1833 till near the time of his death July 5, 1839.

The Methodist Episcopal Conference which convened in Meadville July 16, 1833, negotiated for the college privileges and under M. E. auspices, Martin Rutter, D. D., was president 1834-7, under whom 14 were graduated. H. J. Clark, D. D., served to '47, graduating 75; John Barker, D. D., to '60, 226 graduates; Geo. Loomis, D. D., to '75, 206 grad.; L. H. Bugbee, D. D., to '82, resigned and died '83, 116 grad.; D. H. Wheeler, D. D., LL. D., to '88; Dr. W. G. Williams, '89, Wheeler again to '93, 300 grad.; Wm. H. Crawford, D. D., 1893-1912, 706 graduates.

In 1911 the Erie Conference approved the continuation of 47 Trustees, of whom 24 will be elected by Erie and Pittsburgh Conferences and the Alumni, the other 23 to be elected by the Board of Trustees. During the past two decades Allegheny has made a notable progress in every line. Buildings have increased from 3 to 10 and endowment more than doubled. The library laboratory and educational facilities have been greatly enlarged and the reputation of the college for classic scholarship enhanced. A chapter of Phi Beta Kappa was established some years since, which recognition from the famous old society makes the college proud of her past record and confidently moving forward to wider fields of usefulness. While the college is under denomina-

tional control, the contract between the Trustees and the above conferences guarantees a liberal and non-sectarian spirit in its management.

INDUSTRIAL.

Diversified industries make the surest foundation for progressive cities and Meadville has had a sprinkling of the varied lines since its start as a village. Mathew Wilson erected, in 1789, a saw-mill, and lumber was rafted from here to Pittsburgh, 1790. A distillery was built in 1805, and later the water power operated an oil mill and cloth-dressing machines. Between 1800-6 we find mention of John Brooks, wagonmaker; N. Conrad, baker; Wm. Sherman and Samuel Moon, saddlers; David Guinary, jeweler; Wm. Burnside, blacksmith; Saml. Withrow, hatter; John Robertson, shoemaker; Sampson and Joshua Hamilton, cabinet makers; Geo. McGunnege, tailor; Jas. White, tanner.

Tannery and Mills. Philip Leigh started a tannery at Plum St. and Steer's alley in 1812. In '26 Roderic Frazier purchased this, continuing it for some years. About 1814 the Pattersons, Clarks, and Richard Pate started a tannery in S. E. suburbs of Meadville. Geo. McFadden and Saml. Torbett, Jr., bought the plant, 1834, continuing to operate it for 26 years. In 1820 there were 40 saw-mills, 3 grist-mills and 4 fulling-mills in the county.

Wm. A. V. Magaw erected the "Re Mill" in '30. Lot Lewis built a carding and fulling-mill, 1820, at North and Liberty Sts. This was purchased by A. Lindley, in '35, and Edward Northam took charge, 1853, continuing to about '90. John Clark, father of Hon. Champ Clark, operated a small carriage shop here in the early 40's, before moving to Mississippi where his renowned son was born.



Sixth Anniversary Outing at Meadville

THE SPIRELLA COMPANY

Few large manufacturing enterprises have been started with a smaller capital, a more worthy article of merchandise, and met with more marked success than The Spirella Company which began business eight years ago. This company is today the principal industrial institution of Meadville; in fact, it is the largest made-to-measure corset manufacturing plant in the world. Its importance to our city will be better understood when the fact is known that one person out of every twenty-seven living here is employed by this institution. That means that probably one person out of every dozen residing in Meadville lives directly from the pay roll of The Spirella Company. They also operate two other factories, one at Niagara Falls, Canada, and one at Letchworth, (Garden City) Eng.

M. M. Beeman, the inventor of the Spirella Corset Stay, W. W. Kincaid and J. H. Pardee are the three men who have worked shoulder to shoulder for eight years; and, from a very small beginning, with practically no financial aid, have developed this great industrial enterprise. Messrs. Beeman, Kincaid and Pardee were all mature business men when they joined forces in 1904. They organized a co-partnership, but on Dec. 31 of that year merged their interests into a

stock company. At the first stockholders' meeting, W. W. Kincaid was made Pres., M. M. Beeman Vice Pres. and Sec'y and J. H. Pardee Treas., which offices they have held continually, without change, since the date of their incorporation.

Mr. Beeman is not only the inventor of the Stay, which is the foundation of the Spirella business, but, with his own hands, he constructed a perfect machine for its manufacture; and he has personally superintended the making of the fifty odd other machines used for this purpose in the company's three factories, all of which have been designed and built in the machine shops of the company.

Mr. Beeman was engaged in business in Syracuse, N. Y., in the manufacture of binding for ladies' dresses when he invented the stay. Mr. Kincaid at the time of forming the co-partnership, was connected, as general sales manager, with a large Meadville concern in which Mr. Pardee was also associated as manager of a department. Mr. Beeman was also engaged for a time with the same institution. The association of the three men in business ripened into a friendship and mutual confidence, which, coupled with their faith in the Beeman Stay, led to their joining forces in this enterprise.



Training School, Hanover Square, London 1911.

These gentlemen are all noted for their public spirit. They are prominent in several commercial enterprises located in Meadville. Mr. Kincaid has also served most efficiently as a member of the School Board and other positions of trust, the last being that of President of the Meadville Chamber of Commerce, to which office he was later succeeded in the spring of 1911 by his business associate, J. H. Pardee.

Of the three successful factories engaged in making Spirella Corsets, the main plant at Meadville, employs approximately 600 office and factory workers. The two newer plants at Niagara Falls, Canada, and Letchworth (Garden City) near London, England, have approximately 300 more and they are all rapidly increasing their forces. Added to these is an army of about 7,000 women engaged in fitting and selling Spirella Corsets throughout the United States, Great Britain, Ireland and Canada. Within the past two years, Cuba has also been opened up with headquarters at Havana. Thus, approximately 8,000 persons are exclusively engaged as employes of The

Spirella Company in the manufacture fitting and selling of Spirella Corsets.

Initial steps have been taken to establish business in the continental countries of Europe where patents have been taken out on a dozen or more forms and features of the Spirella and trade marks have been registered. The same is true of Turkey, Egypt, the South African Colonies, Australia, New Zealand and Mexico.

For the manufacture of corsets, this company has one of the most complete plants in the world, embracing fully equipped drafting, cutting, fitting and plating departments. It also has its own carpenter shop, blacksmith shop, electric and general machine shops each presided over by an expert foreman. Their plating works is one of the finest in the country. They mix, smelt and pour the metal for casting their own anodes, composed of their special combination metals plating from a recent formula worked out, patented and owned exclusively by them.

Welfare Work. The spirit of hope and helpfulness are pronounced characteristics of the founders of The Spl-



International Training School, Meadville, Pa., 1911

rella Company. The officials believe that every man is, in a sense, his brother's keeper and they impress this principle on their employes whom they have organized into what is known as The Spirella Welfare Association. To this every man and woman of The Spirella Company from the president to the office boy, belongs, each contributing the sum of ten cents a month. The entire excess of expenses above this small sum is borne by the Company. This association has a constitution and by-laws, with a policy which sets forth the worthy ideas and objects of its being. The Company furnishes it with a large dining room and kitchen where meals are served at actual cost. They also furnish a splendid hall for weekly meetings, with rooms for different classes and societies. Its educational course embraces classes in vocal and instrumental music, china painting, fancy work of various kinds, an orchestra of a number of pieces and a choral class of more than a hundred voices, a class on the violin, a mandolin class, and classes in the French and German languages. In athletics, it has physical training classes for both men and women and a gun club for its men. It also has a large base ball park and several tennis courts. All these various organizations are furnished with competent instructors paid for by the Company. A young lady trained in

Welfare work is also regularly employed by the company to devote her entire time to looking after the interests of the members.

There is also a hospital equipped in the institution with a regular trained nurse who looks after those who may become temporarily ill or meet with accidents. She also counsels the girls and all employes in points of hygiene and health, looks after any that may be sick and sees that they have proper attention.

The choral class and orchestra have given a number of entertainments in the Academy of Music in Meadville, filling it to its utmost capacity and on two occasions have gone out of town, once to Niagara Falls, one hundred strong, to give concerts.

The annual outing, every year since 1907, is also a feature of the Welfare work, the last one being in August, 1911, at Conneaut Lake, where 1150 of the company's employes and visiting Corsetieres sat down at one banquet. Two of the annual outings have been held at Niagara Falls, with an attendance of several hundred who went by special train.

As a result of this organization and beneficent work done by the Welfare Association, a general spirit of good fellowship pervades the whole institution and The Spirella Company has one of the most contented and intelligent bodies of employes to be found.



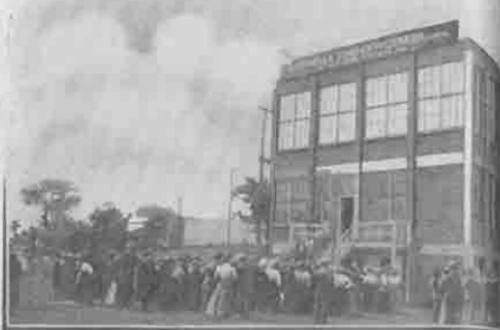
Physical Exercise Class

The health of the employes is remarkably good on account of the scrupulous sanitary conditions of the entire plant. The operating rooms in the office and factory are on large floors with many windows, thus making it literally a daylight factory, admitting the highest possible percentage of sunlight and ventilation. The wholesome conditions under which all work is done and the neat personal appearance of the operators is remarked upon by visitors to the plant.

The development of The Spirella Company, stated statistically, may be briefly outlined as follows:

Co-partnership organized March 6, 1904. Business began by the three officials and eight employes with six sewing machines and 1,380 square feet of space at 912 Water Street. The present floor space occupied by the Company at Meadville is 180,000 feet and will be increased to meet the exigencies. The first corset was made May 25, 1904.

Co-partnership merged into a stock company Dec. 31, 1904, the three officials, F. A. Wildman and W. S. McGunnele constituting the first Board of Directors.



Partial View, Canadian Factory

During 1905, the floor space was increased to 6,000 square feet. In 1906, A. J. Dewey was employed as Manager of Special Representatives' Department and E. E. Fowler, of Chicago, became General Sales Manager, thus relieving the officials of office detail, giving them opportunity for the development of the general business. The Century Press building was taken during this year and the floor space increased to 13,400 square feet. A plating plant was also inaugurated with C. E. Leffel as Superintendent. Miss Eva M. Martin, of Chautauqua, began her physical training work, which was the initial step toward the Welfare work.

In 1907, E. E. Fowler was added to the Board of Directors and J. H. Moore, of Chicago, came with the Company as Assistant Manager. The Chautauqua building was taken, increasing the floorage to 29,500 square feet. In August of this year, the educational campaign was inaugurated by a convention of State and City Managers. The educational work has developed into a regular school system with the Sales Manager at the head of it and Mrs. Helen C. Flagg as his chief assistant. Schools are conducted annually at headquarters in Meadville and the teaching force goes periodically to the principal cities in

the various states, Canada and England, to teach the art of Corsetry. J. F. Kitchen came with the Company also during 1907 as Superintendent of the mechanical department.

In January, 1908, Frank H. Reeve, now in charge of the Territorial Department, came with the company. H. N. Grinager, now General Factory Superintendent, began in February. I. B. Saunders, of Chicago, took the position of Assistant Sales Manager in May. W. J. Skeels was employed as Credit Man of the institution in November. During this year F. G. Clayton became the Purchasing Agent of the Company.

In March of this year, The Spirella Company of Canada, Limited, was organized, a factory built, and before the close of the year, the Company was in its own factory at Niagara Falls, Canada, with J. H. Moore as Managing Director. Other officials were the same as those of the home Company.

In April 1908, the plating plant was moved to a brick building on Pine St., Meadville, greatly enlarged and fully equipped. Regular Training Schools for Spirella Corsetieres were established in January, 1909, the previous Schools having been held for State and City Managers and Special Representatives. During this year, Mrs. Helen C. Flagg, as chief instructor in Corsetry and assistant designer came with the Company.

In June, 1909, President Kincaid and Vice President Beeman went to England to establish the British factory. In January, 1910, Treasurer Pardee and J. H. Moore sailed for Great Britain to assist in completing the organization of the British Company. Mr. Moore was made Managing Director, E. R. Blew being chosen to fill his place with the Canadian factory. An English Board of Officials was formed and the work begun in the spring of 1910. One of the largest Spirella Corset Parlors in the world is now located at 37 New Bond St., Lon-

don. The British factory is at Letchworth (Garden City), thirty-five miles from the center of London. Both the Canadian and British factories have prospered from the beginning.

In 1909, the Printing Department of The Spirella Company was established with E. H. Shartle, a printer and publisher of twenty years' experience, in charge of the same. In August of this year N. W. Green, Superintendent of Standard Department, also came with the Company. It was in November of this year, E. R. Blew was made Managing Director of the Canadian Factory, to succeed J. H. Moore.

June 1910, the Company leased Odd Fellows' Temple and other buildings to make more room for the rapidly growing business at Meadville.

With 1911, Spirella prepared on a larger scale for greater things. The Hempstead Block and also the Kohler Block were rented and later in the year new Welfare quarters were taken opposite the Post Office on Chestnut St., for an Assembly hall with special rooms for large class work and receptions. The Davis home on Center St. was also leased to increase the facilities needed for dining room, library, music room, and class work, conducted by the Welfare Association and in March, 1912 the old Richmond block, the Dreutlein block and Odd Fellows Temple were secured, giving the Company at this time about 180,000 square feet of floor space.

A Law Department was established in January, 1911, with W. S. Smith as attorney to give his exclusive time to the interests of the Company, his office being established in the Executive Building.

The Advertising Department was also organized in April, 1911, to conduct a general publicity advertising campaign, T. S. Meek, of New York, being engaged as Manager of this department.

A European tour of study and inves-

tigation was also a special feature of 1911. President Kincaid, Treasurer Pardee, Superintendent Grinager and his assistant, Mrs. Flagg, spent several months in the fashion centers of Europe, studying Corsetry in Vienna, Brussels, Paris, London and Berlin.

During this year also, the Spirella Corset won the first Gold Medal for which it had competed, the award being made by the National Exposition of the Republic of Cuba, held at Havana. In September E. E. Fowler sailed for England to inaugurate the Training School system in England, Ireland and Scotland.

In October, 1911, The Spirella Company also bought the Brock Corset Company, of St. Louis, Mo., and the William Frank Waist Company, of Bradford, Pa., both of which institutions, with their former managers, Wm. R. Brock and F. A. Wildman, respectively, and other employes, together with their machinery and equipment, were removed to Meadville, and are now established and operated in this city under the general supervision of The Spirella Company. The peculiar and thorough system on which this Company does business, the excellence of its product, and the almost limitless market for corset waists and surgical appliances which it manufactures, make its prospects incomparably promising among manufacturing enterprises of this section.

Phoenix Iron Works Co.

Among the permanent industries of Meadville, that has contributed steadily and largely to the city's continued prosperity for nearly half a century, is the above company, which was established by Dick, Fish & Co., in 1865. It was burned out, in '72, and at once rebuilt. The firm for a time was known as Dick & Co., later as Dick & Church. The Phoenix Iron Works Co. was incorporated March, 1889, with capital stock of \$200,000. The plant

covers three acres of ground, with commodious brick buildings, employ an average of 200 hands and disburse in wages about \$150,000 annually. The product of this company is automatic cut-off engines, boilers, etc., which have a high-grade standing and are known well over the Union. The company has also made many export shipments to Canada, Mexico, South America and the Orient. The Phoenix Co. furnished the first engines and boilers that went into the Kingdom of Siam. This company also conducts a large business in gray iron casting and has contributed materially to Meadville's upbuilding. Manufactories of like moment will find a hearty welcome here. The officers are Joseph McK. Speer, Pres.; John Dick, Vice Pres. and Genl. Mgr.; E. P. Cullum, Secretary and Treasurer.

The original plant was started by David Dick, inventor of Dick's anti-friction press. Mr. Dick was also the pioneer in this country in the manufacture of caloric engines, the forerunner of the gas engine of the present day. The Phoenix plant is among the oldest and largest of our permanent industries and from these facts has contributed much to Meadville's prosperity.

Atlantic Engine Company.

This new company with offices at the Phoenix plant, manufactures the Standard Portable Combination Wood-worker machine, which equipped with a 6 H. P. engine, is in general use by contractors and builders in the U. S. and Canada. The Atlantic Company also make a line of vertical 4-cycle gas and gasoline engines, 1½, 3, 6 and 12 H. P., both air and water cooled. These are for stationary use or mounted on trucks are easily portable. Officers and directors are F. G. Diffin, John Dick, Jos. McK. Speer, E. P. Cullum.



Commonwealth Bank.

Reitze Block.

Meadville Malleable Iron Co.

Thriving industries pave the way for progressive cities and, in 1900, several Meadville capitalists decided to add a Malleable Iron Works to the city's growing industries. Col. S. B. Dick was a leader and served as first president of the company. J. D. Downing, Otto Kohler, H. F. Gelle and others combined to form the Meadville Malleable Iron Co., which was chartered with capital stock of \$100,000, that has since been increased to \$150,000. Six acres of land were purchased in Kerrtown, an industrial suburb of Meadville, and the furnaces were opened Dec., 1900, having since been continuous. The Company employs 250 hands and disburses over \$10,000 monthly. The average daily melt is about 30 tons, the capacity ranging from 75 to 90 tons. The output is a diversified line of high-grade malleable castings, which are shipped to various sections of the country. The foundry building is 468 x 80 feet, three melting furnaces; core, tumbling and cleaning rooms, with separate annealing building, and pattern shop, containing fire-proof storage vault. The office is in a detached building

and the plant has every needed accessory for a large and complete outfit. A spur from the B. & L. E. R. R. furnishes easy transportation connections and the Company is thoroughly equipped for prompt production in its line. The present officers and directors are H. F. Giele, of Cleveland, formerly of Meadville; C. S. Burwell, W. W. Gelvin, J. D. Downing, H. C. Bema, Charles Veith, Otto Kohler, Pres.; J. E. Reynolds, Vice Pres.; L. L. Lord, Treas. P. W. Kaufman, Sec. and Gen. Mgr., has been connected with the plant as a skilled workman since its organization and for some time past serving as superintendent.

Barrett Machine Tool Co.

James Hazlet, 1858, started the Crawford Iron Works, selling to Harper & McKay, 1880. In Dec., '80, Barrett Brothers bought the interests and a few years later purchased a lot on south side of Arch St., 102 x 200 ft., erected the substantial brick buildings which cover the entire lot, calling it the Meadville Vise Co., and 1906, naming it the Barrett Machine Tool Co. The products are now principally "Barrett" horizontal cylinder boring

machines, and vises, which go to nearly every civilized nation.

The Barrett Bros., J. O. and C. J., are practical machinists, having been in the business, in Erie and Meadville, from early manhood. This plant has been one of Meadville's permanent industries for over thirty years, giving employment to from 35 to 50 men, thereby assisting in the city's permanent progress.

Beman Automatic Oil Can Co.

In 1892, H. C. Beman and others commenced the manufacture of oil cans; two years later building a large frame factory on Second West St. Several additions have since been made and although 15,000 sq. feet of space is now in use, more will soon be needed. Mr. Beman, the inventor of the automatic can, as well as many other devices for measuring and handling oil, gasoline, vinegar, etc., had been for many years manager for the Natural Gas interests here, within which time he discovered the necessity of these devices and worked out the inventions. In 1899, F. F. Lippitt and F. H. Raymond joined Mr. Beman in forming the above Company, adding acumen and capital for the extension of the business. Mr. Raymond died, 1906, and his interest is continued by his estate. The popularity of the Beman Automatic inventions is attested by the fact that general agencies are held in most of the States and Canada. From 25 to 35 men are required in the factory, and with the office force and general agents, from 60 to 100 persons find permanent employment with the Beman Automatic Oil Can Co. Mr. Beman is to be congratulated that his inventions are supplying a long-felt want, and the developments aiding the other varied industries here towards the permanent growth of Meadville.

The Wm. H. Page Boiler Co.

A recent addition to Meadville in-

dustries, of decided importance to the city's advancement, is the above Company which was organized in 1857, having general offices in New York with branches in Norwich, Conn., Boston, Chicago, Philadelphia and Cleveland. The products are steam and hot-water boilers, for heating purposes, of which the Volunteer and Monarch, shown in the cuts, the All Right, Hornet and Page Safety are the special brands. This Company invented the first round fire-pot, cast iron boiler and is making the largest size of this type in the world. Steam and hot-water heating have gained rapid popularity in recent years and the products of the Wm. H. Page Boiler Co. not only go to all corners of the United States, but are shipped to Japan, Korea, China, Italy and elsewhere.

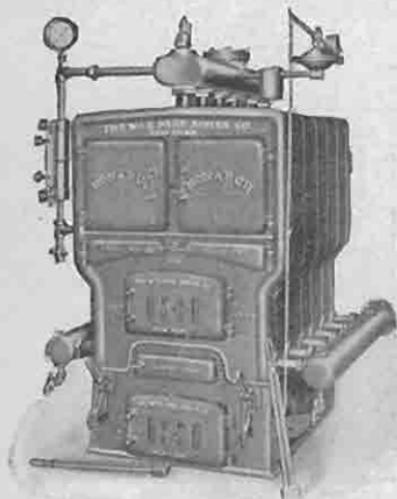
In 1907, a plot of six acres was secured on S. Main St. and several substantial brick buildings erected which are equipped with all the latest improvements for producing perfect goods in the above line. The plants formerly operating at Norwich, Conn. and Exeter, N. H., were removed to Meadville and combined, making this the sole factory.

The plant gives employment to from 175 to 200 men and is a permanent industry of large moment to Meadville.

C. Theodore Campbell, manager of the Meadville plant, is a native of New York City, and with the Wm. H. Page Boiler Co., for twelve years prior to taking charge of the works here 1900. Meadville is glad to foster in her midst an institution of this magnitude and will welcome many more of like moment.

Champion Tool Company.

Samuel Quail, 1840-2, built a paper mill where, in 1845, Case & Sennett opened the Eagle Iron Works, corner Pine and Hemlock Sts. Edward Reynolds was partner for a time and C. B. Sennett became proprietor, 1865.



Wm. H. Page Boiler Co. Boiler Styles

The Champion Tool Co. was organized at Conneaut Lake in the eighties and purchased the Sennett plant, 1904, moving its Conneaut Lake equipment to Meadville, where it has a large factory for making blacksmith and drop forged tools. From 50 to 60 men find employment here, adding largely to Meadville's weekly pay roll. Geo. B. DeArment & Sons, all born in Crawford Co., are from French ancestry and expert machinists and inventors.

The McCrosky Reamer Co.

T. B. McCrosky, from Cincinnati, opened the manufacture of adjustable reamers in Meadville and after a few years sold to others, who, Sept., 1907, chartered the above Company, with \$40,000 capital stock. The plant at Race St., near Erie R. R., was overhauled and equipped with modern machinery for high-class machine work. The product of the Company was added to from time to time until it includes not only a complete line of adjustable reamers, but a half-dozen other tools, designed especially for machine shop service. The product goes to all parts of the Union and to many foreign countries, the works here giving employment to 25 or 30 people. Officers are W. D. Hamaker, Pres.; Walter Irving Bates, Vice

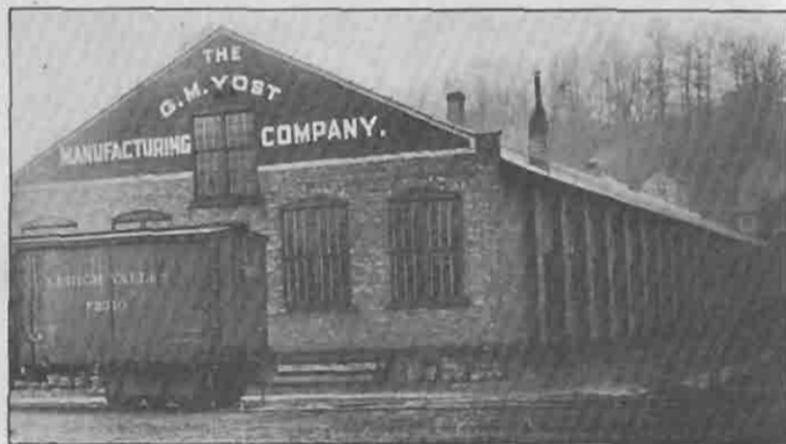
Pres.; Frank P. Miller, Sec.-Treas. and Genl. Mgr. Mr. Miller was born at Conneaut Lake, coming to Meadville in boyhood, graduating from H. S. 1901 and Allegheny College 1907.

The Uwanta Wrench Co.

was chartered 1904, and a cement block building, 40x200 ft., erected at west end of Race St. bridge, where the Uwanta R. R. wrench is turned out. About 20 men are given steady employment here. L. F. Smith, Pres.; E. C. Smith, Treas.

G. M. Yost Manufacturing Co.

Above Company was organized at Waynesboro, Pa., 1906, and removed to Meadville April, 1908. Three acres of land were secured at S. Main and Clark road and a brick machine shop erected 50 x 200 feet. This is thoroughly equipped for the manufacture of small vises and other machine tools, the products going to every state in the Union as well as a large foreign trade. The plant employs above thirty men and disburses annually in wages \$15,000 to \$20,000. The capital stock is \$100,000; S. Merrell, Pres.; J. H. Pardee, Vice Pres.; F. M. McArthur, Sec.-Treas.; G. M. Yost, General Manager. Mr. Yost is a native of Cumberland Co., Pa., and has been in the



The G. M. Yost Manufacturing Co.

machine business from boyhood, serving as manager of Emmett Mfg Co., of Waynesboro, for six years prior to organizing the G. M. Yost Co. In 1910, this Company bought the Williamson Manufacturing Co., of Bradford, consolidating it with the Meadville plant, from which all orders are filled.

The Meadville Metallic Vault Co.

Above Company was organized June 9, 1909, for the manufacture of steel burial vaults and within two years a growing demand for these has been created throughout the Eastern and Southern States. A cement block building, 40 x 150 feet, was erected at S. Main and Clark road. This is roofed and reinforced with structural steel work, and having cement floor, no jar is created from the heavy boiler machinery which punches the steel plates for rivets. When the end door of a vault is closed and locked it is perfectly air and water tight as a boiler and every vault is thrice treated, both inside and out, with metallic paint, thereby making them practically indestructible from the elements. This unique article is shown in the accompanying cut.

Although recently started, from eight to twelve men are required, and

the plant will readily accommodate three times the above force, when the increasing trade will doubtless demand in a few years, as the merits of this article becomes known to undertakers and the general public. The officers of the Metallic Vault Co. are Fred G. Prenatt, Pres.; George Seiden, Vice Pres.; Carl Bender, Treasurer; W. H. Gaskill, Sec.; all prominent Meadville's upbuilding. J. T. Lyon, superintendent of the shop, was rear in Meadville and was foreman in the boiler department of the Erie R. Co. prior to taking up the work for the Metallic Vault Co.

Wm. Jones Foundry Co.

A foundry and machine shop was started in the 40's by Robt. Hill. Ben McNeal bought this, 1859, selling in '64, to James Hazlet, and he, in '70, to Curry Brothers. In '79 it became Dickson & Curry. The plant was purchased by Mick & Jones, 1908, Mick Jones becoming sole proprietor, 1909. He learned his trade in England, coming to America, 1885, and is thoroughly posted in all the details of the foundry business. The foundry is 35 x 14 feet with an L 25 x 50 feet. The melting capacity is nearly five tons daily. From 8 to 15 men are employed.



Illustrating Style Metallic Vault.

Bronze Metal Company.

The Bronze Metal Co., Alex. Turner Vice-Pres. and Genl. Mgr., with headquarters at 30 Church St., New York, was organized several years ago for the manufacture under specific patents of Vim Metal for bearings in heavy machinery. The company also turn out brass, bronze and composition castings. The branch at Meadville was established, 1910, using power from the immense plant of the Erie Railroad shops here and turning out over 3,500 tons of these valuable castings annually, which are largely used by the Erie Railroad and shipped to locomotive builders and car works of the middle and eastern states. Considerable quantities go to the Mexican railways. The Meadville branch employs over 60 workmen under charge of J. E. Davey, superintendent of the works, who came recently from Hillburn, N. Y. E. E. Seacrist is foreman and A. N. Lubold storekeeper. This Company mostly employs skilled labor and its pay roll is an important addition to Meadville disbursements.

Meadville Auto Specialty Works

were started by F. H. Davenport to produce auto parts, the chief specialties being timers and igniters. Mr. Davenport learned his trade with Barrett Brothers in early manhood and his works are fitted with modern machinery. He occupies premises formerly used by McNair Tool Co., 303 West College St.

H. Dowdell & Son have an auto shop in rear of 838 Market St., where repair work and vulcanizing are cared

for. Howard Dowdell has been Meadville's efficient fire chief since 1906.

VEHICLES, BLACKSMITHING, ETC.

H. Oscar Hartman is a native of Meadville and commenced his trade in 1876, eight years later opening a shop for himself. By industry and integrity Mr. Hartman has built up a large trade in blacksmithing, vehicle and general repair work. His buildings at Mulberry and Dock alleys are 80x80, a part of it two stories in height, the paint room being in second story. He makes delivery wagons or any kind of carriages to customers' orders.

N. J. Rice & Co. Carriage Works.

N. J. Rice was born in Meadville, June 26, 1853, and commenced the carriage trade 40 years ago. The firm was Rice Brothers for a time, from 1893, but later took its present style. The works are on Penna av., Kerrtown, at West end of Mercer St. bridge, where delivery wagons of all kinds are built and general blacksmithing done. A complete paint shop and every requisite of vehicle work is found here. F. Zimmerman has charge of the blacksmithing department. Mr. Rice also keeps on hand a good assortment of Birdsell and other reliable makes of wagons and a full line of buggies. The buildings are 24x50 and 38x50 respectively and several men are given steady employment.

D. L. Kreiter built a good sized shop at 315 Pine St., June 1908, where he

does general blacksmithing and wagon work.

C. H. Werley, at 1010 Market St., is an expert horseshoer. The business here was established, 1871, by Henry P. Werley. Mr. Werley was born in Meadville and has been in this business from boyhood.

Shoe Button Fasteners.

In 1891, A. L. Dunbar, W. R. McCoy, A. G. Wilkins and John Babcock incorporated the Shoe Button Fastener Co., and later the emergency clamp, to stop leaks in air brakes, was added to the business. May, 1908, the business was purchased by W. L. Krider, an expert machinist, who had been with the company from its start. Mr. Krider, in June, 1910, completed the handsome 2 story, tile block garage, 60x75 ft., at 952-4 Cottage St., and erected a 3 story machine shop, 30x75 ft., adjoining. Here a million of the small zinc plates that are used in fastening shoe buttons are punched annually and \$5,000 paid yearly to invalids or children who attach them, in lots of 500, to small pasteboard rolls. Several skilled mechanics are on the pay rolls and the little zinc discs are sent to numerous foreign countries. The garage has storage capacity for 40 automobiles.

WOODWORKING, MFG.

The Walter G. Harper Lumber Co.

A carpenter shop was started in the present location of the Walter G. Harper Lumber Co.'s plant in 1860 by Samuel Painter and later became the firm of Sackett & Gibson. Power machinery was added to the equipment and in time the firm was conducted by Thomas & Gibson, Thomas & Harper, and from 1875 to 1894 W. S. Harper was the sole proprietor.

From 1894 to 1899 the firm was known as the Harper Lumber Co. and since that time has been operated under the present management.

During this period of fifty-two years the plant above has grown from a carpenter shop beginning until it is now one of the best equipped planing mills in this end of the state. It is entirely fitted for turning out large quantities of the highest quality inside trim and wood finishings.

Their product not only has a large field, but has been used in many of the best buildings in adjoining cities and a large percentage of the product is shipped to Pittsburgh and New York City.

About ten years ago general contracting was added to the lumber and planing mill business and during that time the Company has erected a great many prominent buildings both at home and in the surrounding cities. Among these buildings a great many factories, school buildings, office buildings, banks and churches are included. Some of the buildings erected in this city are the Page Boiler Works, New First National Bank Building, the Government Building, St. Paul Reformed Church, the Preparatory School at Allegheny College, and the Crawford County Trust Company Building.

Mill Run Lumber Co.

J. W. Bork, a German, who came to Meadville in 1864, and has been thirty years a carpenter and lumberman, in Aug., 1908, united with P. J. Richard, a native of Mead twp., residing in Meadville from boyhood, to form the above company. A half dozen lots were purchased at the junction of North and State Sts., for a lumber yard and a cement block building, 30x72 feet, two stories, was erected. The following year the Free Methodist church, 24x36 feet, was bought and converted into a storeroom, where they keep a full line of paints, varnishes and builders' hardware. The works are equipped with machinery for the usual line of finishings and every thing required in con-



Meadville's Erie Railroad Depot.

tract work. From 20 to 30 hands find employment in their various lines, adding to Meadville's industrial output.

The Smith Lumber Co.

In 1864 an oil barrel factory was started on Race St. at Erie R. R. Various changes have been since made in the plant. L. F. Smith has been with the Lumber Co. since its start, March, 1900. J. L. & H. A. Williams recently became partners. A general lumber and custom finishings business is done.

The G. H. Cutter Lumber Co.

Above firm are general contractors located along the Erie R. R. at 153-55 Poplar St., and has for many years been identified with the progress of Meadville. The house was established 1878, by George H. & Willard A. Cutter as G. H. Cutter & Brother. A planing mill and sheds were erected on the present site and business increased until fire from a gas explosion caused the destruction of the plant, 1895, and the death of G. H. Cutter. The plant was rebuilt the same year with better equipment, the firm name being made G. H. Cutter Lumber Co., composed of W. A. and Geo. W. Cutter. Willard A. Cutter, in Meadville from infancy, served in the Civil war and continued in the carpenter and lumber business here until 1904 when he retired from ac-

tive work and his son, Wm. A. Cutter, took charge of his interest. Geo. W. Cutter, the junior member of the firm, is son of Geo. H., deceased. He has been in business from boyhood and in the active management here for ten years past. The plant covers about 2 acres of land, with planing mill, dry kilns and four large storage sheds one of which is 30-225 feet, two stories in height, the front part of which serves as office, hardware and paint department. Since opening general contracting, two years ago, this firm has erected some of the largest buildings in Meadville. It gives employment to about 20 men at the plant and from 50 to 75 men in contract work.

Miller & DeVore.

This firm opened Apr. 1, 1905 as Miller Bros. & Devore, Jno. W. Miller later retiring from the firm. Commodious buildings are occupied at 300-10 South St., where the firm makes doors, sash, mouldings and other house furnishings as well as contracting for complete buildings. The shops are fully equipped with machinery and every interest of customers cared for. Chas. E. Miller was born in Meadville and actively in business here since coming to manhood. Clarence C. Devore is also a lifelong resident of this city in carpenter work prior to taking an interest with the

Miller Brothers, Apr., 1905. The firm keep a full line of paints, varnishes and builders' hardware.

Arthur Grindrod. On a spur of R. R. at north end of Second West St., is the coal and contract office of Arthur Grindrod. Abram Grindrod assisted in building the court house here, 1868, and continued in contract work until near the time of his death, 1911, since which it was run by the estate. In 1906 Arthur became sole proprietor. He has been in the business from boyhood, understanding every detail, and employs from 10 to 20 men.

C. E. Reimund, mantel and house decorator, owns the lot at 770 N. Main. He has been 15 years in this line of business and, in 1910, erected a two-story cement block shop, 20 x 135 feet, facing on Cottage St. in rear of his home. This is fully equipped for producing mantels and decorated wood work. He also does brick or tile work in connection with mantels, having a trade in several near-by counties.

Quay's 19 Order Hoop.

C. J. Quay, residing in Meadville from boyhood, is an inventive genius. He has been an employe of the Erie R. R. for over 35 years and in the late nineties patented a simple hoop arrangement to which orders for trainmen are attached and easily caught from a swiftly moving train. The factory is at Steers and Mulberry alleys and as the hoops are used by many railroads it gives employment to from 10 to 15 men.

DeHone Stephenson was born in Mercer Co., graduating from Iron City Commercial College of Pittsburgh, 1869 and for 11 years was a commercial traveler. In 1881, he commenced cabinet and upholstery trade and for 10 years has been conveniently located at 893 Market St., where he upholsters antique goods or does new cabinet work to meet the demands of customers.

W. W. Theuret, 1008 Market St., personally conducts a similar upholstery

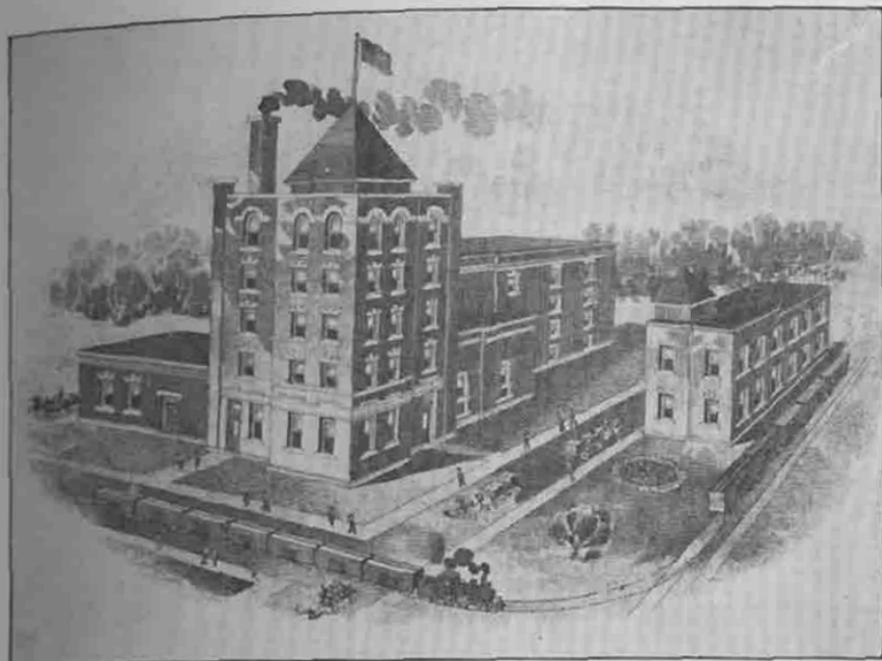
FLOUR & FEED.

Sherman Milling Co.

The Saegertown mill stands on a historic site; Maj. Roger Alden, 1801, having deemed this a fitting place to dam French creek and build a water mill. Grinding has been conducted here ever since. From 1801 the Saegers continued for many years. M. Minium was there several years before locating at Woodcock; J. Keiser & Co. during the eighties. About 1880 the mill was rebuilt and equipped with a modern roller-mill. In the buckwheat season 75 bbls. of pancake flour are made daily. In 1908 the Sherman Milling Company was incorporated with \$40,000 capital, the Saegertown mill remodeled into what is termed the sifter system, enlarging the capacity to 125 bbls. each 24 hours. The supply of winter wheat is largely raised in Crawford Co., while the spring variety is shipped from the West. Subsequent to the incorporation a mill was erected, at Meadville along the Erie railroad, at Mercer St. where a complete feed grinding equipment is now in operation; the flour supply coming from the Saegertown mill. J. D. Downing, Pres., is a well known oil dealer of this city and variously connected with Meadville's interests; R. H. Sherman, Sec.-Treasurer was 15 years a groceryman, in Meadville, prior to purchasing the Saegertown mill, in 1903. This hustling firm adds to Meadville's varied industries and helps in the march of progress.

Cussewago Roller Mills.

In 1817-18 a saw and grist mill was built near west end of the Meadville bridge, by Harm Jan Huidekoper. In 1854 this was rebuilt and equipped with steam. Gill & Shryock purchased it in '56 and it continued in that name until the interest was bought by J. W. Whiting, an experienced miller.



City Ale Brewery Company

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This large and modern plant was begun in June 1911, and was built to take the place of the old City Ale Brewery which occupied the site of the new building for a period of about fifty years. It has been constructed to conform with the most modern ideas in the brewing art and is furnished with the very best and latest equipment which can be obtained. The product consists of ale, stock ale and porter, made according to the methods which have made the product of the City Ale Brewery Company famous for many years.

The plant is under the supervision of the old brew master, J. F. Echnoz and recently began operations. The main structure is five stories in height, to which is attached the wash house, engine room, ice plant and other out-buildings; the whole costing about sixty thousand dollars. Office and bottling plant across the street.

The company is officered by A. E. Wagner, President; L. H. Wagner,

Secretary and Treasurer, and J. F. Echnoz, general manager and brew master. The construction of the building has been under the supervision of E. J. Weaver, architect and Mr. Echnoz, the latter having given it his most careful attention so as to be sure of obtaining a plant which would produce an output fully up to the past reputation of his goods.

It is a Meadville industry, conceived and carried out by Meadville men who had confidence in the future growth of the city to such an extent that the present plant will have a capacity of 45,000 barrels, against 2,000 barrels, which was the annual output of the old plant. The plant is very complete and reflects great credit upon the enterprise of its projectors and firm faith on their part in each other, and in its friends in Meadville.

Meadville Brewing Company.

This plant occupies the site where Wm. Kerr built a distillery, 1840. In 1860 McCauley, Barth & Patterson re-

modeled it into a tannery. A brewery was started by Conrad Fisher 1862, purchased and rebuilt by Frank Schwab, 1871. In 1903, this was bought by O. P. Hauck, Jacob Gaub and others of Pittsburgh. George Gaub looks after his father's interest here, Albert Grotefend is brewmaster and Frederick Bender has been book-keeper since 1903. The Company owns 13 acres of land here, with a substantial brick building, 60x165 ft in which a new ice plant, with capacity of 25 tons daily has recently been installed. With the addition of the ice plant about 40 hands will be required. The output is about 12,000 bbls. of beer, ale and porter.

Meadville Pennsylvania Distilling Co.

Peiffer & Richards, in 1860, started a distillery where the above plant is located. The Meadville Distilling Co. was organized, '85, and the incorporation, 1901, bought the Meadville Pennsylvania Distilling Co. The Company has remodeled the plant and added large warehouses, now having four, 78 x 112 feet each, of which two are seven stories in height and two eight stories. The distillery building is 40 x 80 feet, four stories in height, fermenting room 60 x 60 feet, boiler house 40 x 70 feet, aggregating 750 horse-power. There are several other buildings, all fully equipped and giving a capacity of 18,000 bbls. annually.

The officers of the Company are H. P. Werner, Vice Pres. and General Manager, of Buffalo, N. Y.; Frank S. Dorr, Sec.; G. L. Kraatz, manager of the distillery. The executive offices are at 632-4 Ellicott Square, Buffalo. This is one of the best rye distilleries to be found in the country and the Company is from year to year adding to this model plant.

COAL AND GAS.

The City Coal Company

at 131 Mead av. was started more than

50 years ago by John Irvin & Nish and for 18 years was run by Ed. Irvin. S. Merrell purchased the outfit in June, 1906, took S. P. Schiek as a partner. In 1907 Mr. Schiek became sole owner and the name was changed to The City Coal Co. Mr. Schiek was born in New York City, coming to Meadville at age 16, graduating from Meadville H. S. '92 and from Allegheny College '96. He is a director in Meadville Commonwealth Bank and secretary of Graham Land Imp. Co. The City Coal Co. handles the usual bituminous and anthracite coals, saw pipe and does contracting for cement work.

United Natural Gas Company.

It has been about fifty years since natural gas was first used for fuel and illumination in the oil region and about thirty years since it was first piped for long distances. It has now become well nigh indispensable in every city where it is used, affording a cleanliness and convenience greater than any other fuel, and, when used in modern appliances, being economical as well.

The Meadville Fuel Gas Company and the Meadville Natural Gas Company, both organized in 1886, were later merged with the Oil City Fuel Supply Company, which, in November, 1908, was succeeded by the United Natural Gas Company, with headquarters at Oil City, Pa.

An abundant supply of gas is furnished here, all the city streets and suburbs being piped and service given wherever desired.

The agent for Meadville district is J. F. Mason, formerly of Titusville, whose service with the company extends over a period of twenty-five years, the last seven of which he has been in Meadville. For many years Mr. Mason has made a study of the subject of combustion, and has developed one of the most efficient natural gas burners, known as the



Scowden Brothers—Cement, Coal, Etc.

"Moneysaver," which is manufactured in various sizes for use in stoves and furnaces.

Scowden Brothers.

Joseph Scowden, an honored citizen of Vernon twp. served as commissioner for Crawford Co. for three terms. His sons, F. B., J. A. and George, born in Vernon, are progressive business men, F. B. and J. A. being in agricultural pursuits while George prepared for business by graduating from the Meadville Commercial College, 1884. After 20 years with the Erie R. R., in 1904 the Scowden Brothers co-partnership was formed. George Scowden died Jan. 22, 1912. The firm are among the largest manufacturers of cement work block in this place and contract for foundations, cement vaults or anything in cement and concrete line. The Brothers also keep lime, cement, sewer pipe and builders supplies, shipping sand or gravel in car loads and looking carefully after customers' interests.

They have a convenient side track and handle all the popular grades of parts of their cement block building at (Teleph. and Erie R. R., illustrated

herewith, was completed 1907, and adds nicely to the architecture in that vicinity. This is 50x70 ft., two stories, office, ware room and flats.

MISCELLANEOUS MFG.

The Keystone View Co.

This industry, founded 1893 by B. L. Singley, has had a rapid growth and its representatives are now found in all parts of the world, with branch offices in several large cities. The Company makes stereoscopic goods and lantern slides. B. L. Singley, Pres.; F. M. Walrath, V. P.; S. L. Hart, Sec.-Treas.

Leon C. Magaw Cheese Co.

George Thomas opened a cheese factory at Cambridge Springs, 1867, and within a few years there were 65 factories in the county. The number has since somewhat declined, but the business has been a leading feature of Crawford Co. for over 40 years. L. C. Magaw, for many years in wholesale grocery trade here and interested in surrounding factories, organized a Company 1892, opening a warehouse and cheese business at 152-6 Center St. In 1904 the name became as above.

A. J. Worley, of Pittsburgh, is president, while F. M. Brown is secretary-treasurer and resident manager. The plant consists of large and substantial buildings, thoroughly equipped for cold and cheese storage, the business giving employment to from 15 to 25 practical men. This is the purchasing plant for 20 large factories making an annual output above 1,250,000 pounds annually. Mr. Brown, connected with this plant for 16 years, is a native of this county and familiar with its needs and products. Every enterprise of this character assists in centralizing trade at Meadville and its general upbuilding.

Meadville Hay Company.

In 1881 S. Merrell established the hay business in Meadville. The equipment for baling and storing hay consists of a brick building 50 x 84 feet, supplemented by sheds 30 x 100 and 22 x 22 with machinery for handling the extensive quantities produced in surrounding townships and enabling farmers at all times to dispose of their product. The average annual output handled ranges from 2,000 to 3,500 tons. Mr. Merrell was born in New Jersey, coming to Meadville 1881, was for some years engaged in the coal trade in this city, is a director in the New First National Bank, the controlling factor in the Venango Flouring Mills and Venango Hay Works, and is known as a progressive, public-spirited gentleman.

Conn Woolen Mills.

Crawford Co. is naturally adapted to grazing and in its early history kept many sheep. There were carding mills, but, up to 1840, most of the spinning and weaving was done by hand. In 1845 the "Red Mill" was made a woolen mill. Cullum Bros., in '62, sold to F. W. & H. S. Huidekoper. That mill was where the present Library now stands.

In 1907, C. L. Conn, who was reared

in Emelton, Pa., and had been eight years in the woolen business, erected the Conn Woolen Mills, near west end of Mead av. bridge, of tile, 40 x 100 ft., equipping it with a complete set of cards and 360 spindles spinning capacity. The works give employment to from 7 to 14 hands. Wool is purchased in the best markets and the products, consisting of knitting yarns and men's half hose, are readily sold to New York, Cleveland and other metropolitan cities.

The Nodust Company.

H. C. Beman, Carl Bender and L. W. Phillips started the above Company July, 1907, Mr. Phillips having been sole owner since July, 1909. The plant has a complete outfit of machinery for mixing the compound and making the product which is shipped in any size holders. This is not only a cleanser and disinfectant, but a dust controller and when once used becomes a favorite. The factory at 998 Second West St. is 40 x 150, two-stories, and the business gives employment to several hands and salesmen. The output is \$10,000 to \$15,000.

The Crawford Dairy Company.

(Moore Bros., Oil City, Proprietors.) The above incorporation was made March 1906, with headquarters at 152 Center St., to furnish pure cream, ice cream, at wholesale. In order to meet the wants of their wholesale trade, Moore Brothers, of Oil City, purchased this plant, Feb., 1908, since which the business has been rapidly extended and Jan., 1910 they purchased the John Youngson property at 887-9 Water St., tore down the old buildings and have just completed a substantial brick structure 51 x 100 feet, two stories and with cement basement. This is equipped with modern refrigerator and ice plant. Cream and ice cream are shipped to all cities within a radius of 100 miles. The supply coming fresh every day as the



Moore Brothers—Cream and Ice Cream.

1,000 cows in the rural districts of this vicinity. Edgar C. Moore has had charge of the Meadville plant for four years past while Frank A. and Chester W. Moore conduct the business at Oil City. The Moore Brothers' business furnishes a market for our dairies and the trade adds its mite to Meadville's prosperity. See cut of the new building as designed to be finished.

Telegraphs, Telephones, Etc.

Prof. Morse secured a patent, in 1839, for the electric telegraph and the first commercial line was opened May 27, '44. Jan. 16, 1851 Hon. John Dick received by "Morse's Allegheny & Erie" telegraph line, to Meadville, the following: "Engine arrived. Charges \$32." W. M. Woodruff became agent of the Western Union here 1871, succeeded by E. M. Boynton and for 18 years past Miss J. M. Clarke has been manager at 202 Chestnut St. The W. U. has 25,000 offices in America and cable service to all the world; 1,300,000 miles of wire and cable.

The Postal Telegraph, organized, 1878, reached Meadville, 1882. A. S. Ayers first agt., W. C. Weinman '84-5 since which C. A. Johnson has been manager. The Mackays (John H. and Clarence H.) have been the chief promoters of this great system which is a healthy rival to the W. U. in all parts of the world.

(Telephone matters on later pages.)

RAILROADS CONT.

Bessemer & Lake Erie R. R.

In the seventies, Meadville business men felt the necessity of more than one railroad, as an outlet, and commenced agitation for a line from Meadville to Linesville to connect there with the Pennsylvania. The Meadville and Linesville R. R. was chartered July 1880, with a capital stock of \$125,000; James J. Shryock, Pres.; F. W. Ellsworth, Secretary.; G. W. Delamater, Treas.; other directors were A. C. Huidekoper, S. B. Dick, S. C. Stratton, A. S. Dickson, Cyrus Kitchen, W. S. Harper, W. P. Porter, all prominent Meadville men. The line of 27 miles was put in operation, Oct 1881, since which Conneaut Lake has secured a wide fame as a summer resort. The company was reorganized as the Meadville, Conneaut Lake & Linesville and was leased by the Bessemer and Lake Erie in 1893, thereby giving transportation facilities through this main line, between Erie and East Pittsburgh, connecting at Linesville with the Pennsylvania system; at Butler with the B. & O., giving a direct route to Pittsburgh, strengthening the transportation competition for freight and passengers to and from Meadville and adding greatly to the city's acquired advantages. The main line of the B. & L. E. is 161 miles,

the branches 49, making in all 210 miles of road. The Wells Fargo & Co. Express operating over the Bessemer, holds contracts over 70,000 miles of railroad, reaching most of the states. The officers of the Bessemer are J. H. Reed, Pres.; E. H. Utley, Genl. Mgr.; E. D. Comstock, G. P. A., all at Carnegie Building, Pittsburgh. J. S. Matson, Superintendent, has offices at Greenville, Pa., and R. A. Hayes is local agt. at Meadville, coming here Dec., 1882.

Northwestern Pennsylvania Railway.

The electric railroads, centering at Meadville, have substantial ballast, heavy rails and are well equipped throughout. The city owes much to the enterprise of the men who made their construction possible, as no city of modern progression can expect to move forward without good trolley service. The city lines, including Oakwood Park, have twelve miles of track, while the Conneaut Lake, Exposition Park and Linesville branches aggregate twenty miles. The city lines were opened spring of 1898, extended to Oakwood Park, in 1900, and the Conneaut Lake, with branches, added in 1906-7. Over \$1,500,000 has been expended in the construction and equipment of these lines and the electric power plant. From 75 to 100 men find employment in the service of the Northwestern Pennsylvania Railway and its allied interests, making wage disbursements of \$75,000 annually. It has paid \$66,000 for paving, between and adjoining the tracks, in the city. The famed Ponce de Leon Springs are at the eastern terminus of the city lines, while Conneaut Lake, with Exposition Park, has a state-wide fame as a summer resort. This line connects at Harmonsburg with the B. & L. E. R. R., and at Linesville with the Pennsylvania, making convenient daily connections for Erie, Pittsburg and intermediate

towns. There are five inter-urban passenger cars, twelve city cars and a freight, mail and express car, as the Adams Express Co. holds a carriage contract over these lines. Hourly service, regular; with 20 minutes accommodation during summer resort rush.

February 7, 1911, the above lines, together with the People's Incandescent Light Co., came under the control of F. J. Lisman & Co., No. 30 Broad St., New York, through whom the interests of the Meadville stock-holders are properly protected. H. W. Thornton, an experienced railway manager of Long Island City, New York, is president of this Company; Wm. Goodman, secretary; T. D. Rhodes, vice president, also of New York, Fauver & Gaston, of Cleveland, are general counsel, while Charles Fahr, treasurer, is the well-known Meadville financier. C. L. Murray, the general manager at Meadville, is a native of this state, having been for fifteen years past in railroad work and coming to Meadville Feb., 1911. E. O. Shryock, superintendent, is a life long Meadville man.

The People's Incandescent Light Co.

was started by the promoters of the trolley service, not only to furnish power and heat for all the electric lines centering at Meadville, but to give commercial service to the Erie railroad shops here, to any Meadville industry or private mansion, also extending its service to Harmonsburg, Conneaut Lake and Linesville. It is one of the best electrical equipments to be found in Northwestern Pennsylvania, having two immense steam turbine engines aggregating 750 h. p. each, one high-speed engine of 500 h. p., one of 250 h. p., and two Corliss engines, each 335 h. p., aggregating a capacity, in electric language, of 2,200 kilowatt power. The plant extends along the old canal bank between



Meadville Trolley Station.

Chestnut and Center Streets with the trolley station, for all above lines, fronting on Chestnut. Meadville people may well admire this model power and lighting plant as few cities of this size has an electric industry of equal capacity or more faithful service. The \$150,000 stock of this Company ranges above par and its operations greatly assist incipient industries in gaining a permanent standing here. Prior to the erection of this plant in 1890, manufactured gas sold at \$2 per thousand feet, but subsequently came down to 50 cents.

The Meadville and Cambridge Springs Street Ry. Co.

The Meadville and Cambridge Springs Street Railway Co. was organized in May, 1902 by the following gentlemen: Frank R. Shryock, Chas. Fahr, Geo. D. Trawin, John J. Shryock, Cyrus See and H. H. Thompson. These gentlemen had promoted

the Peoples' Incandescent Light Co., The Meadville Traction Co. and later organized the Meadville and Conneaut Lake Street Railway Co. The buildings of the Meadville and Cambridge Springs and the Meadville and Conneaut Lake lines made a route by street car possible from Erie to Conneaut Lake.

During the building of the Cambridge Springs road Pittsburgh capitalists were enlisted in the enterprise and later the Meadville gentlemen sold out their holdings to the Pittsburgh Syndicate, who managed the road and ran it until it went into the hands of a receiver, when it was sold and re-organized.

The road is now under the able management of Frank Windle, who, by his untiring energy, has very materially improved the service. Connections are made at Cambridge with the Erie Traction Co., "Edinboro Route."

PROFESSIONAL.

On former pages the formation of Crawford Co., and other legal matters, have been mentioned and now will come some further legal notes. David Mead and John Kelso were first court judges here, July 7, 1800, since which time Meadville has been the seat of justice. The names of presiding judges here are given on pages 8 and 9.

Among prominent attorneys, Patrick Farrelly was admitted, 1802. Ralph Marlin came here 1801, served as surveyor, helped to build "Perry's Fleet" at Erie, and served in Congress 1820-6. Geo. Selden came 1819 and later engaged in industrial enterprises. Henry Baldwin was first Dist. Atty, then styled Deputy Att'y Genl. Later he was Congressman from Allegheny Co., and 1830-44 a judge of the United States Supreme Court. J. B. Wallace was a leading lawyer here for many years from 1821. A. W. and S. W. Foster were early attorneys here. J. W. and D. M. Farrelly, sons of Patrick, admitted 1828 and '30 respectively, were prominent attorneys. Gaylord Church, a successful lawyer in the early '40's, was later a judge of the Supreme Court of Pa. Alfred Huidekoper, born in Meadville, after admission to the bar Oct. 1833, devoted most of his life to literary and other pursuits. He died Jan. 19, '92. Other early attorneys of note were John Banks, J. J. Pearson, who later served 30 years as judge of Dauphin Co. Courts. David Derickson served as additional law judge 1857-1867; H. L. Richmond, adm. 1838, served in Congress '73-4, died Feb. '85; Wm. Reynolds, adm. '41, was 1st Pres. of the A. & G. W. R. R. and engaged in other important enterprises. He died in 1911. S. Newton Pettis, born 1827, adm. '48, was appointed judge upon the death of Judge Lowry, Nov. '76. He died Sept., 1900. Geo. B. Delamater, born 1821, adm. '47, with

Orange Noble was a partner in opening the "First Gusher" near Titusville, 1860. He was in banking business here for 30 years. A. B. Richmond, born 1825, adm. '48, was the most noted criminal lawyer of this section for many years.

A number of other lawyers, worthy of notice, will have brief mention in other articles and as space is limited we pass on to those in active work.

Congressmen, Judges, Attorneys.

We have deemed it fitting to record a few lines regarding present officials who reside or have official headquarters at Meadville as many readers of this book might have business or social dealings and desire the notations which we append.

Hon. Arthur L. Bates, who was elected to Congress, in 1900, from the 26th district, comprising Erie and Crawford counties and has been chosen successively since, was born in Meadville, 1859, son of the late S. P. Bates, L.L. D. Dr. Bates was widely known as an able writer of Army and Civil history. Arthur L. was graduated from Allegheny College, 1880, read law with Joshua Douglas and was admitted to the bar Sept., 1882. He served four successive terms as City Solicitor prior to entering upon his congressional career which he has filled with marked ability and secured the general good will of a host of constituents. He has announced his intention to retire from Congress with the present term and attend to his many interests in progressive Meadville, having in contemplation the erection of a fine business building on Chestnut street, and other home interests.

Otto A. Stolz, Deputy Revenue Collector for this district, was born in Lehigh Co., 1863, attended Allegheny College, and was admitted to practice, 1889. He has served as collector of Internal Revenue since 1898. Mr.



Chestnut Street, Looking East from Water Street

Stolz has office at Room 4, Phoenix Block, where he does a large insurance business.

Hon. J. J. Henderson, one of the judges of the Superior Court was born in Allegheny County, admitted to the bar at Meadville, Aug., 1867, was presiding judge of this judicial district, 1888-98, appointed judge of the Superior Court 1903 and subsequently elected for a full term.

CRAWFORD COUNTY OFFICIALS.

Hon. Thomas J. Prather, born in Troy twp., Nov. 28, '66, was graduated from the Edinboro Normal School, 1890, attended Allegheny College and was teaching for 6 years. He was admitted to practice 1896, and elected judge of this judicial district Nov. 1907.

C. Victor Johnson, born in Woodcock twp. Feb. 14, 1873, after the public schools, attended Allegheny College and taught for three years. He took the usual law study and was admitted to the bar May 30, 1900. Mr. Johnson served a term as district attorney and served in the State Legislature for the sessions of 1909 and 1911.

Albert L. Thomas was born in Woodcock twp., Feb., 11, 1878, attended Allegheny College, admitted to the bar, Dec., 1905, and Nov., 1911, elected district attorney for the four-year term commencing Jan., 1912.

Oscar H. Roudebush, Sheriff for the four-year term, commencing Jan., 1912, was born at Blooming Valley, June 5, 1865, and for 16 years past has been a commercial traveler. He was elected on the democratic ticket last Nov. and has moved to Meadville. His son, E. B. Roudebush, a student from the Meadville Commercial College, officiates as deputy sheriff.

V. L. Greeley, Prothonotary, 1912-15, was born in Bloomfield twp., son of O. C. Greeley, a veteran of the Civil war. V. L. attended high school at Ripley, N. Y., graduating from the Corry Business College, 1891. Mr. Greeley was a large promoter in the People's Mutual Telephone Co., of Riceville and had charge of the exchange there. D. T. McKay, who has just completed a term as Prothonotary, is serving as deputy.

H. H. Finney, Clerk of Courts, 1912-16, was born in Rockdale twp., attended Edinboro Normal and Water-

ford Academy, graduating from the Meadville Commercial College, 1889. Mr. Finney has now entered upon his fourth term as Clerk of Courts.

Wm. A. Thompson, who has served as register and recorder since Jan., 1909, was re-elected for the present four-year term. He was born in Union City and graduated from the Meadville Commercial College. **E. B. Flower**, who has served in this office for 23 years, is retained as deputy register.

L. H. Lauderbaugh, elected on the democratic ticket Nov., 1911, by a flattering majority for county treasurer, 1912-16; was born in Union twp., July 8, 1850, graduating from Allegheny College June, 1876, admitted to the bar Sept. 27, '81, served as city clerk, was justice of the peace 1887-94, later as water commissioner and as secretary of the board of directors for the Meadville Odd Fellows' Home, for 12 years.

The County Schools of Crawford County, including Meadville, have about 500 teachers, with an enrollment of 12,000 pupils of school age. **P. Dalton Blair** was born near Hartstown Mar. 28, 1877, graduated from Clarion State Normal 1897, attended Allegheny, received A. B. degree from Grove City College 1905, subsequently attending Harvard University. Prof. Blair served as principal of Springboro, Irwin and Cambridge Springs schools prior to his election May 2, 1911 for a three-year term as county superintendent.

County Commissioners. The important affairs of county finance, public buildings, bridges, etc., are entrusted to three commissioners who are selected for four years. **George C. Reitze**, who was recently re-elected for the current term, was born in Union twp., graduated from Meadville Commercial College, 1889, and since manhood has been in agricul-

tural pursuits. He was re-elected Nov., 1911, for a four-year term.

A. E. Lilley, who was elected, on the republican ticket, Nov., 1911, and came to the office Jan., 1912, was born in Concord, Erie Co., Feb. 9, 1859, and for thirty years past has been a farmer and dairyman in Sparta twp., where he owns a good home and competency.

H. C. Wasson was born in the homestead which he now owns in Hayfield twp., Aug. 27, 1869. In addition to agricultural pursuits Mr. Wasson was twice elected as justice of the peace and since 1904 has been in contract work for highways and bridge work. He was chosen on the republican ticket Nov., 1911.

ATTORNEYS.

James W. Smith, now longest in practice of law at Meadville, was born in Wilson Co., Tenn., graduating from Allegheny College, 1860 and from a law school in '61. He was admitted to the bar here Apr. '62 and soon afterwards enlisted. After three years service in which he was promoted to be Captain, he returned to law practice here and with April 1912 rounds out 50 years as an attorney. Office, 309 Chestnut St.

J. N. McCloskey, born at Saegertown, attended Edinboro Normal School, admitted to the bar Aug. 17, '66. *Some twenty years ago* changed his principal duties to looking after real estate. He owns a substantial brick home, with office, at 363 Chestnut St.

C. M. Boush, 1112 Park Av., was born in southern Germany, March, 1831, graduated from the Academy there and, 1852, came to America. He served as J. P. in Meadville 1862-7, was admitted June 11, '68, having since been in continuous practice. He was city solicitor for a term and is attorney for the incorporated bodies

of the General Synod of the German Reformed church. Mr. Boush was for 11 years captain of volunteer fire companies here, 3 years a councilman and 3 years solicitor for the city; was 12 years on the school board, 27 years Sec.-Treas. of City Hospital, and 32 years one of the Greendale Cemetery managers.

Col. C. W. Tyler, born in Susquehanna Co., was admitted there 1860. He served through the civil war achieving rank of Colonel of 141st Pa. Vols., later was representative to the legislature. Col. Tyler came to Meadville Aug. '67, was admitted here June 23, '68, was owner of newspapers here 1867-74, and has since continued in the practice of law. Office 357 Center St.

Thomas Roddy was born at Toronto, Canada, Dec. 29, 1839, educated in England, returned to America 1857, came to Meadville, July, '67. Admitted to the bar July, '70; served as city solicitor several terms; was chairman of the Republican Co. Com., 1880, and served for 14 years as a member of the Board of Examiners for admission to the bar. Office 906 Park av.

James P. Colter, at present City Solicitor, is a native of Crawford County. He had a preparatory course in the Edinboro State Normal School. On completing that course he entered Allegheny College, and graduated in the class of 1868. He was admitted to the bar in Crawford County, Aug. 14, 1871. He located at Kittanning, Pa., and practiced law in Armstrong County until August, 1889. At that time he returned to Meadville where he has since been engaged continuously in the work of his profession. Mr. Colter has served fourteen years as a member of the Board for examining students at law, is a member of the Board of Trustees of Allegheny College and Secretary of that Board, and, as City Solicitor has given faith-

ful attention to the work of that office.

George F. Davenport was born in Crawford Co., April, 1848. He was graduated from Allegheny College in June, 1868, and after a sufficient course was admitted to the bar 1872. In 1878 he was elected district attorney, serving a three year term. Mr. Davenport served for two terms as chairman of the Republican County Committee. His office is at 357 Center Street.

Almond G. Richmond was born in Meadville, son of Hon. H. L. Richmond, noted among early attorneys here. A. G. was graduated from Allegheny College, 1870 and admitted to the bar Aug. 6, 1873. He served as district attorney 1885-7; was appointed by the United States Court as referee in bankruptcy, 1898, in which capacity he still serves. Office, 918 Diamond Square.

John O. McClintock was born, in Venango county, June 23, 1850 and was graduated from Allegheny College in 1872. He was admitted to the bar Sept. 17, 1875, and has since been in continuous practice here. Office, 359 Center St.

James D. Roberts, born in Jamestown, Pa., Aug. 9, 1850, was graduated from Edinboro Normal School 1873, admitted to the bar Aug. 14, '76, and opened practice in Meadville, 1878. He served as district attorney 1888-90, in select council 1904-8, and has been an alderman since Apr., 1910. Mr. Roberts was also for several years on the board of school controllers. Office, 357 Center St.

Emmett W. McArthur, born in South Shenango twp., this county, July 10, 1853, after public schools, attended Jamestown Seminary and Edinboro State Normal School and taught school for several years. He was admitted to the bar Feb. 25, 1884, served as post master of Meadville 1886-90. He was a member of the city council and on

the school board for several terms. Mr. McArthur served as mayor 1899-1901. He has been the nominee of the democratic party for State Senator and for Congress from this district. He is interested in several of Meadville's industries and in the production of oil.

Jas. R. Andrews, born in Crawford county, was graduated from Allegheny College, in 1881, and was admitted to the practice of law at Meadville, May 16, 1884. Office, 309 Chestnut St.

Wm. W. Henderson was born in Jefferson county, Ohio, April 10, 1848, coming to Meadville in early manhood. He was admitted to the practice of law here Sept. 28, 1885. Office 349 Center St.

Otto Kohler was born in Mount Eaton, Wayne County, O., removed to Meadville with his parents in 1868 and has resided here since. He was obliged to leave school at the age of 14 years, was admitted to the bar of Crawford Co. Sept. 28th, 1885 and has been in active practice since then.

Wesley B. Best, born in Meadville, was graduated from Allegheny College, 1883, and admitted to the bar May 11, 1886. He served as district attorney 1891-3 and upon the resignation of W. R. Vance as district attorney, Mr. Best was appointed by Judge Thomas to fill this vacancy of 1½ years. He was city solicitor under Mayor Braymer 1896-7. Office at 899 Park av.

J. A. Northam, born in Meadville, was graduated from the city high school, 1882, and admitted to the bar May 11, 1886. He is a notary public and holds office at 351 Center St.

Isaac Mondereau, born in Mead twp., April, 1866, attended Allegheny College, was elected justice of the peace at age of 21, served 10 years and was admitted to the bar May 20, 1887. He is an enthusiastic prohibitionist and

served for many years as chairman of the committee for that party.

Frank J. Thomas was born in Woodcock twp. 1859, commenced teaching in early manhood, was graduated from Allegheny College 1885 and again taught for a time. He was admitted to the bar May 16, 1889, associated from July 1892 with H. J. Humes until elected judge of the 30th judicial district, in '97, serving for ten years when he resumed the practice of law. Office rooms 202-5 Crawford Co. Trust Bldg.

John E. Reynolds, son of the late Hon. Wm. Reynolds, who served as first mayor Meadville, was born in this city and graduated from Harvard College. He was admitted to the bar Nov. 21, 1890, served as treasurer of the Meadville & Linesville Ry and as president of the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Reynolds was mayor of Meadville 1905-7, is a stockholder in several industrial concerns and has contributed a full share towards the city's permanent development.

B. B. Pickett, born in Meadville, 1865, was graduated from Allegheny College, 1887, and admitted to the bar May 20, 1891. He served as city clerk 1888-92 and as district attorney '94-6.

Terrance E. Henretta, born in Summerhill twp., this county, Apr. 22, 1869, attended the Edinboro State Normal School, studied law at Pittsburgh and was admitted to the bar in Meadville, Sept. 10, 1894. Office, 899 Park av.

Curtis L. Webb, a native of Crawford Co., attended the Ohio Normal University and Allegheny College. He was graduated from the Northwestern University Law School of Chicago, 1893, and admitted to the bar here Sept. 10, '94. Mr. Webb served for six years as deputy prothonotary, and for four years was trust officer and assistant treasurer of the Crawford Co.

Trust Co. Since 1908 he has been associated with E. W. McArthur.

Manley O. Brown, born in Mercer Co., Feb. 18, 1868, was graduated from Greenville high school May, '87, and from Allegheny College June, '91. He was instructor in languages at Hall Institute of Sharon for three years, was admitted to the bar here Feb. 25, 1895 and served as city solicitor 1906-9. Office, Flood Building.

John Schuler, born at New Richmond, O., attended H. S. there prior to taking up the harness trade. Later he read law in Meadville and was admitted to the bar 1895. Office, 241 Chestnut St.

O. Clare Kent, born in N. Shenango twp., this county, attended high school at Linesville, Pa., graduating from Allegheny College, 1896, read law with Joshua Douglas and was admitted to the bar May 30, 1900. Mr. Kent served as district attorney 1906-11. Office, 353 Center St.

E. Lowry Humes, born in Meadville, July 25, 1878, attended Allegheny College, read law with H. J. Humes and was admitted to the bar Dec. 10, 1900. He served as secretary and solicitor for the Meadville school board 1902-11, still retaining the solicitorship. Mr. Humes has served several terms as democratic county chairman. He is adjutant of the 16th In. N. G. P. Office, 915 Diamond Sq.

L. D. Edson, born at Tryonville, admitted to the bar here June 6, 1901, served as county solicitor 1906-8. Office at 899 Park Av.

Roy S. Peters, born in Hayfield twp., was graduated from Saegertown H. S., 1902, read law with Hon. H. J. Humes & Son, and was admitted to the bar June 11, 1908. Mr. Peters resides at Saegertown, having office with E. Lowry Humes, 915 Diamond Sq.

John C. Spencer, born near Mosiertown, was graduated from Allegheny

College, 1892, teaching at Waterford Academy '97-8, principal of Dubois H. S. '99-1902, and at Mosiertown 1905-7. He was admitted to the bar Nov. 27, 1908, had charge of latin in Warren H. S. for a year and opened a law office Oct., 1910, over New First Natl. Bk.

Aldermen. (Jas. D. Roberts, see Attys.)

E. D. Pytcher, for 4th Ward, was born in Mead twp., and for 26 years a resident of the city. He was elected in 1904 and re-elected 1909 for second term.

Chas. Guenin, 121 Wadsworth Av., was born in France, Feb. 3, 1840, his parents settling in East Fairfield this county two years later. Squire Guenin stuck to the farm until ten years since when he sought the quietude of the Fifth Ward. He served in 15th U. S. Inf. 1861-4. He was elected alderman for 5 years, Nov., 1909

Ben. F. Peterman has been for many years a draughtsman in Phoenix Iron Works. Squire Kepler died suddenly Nov. 23, 1911 and Mr. Peterman was appointed by Gov. Tener to the vacancy Dec. 14, qualified at once, and holds office at 900 Water St. Mr. Peterman has been appointed police magistrate.

The Medical Profession.

Early Physicians. Dr. Thos. R. Kennedy practiced here 1795-1813; Daniel Bemus 1807-45; Wm. Woodruff '23-60; John Sprague '23-5; C. M. Yates '26-50; Reynell Coates '29-33; Alex. McLeod '33-61 when he became chaplain; Edward Ellis '40-88. J. T. Ray coming in late 50's was in practice several years.

When Crawford Co. Medical Society was organized, 1866, physicians to affiliate were T. B. Lashells, J. C. Cotton, Wm. Church, David Best, J. P. Hassler, E. H. Dewey, D. M. and A. C. Calvin. The Homeopathic Society was started Feb. '78 at Dr. E. C. Parsons'

office, J. N. Pond and Susan Rose uniting and, 1881, J. D. Stoneroad coming, he being now the oldest physician in Meadville. Born 1826, in Mifflin Co., he voted for Zachary Taylor, 1848, and at every presidential election since, having retired some years ago.

Dr. C. P. Woodring, born in Meadville, 1853, graduated from Allegheny College 1876 and from University of New York, '79, continuing in practice until 1908, since which he had spent the summer traveling. He died Dec. 19, 1911, from heart trouble.

Medical Matters.

The present officers of the Crawford Co. Medical Society are J. C. McFate, Pres.; H. L. Brush, of Conneaut Lake, 1st V. P.; J. K. Roberts, 2d V. P.; C. C. Laffer, Sec-Treas., since 1895. About 50 doctors are affiliated. Meetings are held in Chamber of Commerce parlors first Wed. of each month.

Dr. D. L. Collom, born in this county, took a term at the Michigan University and, 1876, was graduated from Jefferson Medical College. He practiced for ten years at Conneautville, spent a year in travel, locating here, 1888, and at his present place 961 Park av. 1895.

Dr. C. W. Thompson, born in Pittsburgh, May 8, 1858, attended Meadville Commercial College, Allegheny College, graduating from Western Reserve University, 1882, has been since in practice here. Office, 279 Chestnut St.

Dr. Harry G. Chamberlain's parents lived at St. Johnsbury, Vt. He attended Rush Medical and married Adella, daughter of Dr. E. D. Cobb, a retired physician residing here. Dr. Chamberlain practiced awhile in N. Y. and several years at Harmonsburg prior to locating in Meadville about 20 years ago. Office and residence, 874 Water St.

Dr. J. K. Roberts, born near Greenville, Mercer Co., May 15, 1856, was graduated M. D. from University of Wooster and from Western Reserve University, having been practicing in Crawford Co., since 1880. He attended the New York Post Graduate School winters of 1894-5 and 1903-4. In 1903, Dr. Roberts received a diploma from the National College of Electro-Therapeutics of Lima, O. Since 1904 he has been doing general practice in Meadville. Office at 290 Chestnut St.

Dr. W. D. Hamaker, born in Bedford Co., graduated from Washington & Jefferson College, 1880, and 1884, from the University of Penn'a, locating at Meadville, 1886. Dr. Hamaker has been a member of the State Board of medical examiners since 1895. He belongs to the American, State and County medical societies.

Dr. C. C. Hill, born in Knox Co., Ohio, after attendance at Jefferson Medical College, graduated from Bellevue Hospital Medical College, 1874, practicing in Central Ohio for some years. After taking a post graduate course at the Philadelphia Polyclinic he located in Meadville 1888, and gives special attention to the eye, ear, throat and nose. Office at 281½ Chestnut St.

Dr. D. G. Snodgrass, born Feb. 22d, 1853, at Jamestown, Pa., attended Jamestown Seminary and Westminster College, of New Wilmington, graduating from Starling Medical College, of Columbus, 1882. Dr. Snodgrass practiced at Conneaut Lake and West Middlesex, Pa., prior to opening practice at Meadville, in 1902. He is a member of the American, State and County Medical Societies. Office and residence, 970 Park Av.

Dr. F. L. Nisbet, born in Mercer Co., was graduated from Thiel College of Greenville, Pa., 1884, and from the University of New York City, 1887, locating for the general practice of med-

icine in Meadville. He is a member of the American Medical, the State and Crawford Co. medical societies. Office rooms, 206-7 Crawford Co. Trust Co. Bldg.

Dr. G. D. Thomas, born near Cambridge Springs, graduated from Jefferson Medical, 1890, practicing at Chicora, Pa., until coming to Meadville, 1908. Dr. Thomas is treasurer of Allegheny College and member of Meadville School Board. Office over Commonwealth bank.

Dr. C. C. Laffer, born in Meadville, was graduated from Allegheny College, 1889, University of Penn'a '93, and after serving as interne at the hospital for a year opened practice in his native city. He has been secretary of the Crawford Co. Medical Society for 17 years. Office, over Commonwealth bank.

Drs. Gamble & McFate—R. B. Gamble was born at Mosiertown, son of Dr. Wm. J. Gamble, who practiced in this county for 40 years. R. B. was graduated from Allegheny College, 1893, and from the University at Buffalo 1896, since which he has been in practice at Meadville.

J. C. McFate, born at Cochranton, was graduated from Grove City College, 1899, and from Western Reserve University, of Cleveland, 1905, locating in Meadville and, in 1909, becoming a partner with Dr. Gamble. Their offices are conveniently located cor. Park Av. and Chestnut St.

Dr. Frank A. Clawson, born in Mercer Co., Nov. 4, 1875, specialist in eye, ear, throat and nose diseases, was graduated from the Hahnemann Medical College 1899, was resident surgeon of the New York Ophthalmic Hospital 1900 and interne at Scranton Hospital 1901, locating here Jan. Offices, 221 Chestnut St., fitted with modern appliances. Dr. Clawson member of the American Institute of Homeopathy.

Dr. Blanche Best is a daughter of Dr. David Best, who died here 1887, after having practiced nearly 40 years. Blanche attended Lasell (Mass) Seminary, received A. B. from Allegheny College, 1897, and M. D., C. M. from Trinity University of Toronto, 1899. She spent three years in the study of neurology at the Warren State Hospital opening office, Dec., 1904, at the old homestead, 280 Chestnut St.

Dr. Mary Dean Mumford, born near Cochranton, this county, was graduated from Meadville high school, receiving her M. D. from the Homeopathic Medical College, of Cleveland, 1901, locating in Meadville for general practice. Office, 903 Park av.

Dr. N. B. Noll, born at Millersburg, Pa., 1878, graduated from Jefferson Medical, 1902, practicing at Cochranton and Greensburg prior to coming here, 1910. Dr. Noll is examiner for a number of insurance fraternities. Office, 962 Park av.

Dr. O. H. Jackson, born at Atlantic, July 10, 1875, attended Grove City College, graduating M. D. from St. Louis University, 1902. He spent a year in St. Louis City Hospital, four years at Conneaut Lake, locating here, 1907, and 1908 took rooms over New First National Bank. Dr. Jackson belongs to the American, State and County medical societies.

Dr. Charles Kline Ferer, born in Westmoreland Co., Aug. 24, 1881, graduated from Riegelsville Academy 1897, and A. B. from Lafayette College of Easton, Pa., 1901. His M. D. came from the Medico Chirurgical College of Philadelphia, 1904. He was resident physician of Philadelphia General Hospital (Blockley), 1904-6, since which he has been in general practice here. Offices, 909 Park av.

Dr. W. B. Skelton, born in Buffalo, attended Allegheny College, graduating M. D. from Michigan University, 1904. He practiced three years at

Houghton, Mich., coming to Meadville, 1907. Dr. Skelton is examiner for insurance companies and consulting physician for City Hospital. Office with Dr. Hamaker, 883 Water St.

Dr. Edwin E. Brophy, born Jan. 22, 1870, at Springwater, N. Y., after preparatory education and required medical study was graduated, 1905, from the Baltimore University, and 1907 received another diploma from the University of Pittsburgh, soon afterwards opening general practice at Meadville. Dr. Brophy is a member of the American, State and County Medical Societies. Office, 246½ Chestnut St.

Dr. G. E. Hayward, born at Monongahela, Pa., June 3, 1885, was graduated from the Kiskeminitas Springs schools, 1906, taking his M. D. and Homeopathic special course from Hahnemann Medical College 1910. After spending a year in the Pittsburgh Homeopathic Hospital, Dr. Hayward located at Dr. Parson's old stand, 224 Chestnut St.

Osteopaths, Ophthalmologists and Others.

Dr. Gambetta F. Staff, born in Meadville, Aug. 4, 1872, was graduated from A. W. Smith's Business College, 1889, attended the State Normal, at Kirksville, Mo., and received the D. O. degree from the American School of Osteopathy of Kirksville, 1900, since which he has been in practice here. Dr. Staff has erected a fine brick residence and office at 279 Walnut St., which is fitted with an X-ray and other modern appliances.

Dr. Otis Balcom, born in Licking Co., O., Oct. 27, 1859, studied medicine at Cincinnati and specialized in refraction. He practiced in his native state for many years prior to coming to Meadville, 1907. Dr. Balcom is an honorary member of the American Optical Society and belongs to the Ohio and Pennsylvania State Optical

societies. He is also a coin collector and charter member of the American Numismatic Association. Office, room 1, Phoenix Block.

Dr. H. H. Peterson, born Mar. 16, 1867, in Mercer Co., Pa., studied refraction, graduating from McCormick Medical College of Neurology and Ophthalmology of Chicago, 1900, and in 1904 from Northern Illinois College of Ophthalmology and Otology. He practiced at Vandergrift for a time, coming to Meadville 1907. Office, 979 Water St. Dr. Peterson is a member of the Northern Illinois Alumni Association.

Mrs. Mary B. Lenhart is a daughter of Geo. W. Brown, an early settler of Bloomfield twp. She lived in Detroit for a time but for several years past has made a specialty of electrical and vacuum treatments, massage and vapor baths. Office and residence, 859 Water St.

Chiropractor, Harry A. Hackett, D. C., was born at Beaver Center, this county, and in agricultural pursuits until 1898. For 11 years he was employed by the Pennsylvania and Bessmer railroads and in 1910 took up the study of the human anatomy in relation to disease, graduating from the Universal Chiropractic College of Davenport, Iowa and locating in Meadville, Mar., 1911. His office is rooms 403-4 Crawford Co. Trust Building, where he treats without drugs through spinal adjustment and other health giving manual manipulations.

Dentists.

Since about 1850, rapid strides have been made in dentistry and good teeth are now highly valued as an important factor in the comfort and progress of humanity. Meadville dentists are abreast of the times and nearly all are members of the State Dental Society and of the Lake Erie Dental Association, which convenes annually at Cambridge Springs.

The Sanitary Instrument Co. was incorporated in 1911, with main office rooms 302, 303 Crawford County Trust Co. Building, and branch agencies in principal cities of the United States. This company manufactures and distributes various articles used by the medical profession.

Among early dentists here were Drs. Onderdonk, Wm. Atkinson, A. B. Robbins, George Elliott, D. R. Greenlee, E. C. Moore, C. C. Carroll and others. Dr. Cyrus See practiced dentistry 1872-93, when his attention was diverted to the Incandescent Light Co. and electric railroad projects. Dr. Greenlee changed to medical practice and later removed to Union City.

Drs. D. C. & W. C. Dunn. Among dentists now practicing in Meadville, D. C. Dunn, born here 1845, is oldest. He learned the profession with Dr. Greenlee and has been continuously in practice here since 1869.

W. C. Dunn, son of Dr. D. C., born here, Dec., 1869, entered into partnership with his father 1890. He is a graduate of Meadville H. S. and 1890 from dental dept. University of Pennsylvania. In 1904, Dr. D. C. Dunn erected a neat brick structure for convenient offices, cor Park Av. and Arch St., which is thoroughly equipped with every needed appliance.

Dr. Alvah Johnson, born in Lawrence Co., Pa., attended University of Penn'a, 1879-80, and engaged in dentistry, in '86, becoming a partner with Dr. See of Meadville. He took a course at the Philadelphia Dental College 1889-90, returning to practice here. Office, 903 Park Av.

Dr. H. C. Carroll was born in Youngstown, O., and was graduated D. D. S. from the National University of Washington, 1885, since which he has practiced here most of the time. Rooms 5-6 Phoenix Block.

Dr. W. C. Carpenter was born at

Warsaw, N. Y., and received his dental degree, 1900, from the University of Pennsylvania, locating at 223 Chestnut St., where has good rooms and a complete dental outfit. He has been an active member of the Chamber of Commerce and several Meadville societies.

Dr. James A. Rupert, born at Sandy Lake, Dec. 1, 1878, attended high school in his native town and received the degree of D. D. S., 1899, from Western Reserve University. After practicing a short time at Minerva, O., Dr. Rupert opened practice at Meadville, Feb. 11, 1901. For four years past he has occupied convenient and well fitted offices in the New First National Bk. Bldg.

Drs. Boyd & Boyd. Boyd Brothers were born near Meadville, W. J. graduating D. D. S. from the University of Buffalo, 1897, and soon after opening practice here. M. V. was graduated from the Western Reserve University, in 1904, associating with his brother here. Offices, 248½ Chestnut St.

Dr. E. L. Leonard, born in Meadville, Aug. 15, 1878, after public schools took up the study of dentistry, in 1905 receiving the degree of D. D. S. from the University of Pittsburgh since which he has been steadily in practice at Meadville. He is an active member of the Chamber of Commerce. Office, 939 Park Av.

Dr. I. A. Smith, born in Mead twp., May 30, 1884, graduated from Cochran-ton High School, attended Allegheny College and was graduated from Cincinnati Dental College, 1906, locating at Meadville. Dr. Smith is a member of Lake Erie Dental Association. He occupies finely equipped rooms in Eiler Blk., cor Water St. and Mead av.

Dr. E. H. Kahler was born near Harrisburg, graduating from the H. S. of that city, 1900, Franklin-Marshall Academy 1901, and from Philadelphia Dental College, 1905. He practiced at Spangler, Pa., until July, 1908, when

he located in Meadville. Room 7, Phoenix Block.

Dr. W. H. Minium's ancestors were among the pioneers at Woodcock twp., but he was born in this city and graduated from the Meadville Commercial College, in 1900. He received his D. D. S. from the University of Pittsburgh, 1908. Office, 939 Park av.

McLean's Veterinary Hospital.

That a wonderful progress has been made in animal surgery and medical treatment is recalled by the fact that when Dr. Chas. C. McLean opened veterinary practice in Meadville, 1883, there was no other graduated veterinarian nearer than Erie, Pittsburgh or Cleveland. Since then mechanical appliances and other facilities for the treatment of animals almost puts them on a par with human treatment and Dr. McLean's animal hospital is up-to-date in these respects. He was born in Meadville, graduated from the High School, 1879, from Ontario Veterinary College, '83, and since has been in continuous practice here, having opened his present hospital, 1001-3 Water St., Nov., '89. (Illustration on later page.)

Norton's Veterinary Hospital.

Dr. E. E. Gable, who had been over 20 years in successful veterinary practice here, died, spring of 1911, and the outfit at 1010 Water St., was purchased soon afterwards by **E. S. Norton**, who was born at Waymart, Pa., attended Mt. Herman, Mass., preparatory school, graduating from the veterinary dept. of the University of Pa. The hospital, illustrated herewith, is fully equipped.

W. W. Pease, M. D. C., was born in Mead twp., reared in Richmond, where he farmed until taking up veterinary studies. He graduated from the Chicago Veterinary College, Apr., 1911, locating at 377 North St., Meadville, where he has a good livery in connection with his animal hospital.



Norton's Veterinary Hospital.

FUNERAL DIRECTORS.

W. E. Byham & Son. W. E. Byham, elected Nov., 1911, for a second term as Coroner for Crawford Co., was born Oct. 21, 1893, in East Fairfield twp., and has been a leading funeral director here for 19 years. He is a graduate and charter member of the State Embalmers' Association. Arthur E. Byham graduated from the Cincinnati College of Embalming and was licensed Mar., 1911. The firm is fully equipped in this line, keeping an ambulance as well, and everything required in funeral work. Mr. Byham owns the brick home and undertaking rooms at 217-19 Arch St. containing office, chapel and all necessary rooms for undertaking work.

G. L. Gregory occupies the fine brick quarters formerly held by Frank A. Striffler, who died Dec., 1911. This corner at Market and Arch Sts. has good living rooms, office and show rooms with a complete line of caskets and undertaking furnishings. Mr. Gregory, born in California Oct. 6, 1879, has for 10 years been undertaking in his native state, later with N. Gray & Co., a leading funeral direc-

tor firm of San Francisco, prior to purchasing the Striffler stand. He is a graduate of Eckels College of Embalming and Sanitary Science and is prepared to promptly meet all usual demands in his line.

L. W. Aldrich, born in Meadville, commenced in this line of business, 1908, having removed from Pittsburgh to 851 Market St. Sept., 1911. He is a graduate from three embalming schools and licensed both in Pennsylvania and Ohio. Mr. Aldrich has a lady assistant.

F. R. Fleming, 945 Market, born in Cochran and graduate from its H. S., was for some years in this line at Pittsburgh prior to locating here Mar. 1, 1907.

(Manufacturing, etc., continued)

Meadville Granite and Marble Co.

For many years this marble shop was conducted by different members of the Hay family, at 956 Market St., John M. Hay selling, in 1905, to the Neal Granite & Marble Co. M. H. Curry, who was born in Punxsutawney and has been in this line of business for 20 years, has been manager of the Neal Co. since its advent here, and has recently purchased the business. The plant is fully equipped with pneumatic tools, and gives special attention to granite monumental work of the latest designs. Architectural work is also produced for *both interior and exterior finish*. This firm put up about 1400 monuments in Crawford and adjoining counties during 1911. Mr. Curry has erected a fine home on North St. and Nov., 1911, was elected Councilman from the Second Ward.

Conneaut Lake Ice Company.

This company was originally opened 1890 and present corporation 1906, for harvesting ice at Conneaut Lake. With the zero weather of 1912 it was able to fill its eight ice houses, aggregating near 50,000 tons. **Henry Dreut-**

lein is Pres.; J. J. Shryock, V. P. H. H. Fuller Sec-Treas., other directors being H. O. Holcomb and Ralph Jackson, of Conneaut Lake, and Fred Smith, of Greenville, Pa.

Green & Baker Aug. 1, 1908, opened office at 954 Market St. to deal in Conneaut Lake ice, running 5 wagons and giving employment to 12 or more men. W. B. Green, born in this county, was formerly conductor on Erie R. R. while F. C. Baker, of Meadville, was formerly in the clothing business.

Model Steam Laundry, at 636 Jefferson St., is conducted by L. C. Alexander, who was born in Massachusetts, has resided in Meadville for 20 years past, and since 1896, in the laundry trade, 8 years at his present location. The plant is equipped with modern machines and a force of 8 to 10 hands are required to look after the wants of numerous customers.

Meadville Steam Laundry, at 284-6 Chestnut St., was established 1905, by a consolidation of two laundries, F. A. & C. M. Baker being the present proprietors. The premises are large and plant requiring a dozen or more hands, equipped with modern facilities.

Domestic Hand Laundry that recently removed from 289 Chestnut St. to 783 Cottage St. on account of the erection of the new Bates block, has been for three years past in charge of **F. L. Williams**, who was born in N. Y., coming to Meadville 30 years ago and for 16 years past in the laundry business. Special attention is given to hand work on shirts and delicate goods. Office at Goodell's news stand, under Easterwood's drug store.

Sam Louie, who has been in America over 20 years, understanding American methods and skilled in laundry work, Apr. 15, 1912, opened a newly fitted Chinese laundry at 268 Pine St., corner Park Av.

John J. Metz, at 898 Water St., sells the Iver-Johnson bicycle and Thor motor cycle. He repairs, sells or trades to suit customers, and has been for 19 years in this line.

Singer Sewing Machines.

I. M. Singer invented the first real practical sewing machine, although many other sewing machines have been patented. The Singer Co. make distinct types and endeavor to produce the best. The factory is at Elizabeth, N. J., and a 34-story office building in New York, with tower 43 stories, is among world monuments. G. H. Kepner, manager for Crawford Co., born in Trumbull Co., O., was 10 years in this line at Grove City prior to accepting the agency at Meadville. He was married 14 years since to Della Wilson, of this county, who officiates in the office.

The New Era Chemical Company.

Above company was incorporated 1906, for the production of a unique dry powder fire extinguisher which is largely taken by the Erie and other railroads, for quick work in extinguishing incipient fires, by releasing the chemicals from a holding case. A special design of case was patented in 1911, for clamping on the auto frame and easy release. H. H. Hamm, a traveling salesman, is president of this company, G. H. Kepner, Sec-Treas.

HOTELS.

The good reputation and general prosperity of a city are greatly enhanced by superior hotel accommodations, as shrewd prospectors or commercial men will soon discard a place where they are shabily treated. Meadville has several good hotels for the entertainment of transients and sufficient boarding houses to meet the needs of the working public.

The Lafayette. While there are other good hotels here, we believe it will be conceded that no other here

has an equal office, lobby or reading rooms nor superior guest room to the Lafayette, which has commodious ground floor entrances on both Chestnut and Water Sts.; the guest and dining rooms covering 2d, 3d and 4th floors of the Delamater block. While this volume makes no pretensions to be a complete history of early Meadville, it is known that for more than 100 years a hotel has been maintained near this corner, and in the early part of the past century was kept by James Gibson, who with veterans of the Revolutionary War, together with their ladies, gave a notable reception here to Gen. LaFayette, the unselfish champion of American Independence, and bosom friend of Washington, in the darkest days of the patriotic struggle. LaFayette was on his memorable visit to America, making the trip from Pittsburgh to Erie, by stage, when he halted here, June 2, 1825. The Gibson House was built and known as the American, until 1876, when the Delamater block was erected and the hotel named the Commercial. Ten years since Allen & Meals remodeled the house at an expense of \$25,000 and on account of its historic connection, shown above, renamed it "The Lafayette." Recent managers have been L. L. Martin, L. M. Worden and Chas. Blystone, prior to the purchase of the hotel interests, June 1, 1911, by Fred E. Hughes, a native of Mercer Co. and life-long hotel man. Mr. Hughes has had charge of the Commercial of DuBois; Seventh Avenue, of Beaver Falls; Leslie, of New Castle, and Arlington, of Greenville. He possesses that knowledge of human nature and ease of grace, so necessary for the management of a first-class hotel, and was assisted by E. M. Barnett, a native of Corry, now with Spirella Company, and with the Lafayette since Jan., 1911. E. C. Berry, of Forestville, N. Y., alternate clerk, has been in hotel business in large cities for 17 years, coming to the Lafayette Nov. 1, 1911.



The Lafayette Hotel—See opposite page.

The Kepler Hotel. Jacob Kepler, a veteran of the 1812 war, kept hotel and F. O. at Woodcock, 1817-43, and later for many years at Venango. His son, Samuel W. Kepler, spent 5 years as landlord at Titusville, coming to Meadville in '65, where he was proprietor of the Eague and Cullum house before opening the Kepler Hotel on Market St., 1879. Tracy D. Kepler, who had assisted his father in the business from boyhood, was made a partner, 1886, and planned to evolve the business from the boarding house style to that of an exclusive transient trade and quarters for commercial travelers. S. W. Kepler died March 15, '91. In '93 the large brick Kepler Hotel was erected. This adjoins Market square, at the business center of Meadville, has 50 rooms, and is in every way deserving of the large patronage which it enjoys.

The Halsey. About 1850 Sidney Colt erected the Colt House at 909-11 St. Mr. Colt died, 1867, but the

hotel was continued by his widow and son, H. T. Colt, until J. P. Williams bought in '80, later selling to Henry Rogers. Succeeding came C. G. Gable, C. Blystone, Beese & Nichols, Otto Kohler, Henry Halsey, who refurnished and renamed it in 1905, and Sept. 10, '06 sold to F. H. Van Brocklin, who for many years prior had been in wholesale liquor trade in New Castle. The Halsey is well kept and caters to the transient trade.

The Thurston. Taylor Thurston and his son-in-law, Wm. H. Quay, made, 1867, a good addition to Meadville's hotel accommodations in a 30-room frame house at Park Ave. and Pine St., Mr. Quay becoming landlord and managing the Thurston for 42 years, breaking the record for a continuous conduct of one hotel in Meadville. In 1909 he sold to H. E. Kiernan, a native of Meadville, who has been in this line of trade for 10 years past. Mr. Kiernan died Nov., 1911, and the business is continued by his widow.

Central Hotel, a two-story brick, was built in 1819 at the corner of Water and Center Sts., by Wm. Magraw as a residence and remodeled into a hotel in 1846 and was long known as Rupp hotel. Mrs. Jas. Irvin & Son were proprietors for several years from 1883 and there have been numerous proprietors before and since. Isaac H. Williams, a practical hotel man, at Youngstown, O., for several years, and later proprietor of the American Hotel at Cambridge Springs, purchased the Central outfit, taking possession March 6th, 1912. The Central for 65 years has been a favorite resort for Crawford Co. people and Mr. Williams will bring the kitchen, guest rooms and bar up to their former popularity.

New Gable House.

As early as 1830, John E. Smith conducted the "Lion Tavern" on part of the present Gable House site. Later it was called the Sherwood House, for a number of years, and in 1864 was purchased by Charles Gable, who built a large addition, remodeled and renamed it "The Gable House." In recent years this has had several different landlords and by indifferent management was allowed to go out of commission for a time. Henry W. Boyle purchased the place, March, 1912, has remodeled and renamed it the New Gable House, and will endeavor to give entire satisfaction to guests. The bar is in charge of Thomas Rogers, an experienced caterer, and Mr. Boyle will give careful attention to any Crawford Co. or other transient guests.

(Illustrated on later page)

The Gilles. About 1850, Link Barton erected a hotel where the Gilles stands. July, 1867, Jason Budd became proprietor, after the fire erecting the present 35-room brick, corner Pine and Water Sts. It made several changes prior to being purchased March, 1905, by A. J. Gilles.

The Phoenix. Jas. Irvin and sons kept hotel many years at 951-3 Market St. This burned, 1891, W. A. Baker built and christened the Phoenix, which was purchased 1908 by Wm. Craig.

LIVERY, ETC.

Notwithstanding the horseless carriage, country traveling is yet largely done by livery and Meadville has eight liveries.

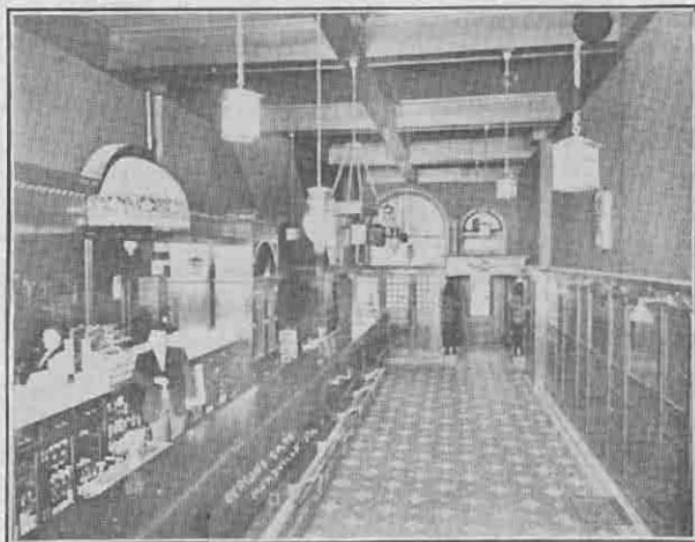
Geo. Schreck's stables at 220 Arch St. was started by Robt. Hannah 1846. Scowden & Brown bought out Hannah, and Geo. Schreck became a partner Feb. 1, '65, 20 years later buying the rest. With declining years Mr. Schreck is resting upon his laurels.

Muckinhaupt & Bro. This livery was started by Bert McClintock, later owned by John Zone and others. Charles and Alton Muckinhaupt, both natives of Meadville, purchased the outfit Nov. 10, 1900, and have since added largely to the equipment. The stables are 40x103 ft., two stories, with an L 100 ft. for storage, etc., at corner of Market and Center Sts. Coaches for weddings, funerals, etc., 14 to 18 horses, among which are 5 pairs of *matched greys*; *trusty drivers*, board and feed conveniences.

T. B. Burns in 1897 established livery and feed stables at 948 Park Av. The premises are 50x80ft., with good accommodations in this line, keeping horses for sale at all times. Mr. Burns' repository across Park Av. keeps high grade vehicles, harness, etc.

Meadville Garage & Vulcanizing Co.

Geo. C. Roberts has been in blacksmith and wagon repair work for many years; but with the evolution of travel, to the horseless carriage, C. A. Roberts and others have formed the above company, put in a complete vulcanizing outfit, and have under construction a cement block 40x80 ft., with blacksmith



Inside View of Bergin's Cafe.

rear. The plant now building for garage and vulcanizing is at 381 North St.

Garage at 946 Park Av. was opened 1908 and makes a specialty of the Chalmers and Overland cars. S. A. Melvin does general repair work in part of this large cement block building.

RESTAURANTS.

Bergin's Cafe. J. E. Bergin, born at Lock Haven, Pa., and for several years proprietor of the Exchange Hotel of Franklin, Pa., has been for 8 years in this line at Meadville. Dec., 1908, he secured the room at 922 Water St., which is 20x122 feet, the rear reaching to the alley which opens on Chestnut St. near the trolley depots. The space accommodates office, cigar stand, bar, cafe, kitchen and toilet rooms, all fitted with sanitary plumbing, and kept in the most scrupulous neatness throughout, requiring from 10 to 12 persons in looking after the details, with Mr. Bergin as manager and expert caterer, in charge. His electric sign, at 922 Water St., is unique and beautiful. Our illustration gives a glance at the interior.

The Rathskeller. Good table accommodations for transients at all hours is an actual necessity in progressive cities and among Meadville cafes the Rathskeller has become a favorite with many. This has good quarters at 217 Chestnut St. with kitchen in basement. It was opened in 1905 by C. E. Schatz and 1909 came under the proprietorship of A. Henry Albaugh, who was reared in Meadville and was in the theatre business several years prior to purchasing the Rathskeller. He has a fine garden and poultry yard, together with 100 fruit trees on Neason's hill, the products of which largely go to the Rathskeller tables.

Sautter & Co., formerly known as Kebort's Steam Table Restaurant, at 170-2 Chestnut St., was opened 1895 by Schmidt & Kebort, run for several years by Mr. Kebort, succeeding Mr. Schmidt's death and since May, 1911, has been owned by Sautter & Cogswell. Geo. J. Sautter comes from Allegheny Co. and C. M. Cogswell from Warren Co. The eating restaurant is well equipped with tables, counters



Market House.

Kepler Hotel.

and sideboards, the room being 20x70, with kitchen in rear part, and several experienced caterers attending to customers' wants. Cigars and liquors from the connecting bar are dispensed to those requiring the same.

Erie Commissary Department.

Shortly after the opening of the Erie R. R., the McHenry house was erected on the south side of Chestnut St., opp. the Erie depot. Later the hotel was razed and railroad offices erected with eating room in front. This has been under numerous managements until thoroughly overhauled, fall of 1911, with entire plate glass front and end, making one of the best eating stands along the line and under the J. H. Murphy management it was opened Oct. 28, 1911, in charge of C. J. Carney, who has been a caterer for ten years past on the Milwaukee R. R. system. All trains stop here to give passengers and employes time for lunch at this admirable sanitary cafe. Our illustration gives a glance at the table outfit. (See opposite page.)

OFFICE MATTERS.

Edwin J. Weaver, Architect, room 508 Crawford County Trust Bldg., is a native of Mercer Co. After receiving his college degree in 1895, he spent a number of years as draftsman

in some of the best offices in New York and Pittsburgh, at the same time taking up beaux-art work in the Atelier clubs of these cities. Realizing the advantages of a practical training along building lines, M. Weaver, in 1899, entered the employ of the A. Wishart & Sons Co., general contractors, Sharon, Pa., and later spent two years with the Walter G. Harper Lumber Co. of this city. Re-entering the architectural field in 1906, his success has been marked, his motto being, "A satisfied client is the architect's best advertisement." Among the notable structures due to Mr. Weaver's fertile brain and handiwork are several large buildings in Sharon, the new building under course of erection for the Moore Bros., and the new plant of the City Ale Brewery, Terrace extension, Meadville. See page 49.

INSURANCE, ETC.

Culbertson, Gelvin & Jackson. The insurance business in all its phases is thoroughly represented in Meadville and the above firm is a leader in the line. J. Hays Culbertson was born in Richmond twp., coming to Meadville in 1864. Four years later he opened in insurance and W. W. Gelvin, who was born in Sadsbury twp., became insurance agent here in



Erie Commissary Tables.

1871. J. Park Jackson, born in Harmonsburg, united with Mr. Gelvin 1902, and these two old agencies were consolidated Oct. 1, 1909, forming a strong concern, which represents all the usual features of insurance with the standard reliable companies of America and Europe.

Real Estate, Farms, Insurance.

Wm. Noble Barrett, who came with his brothers, the machinists, from Erie, over 30 years ago, in Sept., 1907, opened a real estate office at 962 Park Av., where he has listed many desirable farms in Crawford Co., stores, lots, etc., in various places, attending to renting, buying and trading. Mr. Barrett also writes general insurance in standard companies.

F. A. Dake, born in Allegheny Co., came to Meadville 1896, held an insurance agency in Phoenix block for several years and was 2 years at 900 Water St. prior to removing Apr. 1, 1912, to his present pleasant rooms at 305½ Chestnut St., where he attends to fire, life, health and accident insurance and handles real estate.

L. M. Hilliard, born in Syracuse, N. Y., came to Meadville 25 years ago, and for 15 years past has been in insurance, a portion of the time in Franklin, returning to Meadville in 1911, locating in the Phoenix block, where he is agent for several well

known fire, life and accident insurance companies.

F. V. Everett, born in Missouri, reared in Ohio, came to Meadville 1899 and in 1900 opened insurance. For 8 years past he has occupied Room 2, Phoenix Block, where he writes the health, accident, liability and other forms of the old Aetna Life Ins. Co., which was chartered in 1850.

F. D. Gaston, born in New York State, was brought to Crawford Co. in childhood and was for several years a partner in lumber trade with his brother, the late Congressman A. Gaston. Three years ago Mr. Gaston engaged in real estate and holds office room 402, Crawford County Trust Co. bldg. Mr. Gaston is at present making a specialty of Florida lands, handling a fine tract, practically out of the frost belt, in southern part of the Peninsular State.

The Graham Land Improvement Co.

Meadville's steady increase in population has made a demand for additional homes and perhaps no other place is more convenient to the business section and car line, than the recently plotted 20 acres on north side of Chestnut St., above Elizabeth Park. This is on high ground, away from the smoke of factories, in the built up section, with water, gas and city conveniences. Several homes have been

erected here and the entire plot will soon be improved. The officers are P. B. Graham, Pres.; G. W. Trawin, V. P.; S. P. Schiek, Sec-Treas.; Manley O. Brown, Atty.

COMMERCIAL INTERESTS.

While Meadville is well located for the establishment of factories of every kind and has a good diversity in industries, it is particularly noted for its excellent schools and is essentially a city of homes, with well paved streets and abundance of shade trees. Its commercial interests have kept pace with modern developments and there are few cities in the States, of this size, that have superior commercial houses. While Water, Chestnut and Market streets predominate, there are other smaller centers of stores relieving the city of the disadvantage of being called a "one street town." There are large department stores, wholesale grocers, cigars and liquors, jobbers of notions and other lines so the wants of the rich or the poor may be supplied excepting for an unusual demand.

Wholesale Grocers.

The oldest firm in this line is J. S. Hotchkiss, Brother & Co., the senior member having opened the jobbing trade in the 5th ward in 1890. The Hotchkiss Brothers were born in Randolph twp. and have been prominent in the commercial life of Meadville for over 20 years. The display room of this firm is at 1006 Water St., while a large ware house is at West Alley and Erie R. R. The firm have now in process of construction a three-story, fire proof, brick building, with reinforced concrete, along Mead Av. and Erie R. R., which with lot will cost \$30,000 and be a large memento of Meadville's commercial success in the wholesale line. Employment is given here to about a score of experienced hands and salesmen. Hotchkiss Brothers have been well identified with the

"Forward March" of Meadville and our citizens generally will hope for the continued success of the firm.

Wholesale Confectioners.

W. S. Trowbridge started the chocolate chip business in Meadville some 20 years ago. Later he sold out and went to Toledo. Returning here after a few years, he opened in other branches of the trade and, with March, 1912, repurchased his original plant, consolidating it with his candy factory on West 2d St., where he will greatly enlarge the building and probably form an incorporated company, giving employment to 30 hands.

The L. M. S. Candy Co. has a large cement and tile block building, at Steers and Mulberry alleys, with capacity of 3,000 lbs. of confectionery daily and gives employment to from 15 to 20 hands.

Wholesale Fruits, Vegetables, Etc.

J. H. Smith, who was born in Crawford Co. and opened the Sugar Lake oil field some years ago, later patented a unique device in machinery. In 1911 he commenced the purchase of oranges by the car load and wholesale fruits and vegetables to the merchants of Meadville, or surrounding places.

Groceries, Merchandise, Bakeries and Meats, Etc.

The Oldest Merchant now in business here is Daniel Veith, born 1841, in Bavaria, Germany, came to America in '56, clerked for Christian Haas six years and in '62 opened in the grocery trade. He held out on Mead av. '64-'76 when he moved to 246 Chestnut St., where he has been in trade for thirty-five years.

J. M. Robinson, at 977 Water St., is the second oldest groceryman in Meadville, having in company with F. E. Wilson opened a store here in 1865. Later A. A. Trace, Clarence Thomas and Tarbal Nichols were associated with Mr. Robinson at different times.

but for 15 years past he has been sole proprietor. The building, at 977 Water St., is stocked with everything in the grocery and provision line and equipped with necessary machinery to expedite the business. He also runs a bakery in connection with the store. Mr. Robinson's life time in trade has brought him many permanent friends.

The J. H. Bowes Company.

Among notable caterers, to modern menu furnishing, is the above company which was incorporated, Aug. 10, 1910, for conducting an up-to-date grocery, meat and bakery supply house, having in charge a double-front store at 962-64 Main and the original plant at 594-96 State St. This was opened by A. H. Affantranger and May 1903 purchased by Barlow & Bowes. Succeeding the retirement of O. D. Barlow, Mr. Bowes continued to increase the business, adding new departments from time to time and by a quick appreciation of the wants of customers securing a large patronage in all parts of the city. In order to keep pace with this increasing trade the above company was organized, a site selected, at virtually the center of Meadville, on Main St., near South Diamond, and a two-story brick building 42x124, with basement, completed in 1910. Here can be found everything in the edible line. A superior selection of staple and fancy groceries, complete meat market and model sanitary bakery, using annually several car loads of Ceresota flour, which with patent mixers and modern processes is transformed into lovely bread, delicious cakes of all descriptions and other productions of the baker's art. The German American portable brick oven weighs 17 tons and has a capacity of 4,000 loaves daily, each loaf of bread when cooled being wrapped in impervious paper, which keeps it sanitary and retains the moisture. The plant is run by electricity and steam heat.

The meat market is equipped with 5 McCrary refrigerators, one of which is the largest display ice box in Meadville. Electric meat-cutters and grinders go towards completing this really model market. The grocery part is equipped with modern show cases for bakery goods, has 5 International cash carriers, electric grinders, a complete McCaskey accounting system, for recording every transaction, and the whole assisting to make a commercial enterprise which keeps 20 to 25 employes on its payroll and transacts a leading trade in Meadville. The State St. store is in charge of P. J. Clark who is one of the directors. J. H. Bowes is Pres.-Treas.; G. W. Shaffer, V. Pres.; R. P. Clark, Sec.

Griffiths Baking Co.—1272-4 Main St.

Wm. T. Griffiths commenced the baker's trade in his native town, Zanesville, O., 42 years ago. For more than 30 years he has been in Meadville where he has built up a large trade. Two years since he erected a tile bake shop, 36x42, equipped with three large ovens, giving a daily bread capacity of about 5,000 loaves. Every description of cake is made to the order of customers, and the output, requiring the services of 8 to 10 persons, is principally used in Meadville.

G. M. Pattison, who had been baking at 249 Chestnut St., for 14 years past, retired from business April 1, 1912.

F. J. Schrubbs Store, 1128 Main.

Among the solid, self-made merchants of Meadville Florian J. Schrubbs through his pleasing tact to satisfy customers and persistent business energy deserves more than a passing notice. Mr. Schrubbs was born at Saegertown, April 17, 1860, came to Meadville Oct. 6, '74 and for 13 years was employed at Athens Mills. He then decided to start in mercantile trade and after four years in business, in 1892, erected at 1128 Main St.

the commodious two story brick block, for store and residence. This is 26x115 ft., with large cellar for ware-room purposes and giving ample facilities for handling his large trade, which well covers Meadville and many customers from rural districts. To conduct this trade in groceries, dry-goods, meats and notions requires the active service of 10 hands and Mr. Schrubbs is to be congratulated upon his well earned success.

North and State Streets.

Derfus Brothers. A representative house in meat supplies is found at 346 North St., where it was established in 1885. The brothers, John, Andrew and Thomas, are all natives of Meadville and their long service at this stand has brought an enduring trade. The room, 25x60 ft., is fully equipped with cutters, grinders, etc., comprising a smoking department, sausage factory, etc. Crawford Co. furnishes a large share of the hogs, sheep and calves, while the larger beeves come principally from Western packers.

Miller & Derfus, the enterprising grocers who have recently erected a two-story frame store building 20x55 ft., corner of Park Av. and North St., are Meadville boys and connected with the grocery trade here for more than 20 years, having for 10 years past been at 753 Park Av., but removing to their new store room March 16, 1912, where they will be better prepared to serve their many customers.

Gill & Brisbin, Dec., 1911, purchased the stand at 368 North St., kept for several years past by Wm. Knorr. R. Earl Gill is a Meadville boy, formerly clerking for Miller, while Geo. Brisbin, born in Westmoreland Co., came from New Kensington H. S. to become a Meadville grocer. The firm keeps a good supply in that line.

G. D. Brock & Sons—Groceries.

A well established grocery and provision house is kept by G. D. Brock

and his sons, Jas. J., Donald and Geo. H., all natives of N. Y., coming to Meadville, 1889. Each owns a home here and the firm owns the commodious quarters at 414-16 North St. By fair dealing Brock & Sons have built up a popular trade.

M. D. Hope, born in Meadville, 1852, commenced the grocery trade in early manhood, 16 years since adding 18x38 ft. to his dwelling at 516 North St., where he keeps a good assortment of groceries and provisions and has built up a nice trade. Mr. Hope's father, William Hope, was burgess of Meadville, prior to its incorporation.

Geo. A. Feldmiller, at North and N. Main Sts., keeps a full supply of staple and fancy groceries, provisions, etc. Mr. Feldmiller was born at Cochranon and has been handling groceries for several years, three years ago opening the above stand where he has commodious rooms.

Hunter Brothers are nearest grocers to the northeast corner of Meadville, having Apr., 1909, established at the slightly corner of State and Washington Sts., where in addition to groceries and provisions they keep a lesser supply of drugs and notions. Harry and Wm. Hunter were born near Meadville and for some years prior to starting here were partners with M. Mercatoris on Market St.

Adrian Poux has a small meat shop at 620 State. He was born in France, came to Meadville, '87, in bakery business prior to opening this shop a year ago.

Baldwin Street Grocers.

A. M. Strachan, born in Meadville, was several years a machinist in the Erie R. R. shops, but early in 1911 opened a grocery and notion store at 506 Baldwin St., where he has a good stock and convenient room.

W. P. Hogue to accommodate the growing improvements near the terminal of the Baldwin St. car line, Oct., 1911, opened a grocery and pro-



Meadville High School—See page 17.

vision store at 402 Baldwin St. He was born Nov. 7, 1887 and for several years has been connected with the grocery line.

Scattering Streets.

W. L. Miller was born near Cambridge Springs, was for several years in the restaurant business there prior to purchasing the grocery store at Park Av. and Prospect St., Dec., 1910. This store is farthest north, on College Hill, and a convenience to residents in that vicinity in need of groceries, provisions or notions.

John A. Shaffer, born in Mead twp., has been in grocery trade for 7 years, formerly as Minium & Shaffer, and Jan., 1909, opened in his own name at 1158 Main. He has recently purchased, and April 1, 1912, removed to Park Av. and Randolph St., where he has the convenient store building formerly occupied by Miller & Derfus. He keeps a full line of groceries and provisions.

Wm. Keim, born in Meadville, has been in this trade for 15 years, carry-

ing a general stock of groceries and provisions at 1057 Main St.

Marhoffer & Co., at 290 Pine, hold the stand opened 1871 by Jacob Shoemaker and John Marhoffer, run by A. W. Marhoffer and Ella Fries since 1901.

F. D. Clemson & Co. F. D. Clemson opened at 313 Arch St., 1872, and since his death, 1903, it is continued by his children, Thomas and Harriet.

Carl Bleber, from Germany, holds forth at 392 Pine St.

L. Roschl & Son, at 780 Main St., occupy the stand formerly kept by Davis Brothers, E. S. Monnin and others.

L. E. Fields, at 342 North St., has largely lost the sight of his eyes and is struggling to earn a living by selling cigars and confections. He will appreciate any trade from his friends.

Fifth Ward—Mercantile.

Vallonia, now Fifth ward, was plated 1866 by Frederick W. Huidekoper and incorporated June 11, '68, T. J. Colwood, Burgess; T. Rowin, J. P. Its

citizens are largely workmen in Erie R. R. and other industries here. Vallonia was Feb., 1904, voted to become Meadville 5th ward. Wm. Hotchkiss opened the first store 1868 and J. S. Hotchkiss was Postmaster 1876-83. The store building burned 1875 was rebuilt and business continued by J. S. Hotchkiss & Bro., who about 1890 opened the jobbing trade, and 1895 removed to Meadville.

Craine Brothers—General Merchandise. The Craine Brothers were born in Hayfield twp., Charles L. graduating from the Springboro H. S. and Smith's Business College of Meadville. Byron W. associated with his brother 13 years since and three years later the firm secured the old Hotchkiss stand, 107 Wadsworth Av. Craine Brothers keep a large line of staple and fancy groceries, have a meat market, handle boots, shoes and dry goods, making a general store in which most of the merchandise needs of their customers can be met. Ten years of faithful service here has brought them a good trade. Craine Brothers also manufacture chewing gum.

Harry J. Keim, a native of Meadville and grocery clerk from boyhood, April, 1905, opened a stock of groceries at 211 Lincoln Av., removing in 1907 to his present stand, 200 Lincoln Av., where he keeps a full supply of groceries and notions. Mr. Keim owns the large building, residing in 2d story and is well prepared to meet the needs of his many customers in Fifth ward.

Mrs. P. N. Farley, born in Ireland, was brought to Meadville in childhood and for 16 years past has been in the grocery trade, continuing it alone most of the time since the death of her husband, Nov., 1901. Mrs. Farley keeps a good line of staple and fancy groceries and some notions at 211 Lincoln Av. and invites her friends to trade there.

Mead Av. Groceries—A. E. Keefe, born in the city, served for many years in railroad shops as a machinist and Apr., 1910, opened a good stock of groceries and provisions at 33 Mead av.

Mrs. M. A. Castidy keeps a limited stock of groceries, provisions and notions at 51 Mead av., having continued the trade subsequent to her husband's death, May 17, 1908. Mr. Castidy opened the business here some 15 years ago.

Water St. Grocers, Etc.

Clarence R. Lee. A grocery was opened at 1146-8 Water St., May, 1889, and kept for many years by J. J. Houser, later by Minium & Shaffer. Jan. 7, 1909, this was purchased by Rust & Lee, Mr. Lee becoming sole proprietor Apr. 1, 1912. The store fronts 22 ft. on Water, extending 1—on Mercer, and giving a storage capacity for a large assortment of groceries and provisions. The connecting meat market, 24x44 ft., is fully equipped with everything in the meat line. C. R. Lee was born in Woodcock twp. and has been in this line of trade several years, and 18 years a trainman on B. & L. E. and Erie Railroads.

McMahon & Blair, formerly in business at Corry, Mar. 7, 1903, purchased the grocery business of R. H. Sherman, at 960 Water St., where they have a complete stock of groceries, provisions, etc. The store room is 20x90 ft., with a large bakery on 2d floor so that customers may secure fresh goods in all lines. The enterprise gives employment to 12 hands.

Harry A. Kightlinger, born near Meadville, learned the meat business with Kaufman & Hannah, later for some years with O. W. Bentley, and Jan., 1909, bought his present market at 986 Water St., where he is equipped with usual appliances, smokes hams, etc., and keeps everything in the meat line.

Delp's Bakery was established in 1870, having been for 28 years past at 982 Water St., where everything in baked goods is produced, to meet customers' wants. Confections, toys, etc., are also kept.

White Front Grocery. R. Harper Weller was born near Meadville May 16, 1881, and graduated from H. S. at Wayland. He has been handling groceries for 12 years, the last three in Cleveland, and opened at No. 996 Water St. March 30, 1912. Mr. Weller keeps groceries, fruits and confections.

Chestnut and Market Sts.

The "Star Grocery" at 277 Chestnut St. was opened by Starr and Phillips, Feb. 4, 1885. Succeeding the death of H. C. Starr it was continued by his widow, under the management of L. B. Starr, until Andrews & Beatty purchased the same, 1911, Mr. Andrews later purchasing his partner's interest. Clarence Barber, who has been with this house since June, 1907, is retained as chief clerk, and Mr. Andrews will endeavor to give satisfaction to his customers.

McIntosh Grocery. Knorr Brothers opened a grocery at 285 Chestnut St., Mar., '81, Wm. Knorr retiring from the firm 1902 and Charles selling to G. B. McIntosh Oct. 14, 1911. Burrell G. Palmer, Meadville manager to Apr., 1912, was born in Crawford Co., for several years in business at Blooming Valley, and clerk at Lafayette Hotel four years prior to accepting this management.

Michel Brothers. Farnicorn & Michel, both since deceased, opened a meat market at 938 Market in the seventies, which in the hands of C. J. & E. A. Michel still continues to be among the leaders in that line.

F. R. Fay, born in Titusville, was for 10 years in the fish business there and in 1910 bought out John King at 994 Market St., where he conducts both meat and fish markets.

C. E. Gilbert, born in Randolph twp., and four years residing in Meadville, has a well conducted fish market at 955 Market St. He handles butterine and keeps oysters in season. (Market St. continued on later page.)

Kerrtown—Merchants, Etc.

Separated from Meadville only by Venango river, Vernon twp. has long been a populous section of Meadville, and Feb., 1904, Vallonia was voted to be the 5th ward. Kerrtown with nearly an equal population has never asked to be incorporated and will probably become annexed to Meadville in the near future. It was named in honor of Wm. Kerr who came from Philadelphia to this location, in 1817. He was an early teacher in Meadville Academy, latter kept a store for many years and died 1873.

The growth of this ville has been concurrent with Meadville and markedly progressive since establishment of the Meadville Malleable Iron Co. and other industries.

The two-story school house was erected some 40 years ago and furnishes accommodation to the 40 or more pupils which are enrolled in each room. Fred Gloth, resident director for 18 years past, is a shoe maker, residing in Vernon twp. since 1870. His daughter, Hilda M., was graduated from Meadville H. S. 1899½ and has been teaching here for several years.

Miss Bonneita Cotton, of Vernon twp., who graduated from Meadville H. S., 1910, and served as supply in Meadville for a year, has charge of the upper story grade.

Kerrtown, in addition to the industries and stores noted elsewhere, has a meat market, bakery, vehicle supply, furniture, etc.

Frank L. Forbes—Succeeding Kerr's discontinuance, G. W. Houser launched in trade at west end of Mercer St. bridge. Later Mr. Patterson became a partner and N. S. Phillips succeeded.

Frank L. Forbes was born in N. Y., came to Meadville 1895 and 1906 bought out Mr. Phillips. He has good rooms and keeps a supply of staple and fancy groceries and notions.

W. H. Yocum—A second store was early started in Kerrtown by J. W. Burchfield, later owned by DeForest Davis and 14 years since was purchased by W. H. Yocum, who was born here and had been clerking prior to securing this store on Pennsylvania av. The stock consists of groceries and general merchandise.

Kerrtown Milling Co.

was started by Randolph & Henry, in 1884. It was purchased five years later by A. R. McQuiston. The capacity is now 80 bbls. of flour and 5 tons of feed daily.

Charles Stolz—Flour & Feed, 992 Water St.

There are few business houses remaining in Meadville that were established prior to this, by Gill & Shryock, 1855, on Mead av. until 1872, when it was moved to its present location, 992 Water St. Charles Stolz succeeded to the business 1885 and under his management the place enjoys a well earned reputation of reliability. Mr. Stolz was born in Germany, spent his youth in the saddle near San Antonio, Texas, and coming to Meadville, Aug. 1, 1872. He is a prominent lodge man and numbers many friends in Meadville. The stock, housed in a three-story brick 30x100 ft., with all necessary equipments, comprises flour, feed, grains, seeds, salt, lime, cement, plaster, etc. A large warehouse is located along the Erie R. R. in rear of the store.

A. D. Davenport, at North and Garden Sts., handles flour and feed, baled hay and straw, and seeds in season. He was born in Meadville. In the grocery business for several years and 4 years ago bought out the long established business of A. L. Daniels & Son at the above stand.

John J. Shryock Co.—House Furnishings.

John J. Shryock, in 1875, opened a carpet and house furnishing store in rooms facing both on Water and Chestnut Sts., now Lafayette Hotel lobby. In 1901 the business had grown to such proportions as to require much greater room and the brick block at 216 Chestnut St. was secured. The business was incorporated 1903, with capital stock of \$50,000, its original founder retaining the management after 37 years of active business. The premises are 29x201 feet, three stories, with a large one-story annex, all stocked to repletion with carpets, furniture, wall paper, upholstery goods, window shades, linoleum, table linens, fancy goods, curtains, drapery and the hundreds of staple goods or art materials that go towards making a pleasant and beautiful home. In this special field the John J. Shryock Co. is essentially a leader and is worthy of commendation for its reliable dealings and progressive commercial spirit. Its officers and directors are gentlemen of solid financial, commercial and industrial attainment in Meadville, the president being a native of Meadville and his ancestors among the pioneers of Crawford Co. John J. Shryock, Pres.-Treas.; Edward Moritz, V. Pres.; L. E. Bronson, Sec.

M. Gartner, a German, opened upholstery on Arch St., Mar., 1865, and in '79 added furniture. His store at 949 Water St. has a good stock of furniture.

Goodwin & Nunn, Furniture, Etc.

H. K. Goodwin, born in Cleveland, was educated at Allegheny and Western Reserve. J. H. Nunn, born in Erie, has resided in Meadville from childhood. He was with the Erie R. R. for six years, prior to uniting, in 1901, with Mr. Goodwin, to purchase the furniture trade of Cutler & Tribby, at 961 Water St. In June, 1909, after having spent \$6,000 in repairs, the



Water Street North from Pine Street

present commodious rooms were opened at 904-10 Water St. The ground floor at 908 is filled with choice china and cut glass ware, with samples in the various lines of furniture. The 2d and 3d floors are 80x100 ft., reached by an electric elevator, and hold a complete line of curtains, draperies, chairs, bedroom and dining suites, rugs, carpets and library outfits. Goodwin & Nunn are hustlers and reaping the reward of well merited industry.

Bates' Music Store.

Edward T. Bates, in the early eighties, opened the sale of musical instruments at 303 Chestnut St. and subsequent to his death, in 1889, the business was continued under the same name by S. P. and S. J. Bates. Alfred J. Bates became proprietor, in 1902. He is son of the late historian, Samuel P. Bates, was reared in Meadville, graduated from the H. S. and attended Allegheny College. The store carries the Steinway and other popular high grade pianos, a full line of phonographs and records, stringed instruments and musical merchandise of all kinds.

The Stranburg Music Store, at 946 Market St., is a branch from the

Jamestown firm that owns 10 stores and handles several standard makes of pianos, etc. John L. Harned, the Meadville manager, was born in Cussewago twp. and begun the sewing machine trade here, 1903, changing to the music trade 4 years later. He has many friends in Meadville and Western Crawford.

A. D. Bulen, born in Ohio, has been a piano tuner for 40 years. He came to Meadville in 1893 and 10 years ago opened a music store, in 1908 taking rooms at 969 Water St., where he handles pianos, small musical instruments and musical merchandise of all kinds.

E. A. DuVall Co. Lewis G. DuVall, manager and owner, at 187 Mead Av., was born in Mercer Co. and in the aggregate has been 14 years in business here. He handles the Edison Phonograph, Victor Talking Machines, small musical instruments and musical merchandise; also sewing machines of any style, to suit customers; trading as E. A. DuVall & Co.

DRY GOODS, ETC.

Charles Fahr, born in Germany, 1853, and in Crawford Co. since age 20, is among the highly successful

men of Meadville. He is treasurer of the N. W. Penn'a Ry. (Meadville electric lines), president of the New First Natl. Bk., and largely interested in several other Meadville enterprises. His dry goods emporium, at 955 Water St., was opened 1873. The store room is 24x150 ft., equipped with the Fuller cash system, and gives employment to from 12 to 14 persons. Mr. Fahr is familiar with every branch of the business and has made hosts of patrons by giving his store close personal attention.

J. L. Culbertson Dry Goods Co. A. M. Fuller conducted a leading dry goods store 1870 to 1903, when the Fuller Dry Goods Co. was formed. J. L. Culbertson, born in Edinboro, was associated with the dry goods trade in Meadville from boyhood and opened a store which Feb., 1911, was consolidated with the Fuller Co. The concern at 935-7 Water St. has an L from Chestnut St., occupied by the millinery department. The store proper extends from Water St. to Mulberry alley, with balcony in the rear, for cloaking and suits department.

George D. Trawin's, at 904-6 Water St., is among the early stores, having been started by W. H. Andrews 1858, Mr. Trawin purchasing the outfit 1881. The store, 40x130 ft., is thoroughly equipped and filled with fashionable dry goods, notions, cloaks, suits, etc. Mr. Trawin is a native of New Jersey, and in this line of trade at Cleveland and Cincinnati prior to coming to Meadville 1878. He is connected with several of Meadville's important industries.

The Meadville Dry Goods Co., at 942 Water St., is composed of J. T. Stem, J. H. Boyersmith and A. L. Poux, and commenced business April 20, 1905. While a large stock of dry goods, notions, etc., is carried, the house specializes in ladies' ready-to-wear apparel. The cloak department occupies near-

ly one-half of the entire floor space—cloaks, suits, dresses, gowns, evening wraps and furs of all kinds are shown in great variety. The store is well equipped throughout and so handsomely lighted that this popular business house is also called "The Day-light Store."

F. A. Sutton, an oil producer, residing in Meadville for the past 18 years, Jan., 1910, bought the dry goods emporium of C. A. Brown & Co., 936-8 Water St. The ground floor, 38x100 ft., is well stocked with dry goods and notions, while the second floor extends over Smith's leather store and comprises a complete line of ladies' suits and millinery; also a full line of carpets, rugs, wall paper and other house furnishings.

"Brisker's Quality Shop," at 965 Water St., was opened Oct. 1, 1911, by O. W. Brisker, who had been engaged in this line for many years in his native city of Allentown, Pa. The line carried comprises an assortment of ladies' cloaks, suits and millinery goods to meet customers' needs.

CLOTHING AND FURNISHINGS.

F. G. Prenatt, clothier, commenced tailoring in 1876, and Mar., '84, with N. R. Smith, opened a clothing store on Park Ave. Three years later Mr. Prenatt bought Smith's interest and moved to 283 Chestnut St., having later removed to his present stand, 220 Chestnut St., where his store rooms, 20x200 feet, are well filled with standard makes of stylish goods, while several tailors cater to the wishes of those desiring perfect fitting, made-to-order clothes. Mr. Prenatt is a present member of the school board, active in the Chamber of Commerce and Business Men's Exchange, interested in factories here, and a leader in lodge and social work. He is a practical tailor and his 38 years in trade has brought to him an extensive patronage.

Charles Veith, born in Germany, 1844, came with his parents to America in '57 and commenced the tailor's trade, 1860, with M. H. Reefer. In '66 he opened business as C. Veith & Bro., purchasing his brother's interest two years later. His store rooms at 943 Water St. are equipped with clothing cabinets of latest design, giving room for a complete line of ready-made goods and furnishings of all kinds. Mr. Veith's half a century of experience as a tailor and clothier has brought to him a large list of permanent patrons, and his stock is replete with everything in this line. He gives employment to several expert tailors.

M. Ohlman & Son. Melius Ohlman, born in Germany, came to Crawford Co., 1856, and opened a clothing store at his present stand 1876. * Louis W. was born in this county, 1861, and in '85 was admitted to a partnership. He is Select Councilman from the Fourth Ward and has been treasurer of the Odd Fellows' Home Association since 1893. The store room is 24x150, with office and tailoring room in balcony. The store is fully stocked with everything in clothing, furnishings and merchant tailor supplies.

Julius Staff, merchant tailor at 934 Market St., was born in Meadville and learned the tailor's trade some 20 years ago. He has convenient rooms and keeps a desirable line of cloths.

C. J. Claude, professional dyer and French dry cleaner, at 1004 Water St., for 20 years past has continued the business, started 35 years ago by his father, Julius C. Claude, a native of France. The cleaning works are located on S. French St.

SHOE STORES.

Peter Miller's Sons. Peter Miller opened the shoe business on Water St., in 1858. The Opera Block burned Jan., '84, and for a year the shoe store was at 960 Water St. In 1885 Mr.

Miller purchased the Calender block, at 939 Water St., where the store has been for 27 years past. Succeeding his death, Mar. 25, 1906, the sons, Charles N. and Peter J., became proprietors, under the present firm style. The brothers were born in Meadville and reared in this trade. The store, 26x150 ft., is thoroughly stocked with everything desirable in the shoe line.

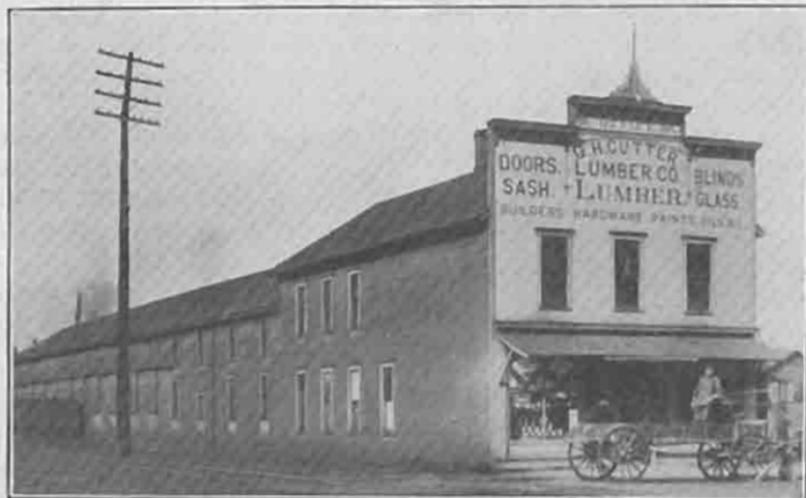
H. Weber & Co. Henry Weber a native of Crawford Co., opened the shoe trade, in Meadville, in 1866, in '88 accepting as partner Jacob Miller, who was born in Germany in 1849, and working for Mr. Weber several years prior. Mr. Weber retired, 1890, his son, F. W., taking his place in the firm. The store at 945 Water St. is 22x150 feet and carries a full stock of boots, shoes and rubbers in their various lines. This old reliable house enjoys a fair share of trade.

HARDWARE STORES.

D. A. Gill, at 959 Water St., conducts the oldest hardware house in Meadville. Opened 1857, Gill & Shryock, was subsequently Wm. Gill & Co., D. A. Gill having been the Co., and later becoming sole proprietor. The 3-story store, 23x140 ft., is filled with everything in the hardware line.

I. M. Rhodes & Co., successor to the Porter hardware business, formerly for many years at 942 Water St. Mr. Rhodes was born in Hayfield twp., farming in early manhood, then learned the miller's trade. From Sept., 1872-84, he clerked for J. D. Gill & Co., was a commercial traveler for 13 years and Aug., 1898, bought the Porter Hardware store, removing Apr. 1, 1905, to 909 Market St. Mr. Rhodes keeps an extensive line in shelf and heavy hardware, builders' hardware and supplies, implements and all the usual accessories found in the hardware line.

Graham & McClintock. P. B. Graham, from Brooklyn, N. Y., came to



G. H. Cutter Lumber Company.—(See page 47.)

Meadville 1891 and in '98 opened hardware at 293 Chestnut St. A. W. McClintock, born in Crawford Co., for 10 years with Cutter Lumber Co., joined Mr. Graham in the hardware trade. The stock embraces a large line in general hardware, stoves, plumbing, etc.

Hartman & Judd. A hardware store was opened at 247 Chestnut St. in 1874, by Blystone & Roueche. It was purchased by Hartman & Judd July 1, 1909. Both parties are natives of Meadville, J. M. Hartman having been in this line for 25 years and M. C. Judd for 15 years in the plumbing line. A full line of stoves and general hardware, plumbing, etc., is conducted.

Meadville Roofing Co.

This business was started Apr. 1, 1906, by M. M. Powell, Jr., and Albert Loesch, at 1056 Water St., L. F. Loesch later purchasing Mr. Powell's interest. The firm does general plumbing, tinning and roofing, carrying a line of stoves, tinware and plumbing fixtures and employing several men.

C. P. Nichols, a native of Busti, Chautauqua Co., N. Y., learned the plumber's trade some 15 years ago. He opened Apr., 1910, rooms at 185

Mead Av., where he attends to plumbing, gas, steam and hot water fitting in all lines.

HARNESS AND LEATHER STORES

J. C. Smith & Son. J. N. Smith started a leather store in 1870, which 1875 was purchased by J. C. Smith and continued on Market St., until removed, 1899, to 245 Chestnut St. In 1907 it was transferred to 944 Water St. J. C. Smith died Jan. 30, 1912, the business being continued by H. L. Smith and other heirs. The stock is a large one, comprising wholesale and retail harness and saddlery, trunks and bags, shoe findings and every description of fine leather goods, gloves, etc. The store room is 22x150 ft. and part of second floor. A. F. Williams, born in Mead twp., a harness maker from boyhood, has charge of the harness department.

H. H. Whipple learned the harness trade with his father at Moslertown, coming to Meadville 1884. In 1900 he opened at his present stand at 971 Water St., where he keeps a complete harness and leather store.

F. C. Eiseman, born in Germany, has a leather and shoe finding store at 222 Pine St. He makes fertilizer and deals in hides, pelts, tallow, etc.

SOCIETIES.

Meadville has all the usual fraternities, including secret and insurance orders, social and utilitarian societies. Among the latter we shall place at the head the Meadville Chamber of Commerce, under the auspices of which this pamphlet has been compiled. Kindly read again pages 3 and 4, which give in detail the design of this publication; and Meadville's present condition of progress.

The old Meadville Board of Industries accomplished a good work prior to the stringent times of the early 90's which begat apathy, and the society suspended operations. The present Meadville Chamber of Commerce, organized 1899, is composed of the leading business men of the city, and while it has been the means of locating the W. H. Page Boiler Co., the G. M. Yost Co., of retaining the Meadville Theological School and other matters of less importance, it is still reaching out to accomplish greater things for civic advancement in all lines. Recently Frank Diffin has been induced to remove the manufacture of his gasoline engine, for farm and wood cutting uses, from Lakewood, N. J., to the Phoenix Iron Works here, and several other matters of importance are under consideration.

The Chamber is earnestly seeking for Meadville's good and it is results that count. There are yet a few worthy business hustlers, who, not fully understanding the purposes of the Chamber, have neglected to become members. The influence of these men will go for lasting good when they have investigated and been converted to the cause. There are about 200 members, each paying \$2.50 quarterly; but the society often sends a committee a long distance to take up an important consideration, and for advertising and other legitimate advancement could judiciously use more funds. April, 1910, one-half of second

floor of the Richmond block was secured and the members have fine club rooms here, with billiards and pool, card tables and reading room as well as large parlors, for Chamber meetings, the meeting of medical societies, or other transient educational work.

Some good reasons why every hustler in Meadville, or retired gentlemen, should belong to the Chamber of Commerce are that combined efforts are better than individual work and the Chamber's literaturue works while you sleep, pushes while you are awake, is active for every good, having no selfish interest to conserve. Its motto is "the greatest good to the greatest number." The Chamber extends a hearty welcome to every Meadville business man who is outside of the fold to send in his application and assist in the good work of advancement. Every real progress in industrial pursuits adds to the city's population, and enhances values in every line. In no other way will \$10 per year bring as much general good.

At the February, 1912, election J. H. Pardee succeeded himself as president; E. P. Cullum, of the Phoenix Iron Company, is vice president; Walter Irving Bates, of the Tribune Publishing Co., has been secretary of the Board for seven years; E. W. McGill, of the Crawford Co. Trust Co., is treasurer; L. A. Leberman, corresponding secretary and manager.

The Board of Directors are M. G. Beatty, E. W. McGill, R. E. Brownell, S. P. Schiek, John Dick, J. O. Barrett, T. F. Charlton, J. H. Culbertson, C. Theodore Campbell, F. G. Prenatt, E. W. Lawrence and Walter I. Bates.

Meadville Business Men's Exchange.

For many years the retailers of Meadville had felt the necessity of a closer relation to each other and in 1904 started the nucleus of the above organization which was chartered Aug., 1905; P. B. Graham, Pres., and A. J. Muenzenberger, Sec. The pres-



Bentley Hall, Allegheny College.

ent officers are F. G. Prenatt, Pres.; R. E. Brownell, Treas.; C. L. Papenhagen, Sec.; to above J. J. Shryock, D. A. Gill, J. H. Bowes, C. L. Craine, directors. Room 9, Phoenix Block. The association is connected with a wide State organization, which assists in eliminating dead beats by giving rating of delinquent payers in this and other cities. Its members also get the benefit of insurance through the Retailers' Mutual Fire Ins. Co. at about half the usual rates.

Meadville Literary Union.

While the compiler desires to present every material feature of Meadville, the above union, organized Dec., 1866, has studiously avoided publicity and limited its number to 30 members. Meetings are held monthly at the residence of some member at which one or more essays are read on an interesting subject. As the compiler is not at liberty to mention individuals he can only say that its roster presents the names of many honored Meadville citizens, both past and present.

Fraternal Societies.

In removing to another city, persons usually desire to find their church or lodge home. Meadville is ahead of most cities of her size in either of the above respects, nearly all the modern fraternities and usual churches being represented. In no sleepy manner, however, but with a push that would indicate good times in Meadville, as a large number of applications are weekly received by the various fraternities.

MASONIC BODIES.

The antiquity of Masonry is well established. Instances are rare where men under 21 are admitted. George Washington, adjutant general at 19, of sturdy manhood at 20 and to be entrusted with important messages, was by dispensation made a Mason before his majority and his trip up the French Creek Valley, 1753-4. American Union Lodge No. 1 was organized in the Colonial army a year prior to the Declaration of Independence. This was visited several times by Washington and subsequent to the Revolu-

tion the charter was carried to Marietta, Ohio, where American Union No. 1 still exists, having been the first to proclaim fraternal independence from English jurisdiction.

Western Star No. 146, F. & A. M., was chartered Dec. 26, 1816, R. L. Potter, W. M.; David Logan, S. W.; James Herriott, J. W.; J. T. Cummings, Treas.; J. D. Morrison, Sec. After 10 or 12 years the lodge suspended.

Crawford 234, F. & A. M., constituted Sept. 14, '48, Ami Bond, W. M.; Alex. Johnson, S. W.; C. M. Yates, J. W.; C. E. Weaver, Wm. Kerr, Geo. Hurst, Robt. Adrain, Silas Taylor, James Williamson, L. Johnson, J. Collom, D. L. Wilson, J. Whitney, members. S. B. Dick, of this lodge, served as Grand Master of Pa., and many of its officials have been the foremost citizens of Meadville. It has about 165 members and meets first Thursday. Officers for 1912, M. Torbett Forker, W. M.; Howard A. Boyer, S. W.; Thos. E. Rossiter, J. W.; Clair H. Allen, Treas.; Frederick L. Day, Sec. Adrian W. McCoy, a Pastmaster of Crawford Lodge 234, is Deputy Grand Master for the 25th Dist., covering Crawford Co.

F. & A. M. Lodge 408 was constituted Jan. 20, 1868, and has about 130 members. It meets 1st Mondays. For 1912 Jno. J. Guernsey, W. M.; Don C. DeLancey, S. W.; Clark Rossiter, J. W.; Edwin M. Hoffman, Sec.; W. S. McGunnege, Treas.

Solomon R. A. C. 191, organized Feb., 1859, has about 100 members. Frederick W. Bligh, M. E. H. P.; Jas. A. Rupert, King; Clair H. Allen, Scribe; Jas. D. Roberts, Sec.; W. S. McGunnege, Treas. It meets 1st Tuesdays.

N. W. Commandery, K. T., 25, was chartered July 22, 1867, and has about 110 affiliated Knights. It meets 4th Tuesday of each month. Harry E. Fabel, E. C.; Adrian W. McCoy, Generalissimo; O. Clare Kent, Capt. Gen.;

W. S. McGunnege, Treas.; Isaac M. Rhodes, Recorder. All of the above Masonic bodies meet in Masonic Hall, 939 Water St., until completion of the Temple.

Masonic Temple. A Masonic Building Association was organized in 1910 and the admirable lot, 50x175 feet, adjoining the P. O., secured for \$11,000. The Temple, to be constructed on modern lines, is expected to cost about \$55,000. It will be four stories, with assembly hall on first floor in rear. The front of 1st and 2d floor will be used for offices, etc. The shares are divided into \$100 each and largely held by Meadville's progressive Masons.

Order of Eastern Star.

Adoptive Masonry, known as the Eastern Star, was introduced into the U. S. by Robt. Morris in 1855, in order to give the wives, sisters, mothers and daughters of Masons a means to make themselves known as such, that the reciprocal duties due from the Brotherhood might be worthily bestowed. It can hardly be questioned that the spirit of the age calls for this safeguard for Masons' dependents, that is given by the Eastern Star. Similar to the Rebekahs in Odd Fellowship.

The general Grand Chapter was formed Nov. 16, 1876, now has 48 grand chapters, over 7,500 chapters, 540,000 members, of whom 12,000 are in Penn'a, the Grand Chapter of this State having been organized in 1894.

Golden Crown Chapter No. 44 meets 2d and 4th Mondays, at B. P. O. E. hall. It was organized Apr., 1906, and has 135 members. Carrie H. Dunbar, Worthy Matron; E. W. McArthur, W. P.; Loula Cozad, A. M.; Mary L. Papenhagen, Sec.; Louisa Kramer, Treas.

ODD FELLOWS.

The Manchester Unity claims a record of mystic rites back to 1745. Every visitor at the early lodges con-

tributed a penny to assist those out of work. In 1800 it was known as Loyal Odd Fellows, the ceremonies being of a mask or burlesque order; but in 1812 at Manchester, Eng., it was reorganized on the principles of Friendship, Love and Truth. It was introduced into the U. S. at Baltimore, 1819, by Thomas Wildey and 4 others. The Sovereign Grand Lodge of America was organized 1823 and 1842 separated from the Manchester Unity, having now an equal or greater membership. The membership Jan. 1, 1912, is about 1,650,000 men and 450,000 Rebekahs, making an army of 2,100,000 in the cause of humanity. More than 50,000 have taken the Camp degrees, of whom 17,000 are in Penn'a and some 3,000 belong to the canton or military rank.

Cussewago Lodge 108 was chartered Apr. 21, 1845, and has the distinction of having been the only Odd Fellow lodge in Crawford Co. that survived the exodus of young men to the Civil War. It has had a steady growth, while many of its former members have withdrawn to help form other lodges. Its first elective officers were Jas. A. Mackey, Wilmont Bartle, C. A. Housmer, M. Atkinson, Asa Forsyth, and first initiations in Cussewago were J. M. Sample, A. P. Caryett, J. D. Gill, F. W. Kirby, S. D. Reynolds. Officers Apr.-Oct., 1912, Edw. S. Smock, N. G.; Jos. M. Fox, V. G.; Robt. Weir, Warden; B. E. Hotchkiss, Rec. Sec.; M. E. Ladner, Fin. Sec.; L. J. Smith, Treas. Present membership about 285. Meets Mondays, in Phoenix block.

Crawford Lodge 734 was instituted Oct. 12, 1870, and its first officers were C. W. Tyler, N. G.; D. H. Boyd, V. G.; Wm. F. Dickson, Sec.; J. T. Herrington, Asst Sec.; J. B. Compton, Treas. The enthusiasm invoked through the aid of Isador Sobel, of Erie, and L. W. Ohlman, of Crawford, early in 1912, has resulted in adding over 100 members, bringing the present total

to about 500. Officers are Chas. F. Reuf, N. G.; Fred L. Braymer, V. G.; R. C. Hodgeman, Rec. Sec.; W. C. Moritz, Fin. Sec.; J. M. Irons, Treas. Col. C. W. Tyler and A. J. McQuiston are the only surviving charter members. Meetings Tuesdays in Phoenix block.

Olympas Encampment 82 was first organized Nov. 16, 1848, and rechartered May 3, 1902, having, May, 1912, about 200 members, as it has had large additions during the present year. V. L. Wood, C. P.; H. G. Carr, S. W.; Roger Haas, J. W.; T. D. Kepler, Scribe; O. B. Tyler, Rec. Scribe; I. E. Hall, Treas. Meets 2d and 4th Thursday at Phoenix block, weekly from Sept. 1 to April 1, each year.

Knights and Ladies of Honor, organized in 1877, had a total membership Jan., 1907, of 89,785, but a readjustment of rates to the Fraternal Congress plan has caused a decrease of about 10,000.

Anchor Lodge some 10 years ago was merged with Meadville 2317. Present number 41. Meets 2d and 4th Tuesdays in Woodmen Hall. Rachel Camm, P. P.; Ethel M. Lee, Protector; Anna Amburger, V. P.; Estella Bierly, Chaplain; Isaac Mondereau, Sec.; M. Ohlman, Treas.

Grand Army. The Grand Army of the Republic was organized in Illinois, in 1866, by soldiers who had served in the Civil War, for the perpetuation of the memories of fallen comrades and the fraternizing of the living, giving assistance to comrades and their families. At one time it had about 500,000 members, but with 47 years since the close of the war the original members will soon all have answered the long roll call, but the principles of the order will doubtless be continued by Sons of Veterans, U. S. War Veterans and kindred organizations. Out of the original 2,000,000 of young men who enlisted



Allegheny College Library—(See pages 33-4.)

in the early sixties, less than 500,000 Hoffman, Adj.; W. H. Quay, Q. M.
now survive and from these nearly About 30 members.
300,000 belong to the G. A. R.

Sergeant Peiffer Post 331 (named in honor of Saml. M. Peiffer, color bearer of the 150th Pa. Vols., killed at Gettysburg, July 1, 1863) was organized May, 1883, and at one time had about 200 members, but with the infirmities of age the ranks are fast decreasing. (Reynolds Post was organized, 1868, but after a few years surrendered its charter.) Sergt. Peiffer Post has about 80 members, and meets 2d and 4th Mondays at Woodmen Hall. Geo. T. Smith, Com.; Chas. Guenin, S. V. C.; Jas. O'Daniels, Adj.; T. H. Apple, Q. M., for 18 yrs. past, has been for 15 years past foreman of framing dept. for Harper Lumber Co.

Union Veteran Legion was founded on like principles as the G. A. R., those only being eligible who had served two years or more. It has about 50,000 on its rolls. Camp 147 meets 2d Wednesday at 910 Water St. N. B. Hofford, Col.; F. A. Sutton, Lieut. Col.; J. T. McCoy, Maj.; E. M.

THE A. O. U. WORKMEN.

Fraternal insurance in the United States practically had its start in Meadville, Oct. 27, 1868, when John J. Upchurch, W. W. Walker and other union workmen of the old A. & G. W. R. R. shops, organized Jefferson Lodge No. 1, Ancient Order of United Workmen. The movement spread to Pittsburgh in 1872, and the Supreme Lodge, A. O. U. W., was organized at Meadville, 1873, accepting persons who had not affiliated with labor organizations. M. W. Sackett, of Trumbull Co., O., who had resided here since 1861, was chosen Supreme Recorder in 1879, and it is remarkable that during this 33 years he has never missed a session of the Supreme Lodge, still continuing as Recorder. The order was founded on the old plan of death assessments, but continued to be the oldest and largest until it reached nearly 500,000 members. Later better plans were adopted and the father of insurance societies is still doing a

large work in many State jurisdictions. Mr. Sackett was also secretary of the National Fraternal Congress, 1884-1906. Over \$12,000,000 of relief funds have passed through his hands, although most of the disbursements are made through the grand lodges, the aggregate having reached over \$200,000,000.

Knights of Honor was started June 30, 1873, and has paid to beneficiaries over \$100,000,000. It was founded upon the early pay-as-you-go plan, but has since been amended to provide a sinking fund and level rate assessments. Edwin C. Wood is Supreme Dictator, at 25 City Hall Place, N. Y. City.

Alpha Lodge 42 was organized 1874 and Home 1349 in 1879. Both flourished for years, but have given way to fraternities on more approved plans.

Knights of Pythias. This order was conceived by an actor, J. H. Rathbone, of Washington, D. C., from the play of "Damon and Pythias." It teaches with striking force the principles of friendship, charity and benevolence. Organized Feb. 19, 1864, the order now has over 700,000 members.

The Endowment Rank (insurance degree) was started Oct. 1, 1877, and Jan., 1908, numbered 81,121 members, since which there has been some decrease. It has paid many millions to beneficiaries, having present assets of nearly three millions of dollars.

Independent Foresters. The Ancient Order of Foresters is a European fraternal insurance and the Independent order was formed in New Jersey, 1874, on the old death assessment plan. It was reorganized at Toronto, Canada, in 1881, by Dr. Oronhyateka, who continued as Supreme Chief Ranger, until his death a few years since. He was a master organizer and extended the order to many parts of the globe, creating a reserve fund now about \$19,

000,000, the largest held by any fraternal order. The Foresters number about 250,000 members and has paid to beneficiaries \$35,000,000. It provides for sickness, old age and accident disabilities, creates orphans' and tuberculosis homes. E. C. Stevens, of Toronto, is Supreme Chief Ranger.

Meadville Court 4596, was organized April 20, 1905, but has had no pushing deputy work and has dropped behind in the race. It still continues; L. F. Smith, C. R.; F. C. Baker, Fin. Sec.

I. O. Heptasophs, founded on the early plans, Aug., 1878, has been reorganized upon a modern basis and now furnishes safe protection.

Meadville Council 321 has a small membership. Meetings 1st Fridays in Phoenix block. F. Mendel, Archon; F. C. Baker, Sec.

Royal Arcanum, started Jan. 23, 1877, at Boston, Mass., attained a membership Jan., 1905, of 305,083, but on account of its raise in rates to a safe basis has since dropped below 250,000 and is again on the ascendancy on a permanent basis, with assets above \$7,500,000. A. T. Turner, Sup. Sec., Boston, Mass.

Meadville Council 78 meets 1st and 3d Tuesdays in Miller block. French Creek 325, 1st and 3d Tuesdays at A. O. U. W. Hall.

Catholic Mutual Benefit Ass'n.

Among the early insurance fraternities, the C. M. B. A. was organized Oct., 1876, on the old death assessment plan. Later this was changed to take a sufficient monthly payment at age of entry. The present membership is 63,000, with assets, Jan., 1912, of \$2,279,345. Joseph Cameron, Supreme Recorder, Hornell, N. Y.; J. W. Sullivan, Sec. Grand Council of Pa., at 5941 Baum St., Pittsburgh, Pa.

St. John's Branch No. 8 was instituted in Meadville June 1, 1879, and has a present membership of 187. Rev. F. Winter, Spiritual Adviser;

Fred Lorz, Chancellor; J. J. Ende, Pres.; Leo J. Pfeifley, 1st V. P.; J. E. Aaron, 2d V. P.; Jos. Carroll, Rec.; Louis Tordella, Fin. Sec.; D. J. Pfeifer, Treas.; J. W. McBride, Marshal; Paul Albaugh, Guard.

The L. C. B. A., started Apr. 9, 1890, was among the first insurance societies composed and managed entirely by women and has over 125,000 members. It has paid \$9,000,000 to beneficiaries and has a reserve of nearly \$2,000,000. Miss Kate Mahoney, Supreme Pres.; Mrs. J. A. Royer, Supreme Recorder, Erie, Pa.

St. Agatha's Branch No. 176, L. C. B. A., is officered for 1912 by Mrs. Grace Snearline, Pres.; Mrs. E. Kiernan, V. P.; Miss Mayme Farnicorn, 2d V. P.; Miss Gertrude A. Schrubb, Rec.; Mrs. Anna Kebort, Fin. Sec.

Daughters of Isabella, for the promotion and betterment of Catholic womanhood, was organized, in Court Columbia No. 2, Meadville, Nov. 30, 1903, and has 65 members. It meets alternate Wednesday evenings in K of C. Hall, 285 Chestnut St. Miss Gertrude Schrubb, Grand Regent; Mrs. Margaret Delp, V. G. R.; Miss Ella Haugh, prophetess; Miss Martha Bartle, Fin. Sec.; Miss May Ziegler, Treas.

The National Union, organized at Toledo, O., 1881, was conceived to be upon an essentially equitable plan increasing slightly each year with age, up to 65. This enables men with large families to carry more insurance in early years and drop some of it as their dependents become self-supporting. The order also provides a level rate plan to those who prefer to pay more at first, on a basis that will remain stationary through life. The National Union is financially safe, having assets of \$2,088,065, with membership about 65,000, of whom nearly half are in O., Ill., N. Y. and Pa. The order has met all death claims promptly, having paid out \$35,000,000

to beneficiaries. Edwin A. Myers, Senate Secretary, Toledo, O.

Meadville Council 298, organized 1886, at one time had about 50 members, but has been allowed to decrease about one-half. There are a few who have been steadfast from the start. Jacob Miller, Pres.; W. G. Koessling, V. P.; Wm. Adams, Rec. Sec.; Geo. Schwartzman, Fin. Sec.; J. H. Reitze, Treas.; Adam Werle, Speaker; Danl. Veith, Chaplain.

Brotherhood of R. Trainmen. This organization, combining insurance with union labor, was started in the eighties, and has dispensed to claimants about \$25,000,000, largely for accidents. It has wage scales covering four-fifths of the U. S. Rys. The present membership is about 120,000. W. G. Lee, Pres.; A. E. King, Genl. Sec., both of Cleveland, O.

Ladies' Auxilliary, B. of R. C., meets 2d and 4th Wednesday in Maccabee Hall, Water St., at 3 p. m. Mrs. W. C. Hendry, Pres.; Mrs. Wm. S. Rhodes, Sec.

Protected Home Circle, started at Sharon, Pa., Aug. 7, 1886, has a membership of 81,000 and a reserve of \$1,250,000. It has paid to beneficiaries above \$6,000,000. The P. H. C. was among the first U. S. orders to take a regular monthly payment and establish a reserve. It has kept faith with its early members, every policy having been continued upon the rate at date of issue. The original tables have been revised upon an actuarial basis and the P. H. C. provides insurance at a fair rate with security and permanency. W. S. Palmer, Supreme Secretary, Sharon, Pa.

Meadville Circle 44 was organized Dec. 11, 1890, and has about 650 members and is in a very thriving condition, with semi-monthly additions. Harry Baker, Past Pres.; J. C. Robinault, Pres.; M. O. Proctor, V. P.; J. M. Marhoefer, Acct.; Lloyd Earll, Treas.; Miss Bernice F. Blood, Sec.

Royal Neighbors of America.

This was started at Council Bluffs, Iowa, 1888, as auxiliary for Camp 171, M. W. A., and 1895 was chartered in Illinois as a women's fraternal beneficiary. The head camp M. W. A. recognize this as an auxiliary. Jan., 1912, the membership was 305,789, Penn'a having about 3,000 members. Assets about \$700,000.

Alameda Camp 5,200, R. N. A., was organized Feb. 20, 1908, with 38 charter members, by Mrs. Julia K. Dake.

It meets in Woodmen's Hall, 2d and 4th Thurs. Present membership about 50. Officers: Maud Alsdorf, P. O.; Maud Foreman, O.; Hattie Pierce, V. O.; Minnie Miller, Chan.; Rose Sutton, Rec.; Mida E. Goodrich, Receiver.

Fraternal Order of Eagles.

At Seattle, Wash., Feb. 6, 1898, in a spirit of humor, a convivial organi-

of over \$1,650,000 for sickness and funerals.

Meadville Aerie 429 was organized July 9, 1903, purchasing and securing the fine S. L. Trace home, 868 Water St., June 1, 1909, since which the membership has doubled, now numbering 350.

The Aerie has in process of construction a three-story building, 72x110 feet, the upper floor for dance hall, second floor for lodge room and parlors, basement for bowling alleys, billiard tables and bathing pool. This is centrally located and a convenient home for the Eagles. Meadville Aerie pays \$5 per week to a sick member and \$100 funeral benefits, while its physician gives free service to a member or his family. With all these benefits, and the social advantages, the initiation fee is but \$10, with 75 cents per month dues.

The officers for 1912 are Wm. Keim, P. W. P.; J. J. Hurley, W. P.; Frank Schwab, W. V. P.; S. N. Carter, W. Ch.; Julius Staff, W. Sec.; A. W. Marhoffer, W. Tr.; Wallace Theuret, W. Con.; Kenneth Lewis, W. I. G.; Fred Schwab, W. O. G.; Lewis Bittler, Jos. Kaufman, Chas. T. Hewitt, Trustees; Dr. N. B. Noll, Aerie physician.

Tribe of Ben-Hur.

Lew Wallace's masterful conception of the ancient Ben-Hur, galleys, chariot race, etc., was utilized March 1, 1894, at Crawfordsville, Ind., in the founding of a fraternal insurance order, now on solid actuarial lines, with over \$1,600,000 actual reserve and 125,000 members. Men and women are alike eligible, annuities are paid after age 70, uniform monthly payments, and a beautiful ritualistic work, creating amusement and sociability. Accident disabilities are also paid, certificates being issued for from \$250 to \$3000 upon the several plans. Dr. R. H. Gerard, of Crawfordsville, Ind., is supreme chief, while T. H. Russell, of Meadville, an experienced organizer,



Order of Eagles' Meadville Home.

zation styled the Seattle of Good Things was formed, which rapidly gaining in numbers it was put upon a permanent basis of Liberty, Truth, Justice and Equality, Apr. 20, '98, and named the Fraternal Order of Eagles, by John Cort, J. W. and T. J. Conside, H. L. Leavitt, W. E. Merkle, D. G. Williams, L. C. Brown and Melvin Winstock. The Grand Aerie was authorized to organize Subordinate Aeries throughout America, there being now about 2,000 with 360,000 members and disbursements, in 1911,

is state manager for Western Pennsylvania.

Lew Wallace Court, 63, T. B. H., organized March 26, 1906, has met with a gratifying success, having now above 300 members. C. H. Stainbrook, a life-long resident of Meadville, Councilman from 2d ward for several years and superintendent of the W. G. Harper Lumber Co., is chief; Mrs. Clara Pytcher, judge; Mrs. Edith Burger, scribe; Mrs. C. H. Stainbrook, K. of T. Meetings every Friday evening at P. H. C. Hall, 910½ Park Ave.

Home Watchmen of the World.

This order was incorporated at Erie, Pa., June 14, 1909, to furnish moral and material aid to its members. It has a dramatic ritual based upon its three principles of Honor, Hope and Help. It was among the first U. S. fraternal societies to maintain from the start rates as shown by the National Fraternal Congress table at 4%. It also provides for sickness, old age, accident and total or permanent disability. T. D. Kepler, of Meadville, is one of the Supreme Supervisors. Other Supreme officers, at Erie, are Moore Sanborn, Watchman; E. D. Austin, P. W.; C. M. Hatch, V. W.; Kate A. Tipton, Rec.; J. W. Little, Treas.; Rev. R. Clements Prelate; Hon. J. B. Brooks, Counselor; Dr. F. A. Walsh, Physician; A. C. Joy, Marshal; A. W. Homes and R. E. Rubner, Auditors.

The order works only in Penn'a, where it has 22 Forts, as its lodges are called, and 1,500 members. It has paid \$15,000 in benefits.

Fort Mead No. 12 was instituted here June 13, 1910, and now has about 125 members. Its principal officers for 1912 are: Miss Carrie Miller, Commander; Thomas Kinney, P. C.; Miss Margaret Gallagher, Rec.; Louis DeMaison, Treas.; Lloyd E. McKay, Fin. Rec. The Fort meets 2d and 4th Wednesdays in K. of P. Hall.

Order of Golden Seal was started, on correct plans, at Roxbury, N. Y., Feb. 20, 1902. It issues all the popular modern styles of certificates on strictly equable rates. Jan., 1908, it has 37,997 members, with assets Jan., 1910, of \$1,963,635. A. F. Bouton, Sup. Sec., Roxbury, N. Y.

Meadville Camp 150 meets alternate Tuesdays at Maccabee Hall. May Marvin, Sec.

SUMMARY AND REVIEW.

On introductory pages the objects of the Chamber of Commerce Committee in fostering this book are presented, together with some of the natural and acquired advantages of Meadville. Following a brief rehearsal of pioneer history, county and city governmental matters are given, describing our unexcelled water plant, municipal lighting, market house, public library and fire department. Transportation advantages are detailed on railroad pages. Page 15 illustrates our excellent government building. Educational matters are found, giving facts regarding old Allegheny, our Theological and Musical colleges and the Commercial school, together with common and parochial schools. There are 13 college societies connected with the Meadville institutes. Our 20 church organizations are shown, pages 21-28; 2 hospitals, 2 orphans and aged people's homes, 19-21, 27, 31. Our banking interests show a solid condition and healthy growth.

The industrial pages give a detail of activity in diversified lines of iron, steel, wood, cement, etc., showing that Meadville is self reliant, thrifty and progressive. With the largest corset factory in the world, shirt-waists, shirts, clothing and woolen manufacturing, feed and flour and other diversified lines make the city practically immune from strikes or panics. There are 12 factories in iron, steel and zinc,

giving employment to over 1000 hands. Over 700 ladies find work in Meadville with the Spirella and ten times as great a number with this company elsewhere. We have up-to-date journals and printing plants.

Meadville streets are well shaded with stately trees and thoroughly lighted by electricity. Since a recent installment of numerous 100-candle-power incandescent lamps on Water and Chestnut Sts., these may well be termed "white ways."

We have ten hotels, with numerous boarding houses and restaurants. Sufficient livery and garage accommodations, but above all, through the unselfish work of the Chamber of Commerce and the Business Men's Exchange, there comes a true civic awakening, combining to make a progressive, orderly and beautiful extension of this model inland city. The signs clearly point to a period of prosperity in every avenue of legitimate upbuilding.

Our number and diversity of industries have contributed largely to Meadville's steady and permanent growth. The 35 leading fraternal and insurance orders are represented by Meadville lodges. Central Labor Hall is the local home for 20 trade organizations. Ten social and society clubs are found, with every requisite for refinement and sociability. Twenty-five physicians care for the health, 12 dentists keep our teeth in working order, 3 veterinarians look after invalid animals.

With excellent natural gas lines, unexcelled telegraphic and telephone service, near to the coal and lumber of Western Penn'a, Meadville is picturesquely located, on both sides of the Venango river. Its comfortable size of 17,000 (with suburbs) does not place it in the list of third-class cities, where individuality is swallowed up, but large enough to attract some of

the best musical and dramatical troupes, and through our educational patronage, to secure the best platform talent in the field.

While there is always room at the top, with about 100 lawyers, doctors and allied professions, the field here is ably and well covered. Few cities of Meadville's size have a greater claim to natural advantages, better manufacturing sites, or richer agricultural surroundings. An electric lighting system that meets every demand, a good electric car service, not only throughout the city, but through to Linesville and Cambridge Springs, where connections are made with steam and other electric systems.

The city has a complete sewer service, first class fire force, in a word all that goes towards making a desirable home town, added to city advantages. The enterprise of the civic organizations mentioned above in raising a large fund to bring and foster business enterprises is praiseworthy. By seizing hold of industrial development at the opportune moment, Meadville is bound to grow, even though here, as elsewhere, may be found a few pessimists.

The reader seeking for facts will find this small volume filled with them from cover to cover. Consult the index for further light on almost any subject pertaining to Meadville and if you fail to find the desired information, address the secretary of Chamber of Commerce or Business Men's Exchange, either of whom will cheerfully give you light upon any special matter.

Parks. When Meadville was replatted, 1795, David Mead donated Diamond Square upon which sturdy shade trees have grown. The Soldiers' monument ornaments the south end, the Pioneers' monument the north end, a band stand is found in the center, and altogether this restful place,

fronting the Court House, is much appreciated. Huidekoper park is mentioned elsewhere. The home for children and aged people has recently been built adjoining this beautiful woods. Island Park of 25 acres, on the bank of French Creek, is owned by a company. A small triangle at junction of Alden and Chestnut streets, donated by the Meadville Theological School, is being beautified with shrubbery, etc., as Elizabeth Park. Pomona Park at Water and Linden Streets, serves as a children's playground. Mead Park is a handsome nook of ground on River St. in rear of the City building.

Additions and Corrections.

Under legal matters we omitted to mention the fact that Crawford Co. owns a law reference library of about 3,000 volumes. This has largely been created by donations from Attorneys of the past 100 years. It is conveniently located in the Court House.

County Detective Jno. L. Laley, born in Meadville, was horseshoeing in Titusville until becoming detective for this county Aug. 1, 1896. Frank J. Lowe, who served in the office prior to Mr. Laley, was the first appointment in this office, which is virtually an assistant to the District Attorney in criminal processes. The salary is easily saved by serving papers and other county work.

Golden Jubilee. Sister Emilina, superintendent of Spencer (formerly St. Joseph's) hospital for near 30 years, on March 19, 1912, celebrated her golden jubilee of entrance into this work, having been connected with the schools at Corry and Erie for more than 20 years prior to coming to Meadville. Her 50 years of unselfish work for humanity is worthy of emulation.

Public Schools cont. from page 17, where we gave details regarding early and present schools, buildings, superintendents, High School, etc. Fortunately school management here is

entirely out of politics and in the hands of some of Meadville's most representative citizens.

The present directors are Rev. B. B. Ferer, Pres.; A. M. Fuller, F. F. Lippitt, F. G. Prenatt, Geo. D. Thomas, Wm. T. Dutton, James M. Dunbar, Wm. H. Gaskill, secretary. R. H. Bellows, superintendent of the city schools, has office hours 8 to 9 a. m. each school day. Regular meetings of the board of directors second Monday of each month.

Miss Mary Sellow is principal of the First Dist. School, n. e. cor. Randolph and Main Sts.

Miss Marian Hartman is principal of Second Dist., cor. Main and Linden Sts.

Miss Bridget Lyon is principal of the Fifth Ward School, on Columbia Ave.

Prof. W. D. Lewis is principal of H. S. (see page 17). Miss E. M. Alexander supervisor of music; Miss Edith Russell principal of cooking and sewing school.

There are 63 regular and 3 assistant teachers. The total school enrollment for the city aggregating above 2,000, aside from the parochial schools.

The tax levy for schools is about \$55,000, to which is added from State appropriation and tuitions about \$12,000.

The Huidekoper Family.

Harm Jan Huidekoper, father of the well known Meadville family, was born at Hoogeveen, district of Duenthe, Holland, Apr. 3, 1776. His father was Anne Huidekoper and mother's maiden name was Gesienna Frederica Wotters. Harm Jan came to New York, Oct., 1796, and Feb., 1802, became bookkeeper at Philadelphia for the Holland Land Co., removing to Meadville Jan. 1, 1805 as agent for the Holland Lands in this vicinity and continuing with the Company until 1839 when he purchased the remaining holdings in several counties for \$178,400.

Sept., 1806, Mr. Huidekoper was married to Rebecca Colhoon, who was born at Carlisle, Pa. from Scotch parentage. To this union came several children, some of whom died in childhood. Those more intimately connected with Meadville's upbuilding were Alfred, Edgar, Prof. Frederic and Elizabeth. Harm Jan died May 22, 1854, aged 78 years. Alfred, in memory of a deceased daughter, Annette, endowed a bed at the City Hospital and the family donated generously in land and means for building "The Children's Aid Society and Home for the Aged."

Arthur C. Huidekoper, owner of the mansion on the Terrace, is the only son of Alfred Huidekoper, deceased 1892. A. C. served in the civil war as captain in the 211 Penn'a Regt. and was promoted to a majorship. He married Frances Louise Reynolds, from which union came Albert R. and Earle C., who were educated at Harvard University and look after the varied interests of the estate. A daughter, Edith Ellicott, died in childhood.

Edgar Huidekoper, born May 30, 1812, died Sept. 9, 1862. He married Frances Shippen to whom eight children were born. Edgar, Sr., was first active treasurer of Meadville Theological School, serving for 18 years, and Edgar, Jr., for the past 33 years. Gen. H. S. Huidekoper, son of Edgar, Sr., served with gallantry in the Civil war. Frederic W., who died 1908, was a captain. He was executor of his father's estate, closing up the Holland Land deals; also interested in several railroads and other outside interests. Edgar, Sr., erected, in 1849, the elegant Huidekoper home, illustrated elsewhere.

Prof. Frederic Huidekoper, born Apr. 7, 1817, after taking a theological training in eastern colleges, founded the Meadville Theological School, having the financial backing

of the Huidekoper family who contributed generously towards its maintenance, which in its early years was largely indebted to the Huidekopers for its continued existence.

Elizabeth G. Huidekoper, the youngest of Harm Jan's family, remained single through life and took great pleasure in dispensing charity to the unfortunate and assisting worthy enterprises. She died Jan. 28, 1908.

Huidekoper Park is a charming wooded hillside of about twelve acres on the south-eastern border of the city which will be more fully appreciated as the city encompasses it in future years.

The Huidekoper family have made large donations to numerous charities and their deeds of mercy and good works will live in Meadville history long after the present generation have gone to their reward.

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H. E. Ellsworth started a studio in Meadville 20 years ago and 1897 opened at his present stand, 887 Market St., where he has well furnished rooms and modern equipment, including a Cirkut camera, which makes a picture 12 feet in length. Mr. Ellsworth was born in Meadville and educated at the city High School.

I. E. Hall, born in Randolph twp., has been a photographer since 1880, in 1890 having erected his residence and studio at 210-12 Arch St., where he has a 16x20 camera and looks after enlarging.

... their place.



Homestead of Edgar Huidekoper, Erected 1849.

Geo. R. Pratt, born in Jamestown, N. Y., served with the Keystone View Co. for several years and in 1903 opened a studio at 245 Chestnut St., later removing to his present location, No. 1 Federal Court, where he has office and residence and is fully prepared to make superior pictures.

The Model Studio. In 1890 A. R. Fowler established a studio at 947 Water St., where he had a well equipped place, which, Nov. 22, 1911, was purchased by J. P. Starr, who was born at Kittanning, Pa., and was connected with the Southern School of Photography at McMinnville, Tenn., prior to purchasing the above gallery.

Shoes, Continued From Page 83.

Charles A. Miller, born in Germany, has been in the shoe business at Meadville since coming to manhood. He opened the store at 221 Chestnut St., in 1902, and keeps a complete assortment of the favorite "Candle Brand." Storage quarters in basement and a large repair shop in 3d story, in all giving employment to from 7 to 10 men. Mr. Miller steers clear of poor goods and inflated sales.

Brownell's Boot Shop. R. E. Brownell, of Punxsutawney, Pa., in 1907 bought the A. H. Kohler shoe store at 208 Chestnut St., since which he has made a real hustle in the shoe trade here and elsewhere. The Brownell Shoe Co. was incorporated July 25, 1910, and owns stores in Sharon, Oil City, and Corry, Pennsylvania; Ashtabula, Ohio; Niagara Falls, Elmira and Jamestown, (2) N. Y. The capital stock is \$100,000, of which \$30,000 is preferred, paying 6% dividends. The cut-rate shoe store at 901 Water St. is the second Meadville store under the Brownell Co. management.

A. I. Eldred, born in Spartansburg, 1885, attended Allegheny College, 1903, opening in leather goods and traveling requisites 1907, and two years later adding a full line of men's, women's and children's shoes at 253 Chestnut St.

Nichols' Bootery. Among the new firms, and innovations in methods, is the Bootery, opened at 244 Chestnut St., Jan. 29, 1912, by H. A. Nichols and F. R. Beatty, both natives of Meadville. Mr. Nichols, managing partner, is a thorough "shoe" man,

having had several years' experience in that line. The store is well equipped, high back benches, slides in the shelving instead of ledges, and electric lighted display cases. Silver grey is the color scheme even to wrapping paper, twine, etc. The "Bootery" advertises "Shoes of the Better Class" and lives up to it. The repair shop is located at 842 Market St. It is not repair while you wait, but 'phone Nichols' Bootery and whether it be a patch, a half sole or a heel the shoe will be called for and the grey auto deliver it in a neat grey parcel.

Henry Reuter & Sons have a large, well equipped shoe shop. Mr. Reuter was born in Germany, came to Meadville in boyhood, and learned the shoemaker's trade here many years ago. His sons, Edward and Charles, have been in the business from boyhood. The shop at present is at 935 Market St. Mr. Reuter formerly worked many years for Peter Miller.

Clothing and Notions.

Cash. Smith's Toggery, at 219 Chestnut St., was opened in 1900 by Smith brothers, C. L. and H. G., later, Cassius purchasing his brother's interest.

Chas. Thomas, born in Mt. Lebanon, Syria, Turkey, came to America 1891 and has been in Meadville 15 years. Four years ago he opened general merchandise at 976 Water St., where he handles clothing, shoes, dry goods and notions.

Joseph Thomas, brother of above, came first in 1890, returning to Syria next year and coming again to Meadville 1901. June, '09, he started a 5 and 10-cent store, keeping most of the goods usually found in that line at 980 Water St. Meadville has a dozen swarthy, industrious, peaceful families who came from the Syrian lands.

A **5 and 10 Cent Store** was opened by O. A. Speakman at 953 Water St.

in 1902, owned later by F. M. Kirby Co., and now by the F. M. Woolworth Co., of New York City, which controls over 600 stores.

A **1 to 25 Cent Store** and People's Clothing store has also more recently been opened by outside parties who would be glad to secure your dollars.

Tailoring, Etc.

Henry Spohr, born at Kleinenglis, Germany, spent a year in New York, coming to Meadville 1887 and was tailoring for leading clothiers here until March, 1910, when he opened a convenient room at 181 Chestnut St., where he keeps samples, ladies' and gent's furnishings, and does tailoring for men or women.

Chas. Haben, tailor, at 983 Water St., was born in Butler Co., and has been in this trade from boyhood; at Butler, until removing to Meadville 8 years ago. Mr. Haben is well versed in all departments of his trade and has a well established line of patrons.

Louis Pollay, born in Meadville, learned the tailor's trade and in 1910 rented rooms at 939 Park Av., where he does everything in the tailoring line.

Hardware, Plumbing, Etc.

F. J. Berg Estate. This store was opened in 1900 by F. J. Berg, J. C. Boyle later being a partner for a time. Mr. Berg died Oct., 1909, since which the business has been continued by the estate. The store, with workshop, 20x100 ft., at 972 Water St. is stocked with stoves, household and plumbers' supplies. Furnace work, plumbing and gas fitting of the firm give work to from 8 to 12 mechanics.

L. L. Lord has been in the plumbing and steam heating business here since 1884. In 1902 he removed to 278 Chestnut St., where he is well prepared to fill all orders. He is Meadville agent for the "New Idea" steel ranges of Battle Creek, Mich.



Office and Residence Dr. Snodgrass.—See page 62.

August J. Kress, 1017 Market St., was born in Germany and came to America in boyhood, 1896 opening plumbing business.

C. E. North, at 958 Market St., opened business in 1903. He was born at Braceville, O., and has been in Meadville for 20 years.

Forker's Shop. Wm. H. Forker, a lifelong gun and locksmith of Meadville, died March, 1908, and the business, over Fisher's cigar store, corner Chestnut and Market Sts., is continued by his son, M. Torbett Forker, who has been reared in this line and is an expert safe opener.

Farming Machinery is kept at 941 Park Av. by W. B. Denny, who was born in this county and has been some years in this line.

Stationery, Books, Etc.

Geo. Schwartzman, at 201-3 Chestnut St., was born in Meadville and has been in his present line of business from boyhood. He opened the above stand, 1894, and now has well stocked rooms in books, stationery, toys, etc., in the Delamater block, which was built in 1875.

R. B. Thompson, at 210 Chestnut St., was born in Meadville, his father having established the stationery and book trade here in 1860, continuing until near the time of his death, March, 1909, since which his son, R. B. Thompson, has continued the business.

A. J. Brink, blind from childhood, reared in Meadville, has a stand at 177 Chestnut St., where he keeps news, stationery, cigars and confections.

A. A. Whitney. The oldest news dealer in Meadville is doubtless A. A. Whitney, at 149 Chestnut St., near Erie R. R. depot. Mr. Whitney commenced in 1863 as newsboy on the train.

Elizabeth Goodell, who for several years maintained a popular news stand at 289 Chestnut St., on account of erection of the new Bates block, has secured basement rooms under Easterwood's drug store.

Lafayette Cigar Co. C. M. Sitrine and W. E. DeLany, both commercial travelers who have made Meadville their headquarters for several years past, in 1908 opened a cigar and news

stand in the Lafayette Hotel lobby, where they keep a choice line of imported and domestic cigars and handle the usual assortment of daily papers, magazines and other news articles.

Cigars, Billiards, News, Etc.

Henry Dreutlein, born in Germany, came to Meadville in the early sixties, and has been in the cigar business here for 44 years. The "Meadville Cigar Works," under Mr. Dreutlein's management, has originated many popular brands. The factory and warehouse is on Park Av. and a fine salesroom is maintained at 228 Chestnut St., in rooms formerly occupied by J. R. Dick & Co. Bank.

Conrad Fisher, at corner of Chestnut and Market Sts., has spent 30 years in the cigar trade, opening his present stand 17 years ago, where he holds a good trade.

Kenneth B. Cole, born 1880, in Bradford, McKean Co., came to this city in boyhood, attended H. S. and Meadville Commercial College. With April 1, 1912, Mr. Cole opened in the spacious room at 212 Chestnut St., a cigar and billiard parlor, running in connection therewith American shoe shining and hat cleaning.

Frank R. Beatty, born in Meadville, was educated at Kiskiminetas Springs school, taking up athletics, and 1912 is pitcher for the Bay City base ball team of the Michigan State League. In 1909 Mr. Beatty purchased from Mrs. L. J. Mann the billiard and pool table outfit of 5 tables and cigar stand at 272 Chestnut St.

A. W. Brest, born Dec. 3, 1860, in Lawrence Co., Pa., came to Meadville, 1883, and was conductor on Erie R. R. until opening a cigar stand and pool tables at 916 Water St., where he is securing a good trade among the railroad boys and other Meadville friends.

The Brunswick billiard rooms, at 176 Chestnut St., are kept by C. H.

Hausman, who was born in Ohio, coming to Meadville 1890. For 15 years he was in employ of the Erie R. R., when by an accident he lost a leg and in 1905 opened above billiard rooms. He is treasurer of A. L. Dunbar Lodge, B. of R. T. Four tables are in use by his customers.

John Leonard, born in East Mead twp., formerly manufacturing cigars, is now in the jobbing and retail trade at 920 Water St. March, 1909, he added billiards and now has 6 tables there.

Meadville Barbers.

This city has a full supply of tonorial artists and sanitary barber shops, largely well lighted and well furnished.

The Lafayette, by G. P. Kress, has five chairs, good daylight and arcs. Mr. Kress was born in Meadville and has been a barber from boyhood, opening a shop 20 years ago and, 1901, securing his present fine room at 211 Chestnut St. in the commercial center of Meadville.

Nicholas Kress, barber at 940 Market St., came from Germany to Meadville 1872, commencing the barber's trade in '75, formerly where New First Natl. Bk., but at his present stand for four years past.

Jewelry Stores.

Geo. T. Wilson & Son. Born near Meadville, Geo. T. Wilson commenced business at 223 Chestnut St., 1874, and 1908, Wallace A., his son, who had been graduated from Allegheny College in 1896, became a partner in the jewelry trade.

H. B. Van Patton, optician and jeweler at 281 Chestnut St., came from Avoca, N. Y., to Meadville in 1890. He is a practical jeweler and optician of large experience.

Wood & Stone. V. L. Wood was born in Townville, this county, and, 1906, bought F. L. Raymond's jewelry repair shop on Chestnut St., two years



Phoenix Block, Erected in 1884.

later removing to 967 Water St., where he put in a full line of clocks, watches, jewelry, etc. Sept. 4, 1911, Robt. E. Stone became a partner, assisting to extend the business. He was born at Keene, N. H., and for several years in jewelry work, prior to this alliance.

H. E. Fabel was born in Lock Haven, Pa., and has been in Meadville since 1892. He worked several years for M. P. Jenks and in 1897 opened a store at cor. Market and Chestnut, purchasing his present stand, 252 Chestnut, in 1908. Mr. Fabel keeps a general line of jewelry and looks after repair work.

D. T. Reamer. Slayton & Jenks opened a jewelry store in the old Opera Block, now Phoenix corner, in the sixties. Succeeding the Delamater bank failure, M. P. Jenks occupied the n. e. cor. of Water and Chestnut Sts., where Mr. Reamer is located. He was born in Franklin, Pa., and was in the jewelry trade prior to securing this stand, April 1, 1906. He keeps a

choice selection of glass and silverware, decorated china, jewelry, gems, etc. Mr. Reamer is watch inspector for the Erie R. R. trainmen here, having the care of several hundred timekeepers.

Drug Stores.

W. M. Yates. C. M. Yates opened a drug store at 950 Water St., 1870, W. M. Yates taking charge in 1886 and in '88 removing to 972 Water St. Mr. Yates was born in Meadville, graduating from Smith's Business College in 1876.

Ballinger & Siggins. A. L. Ballinger opened a drug store here, 1891, and later was joined by F. M. Siggins. The firm hold the slightly corner of Phoenix block.

V. W. Eller is a native of Brooklyn, N. Y., and in early manhood learned the drug trade with Callender & Co., of Meadville, Pa. He was for some years in the mining districts of Colorado and about 26 years since opened a drug store at his present commodious quarters in the Academy of

Music building, where by courteous attention to the business he holds an extensive trade. He is owner of the Eller block, cor, Water St. and Mead Av., and is a progressive citizen who believes in Meadville's future.

J. G. Heckman, born in Meadville Aug. 5, 1879, entered as a clerk in his present stand in '93. This drug store was opened in 1871 and purchased by J. G. Lindeman, 1884. Upon his death, 1890, it was continued by his brother, C. E. Lindeman, Mr. Heckman becoming a partner in '97 and graduating in pharmacy from the University of Penn'a in 1900. Four years later he became sole proprietor, and keeps a complete drug and sundry line, at 912 Water St.

F. K. Easterwood, born at Mt. Morris, N. Y., was clerking for 12 years in this line before he opened a drug store here in 1889. He has well fitted rooms at 270 Chestnut St., cor. Park Av. This is fitted with soda fountain, keeps choice cigars, drug sundries, toilet articles, and gives special attention to the prescription department.

A. R. Keep in 1908 bought the E. A. Smith stand at 254 Chestnut St., where he keeps a full line of drugs.

Liquors and Tobaccos.

The scientists generally classify alcoholic drinks and nicotine among virulent poisons and assert that no good can come from their habitual use, while some seem to suffer but slight effects from years of use of the milder beverages, and appear to extract great comfort from the weed or drink. There is also much speculation regarding the moral effect upon a community, of a "wet" or "dry" condition. Be that as it may, the historian's duty is simply to record existing facts, within the bounds of law and order, and allow each person to determine from consultation with his

own health or conscience, the correct action to take.

Wholesale. Dreutlein & Kiebert, Sol. I. Stern, W. L. Orris and F. Campbell each conduct wholesale liquor stores in an orderly manner and there are several saloons of which we shall only give detailed space to those having eating houses in connection.

G. P. Dudenhoeffer, born April 30, 1855, in Erie Co., Pa., from German parentage, came to Meadville, 1883, and was a carpenter in the Erie R. R. shops for several years. In 1896 Mr. Dudenhoeffer opened the Arcade Hotel and May 23, 1911, his present restaurant at 175 Chestnut St., where he keeps liquors and serves hot meals or lunches.

The Savoy. A good addition was made to Meadville hotels when John Kebrick, in 1901, erected the Savoy, n. w. cor. Water and Chestnut Sts. This is a 3-story brick with 20 guest rooms, and run on the European plan by Frank E. Kebrick.

The Savoy Café has recently made several changes, in December, 1911, coming into the hands of Nicholas Weidenbauch. The tables and counters are in charge of C. B. Aylsworth, who formerly resided at Edinboro and has had ten years' experience in the restaurant trade, so that guests will be well cared for.

Livery and Feed Barns.

Falkinburg & Co. This livery at 954 Park Av. was opened many years ago and purchased in 1909 by the above. J. H. Falkinburg, born in Woodcock twp., has been for 17 years in livery trade here. S. Bartholomew came from Trumbull Co., O., 1905, two years later becoming a partner with Mr. Falkinburg. The firm keep 12 to 15 horses and all necessary vehicles for good livery service.

Barrows & Hill, at 900½ Water St.,



Second District School, Erected 1868

have a large barn and commodious storage for their equipment, either livery or garage, for sight seeing, business or pleasure. The business was opened, 1895, by J. H. Falkinburg, T. D. Houtz having been interested for a time prior to the purchase by the present firm, May 30, 1910. J. C. Barrows and W. B. Hill are Crawford Co. men, formerly farming.

M. W. Stalecker, born near Meadville, in 1871, has been for ten years past in the livery trade, at Walnut and Mulberry alleys, where he keeps about a dozen horses and the usual carriages necessary to accommodate customers.

L. L. Richard, born in Frenchtown, has had charge of the Kepler House feed barn since Oct., 1892, later adding flour and feed to the business, at 321 Market Square.

Wholesalers.

Swift & Co. Among pioneers in the packing trade Swift & Co. rank at the top, having 380 branch houses in various cities. The Meadville plant was built, 1896, by the W. G. Harper Lum-

ber Co. This, with lot 40x80 ft. on Mead Av., at Erie R. R., is valued at \$18,000. H. L. Cunningham, Meadville, mgr. for the Swift Co., was born at Oil City and has served with this firm at Erie, Toledo, and Meadville seven years ago, returning here Jan., 1912. It is hardly necessary to say that Swift & Co. handle everything demanded by customers in the meat line, having a large cold storage capacity.

Atlantic Refining Co. of Penna. has headquarters at Pittsburgh, Geo. B. Knox, manager, shipping to Meadville annually nearly 200,000 gallons of lubricating and kerosene oils, gasoline, etc.; also latest styles of containers. E. E. Vincamp, in charge at Meadville, born in Venango Co., has been 12 years in this line; here since 1908.

A. D. Hintz, wholesaler in fruits, etc., was in this line at Kittanning for 17 years prior to opening in Meadville, April, 1910. In April, 1912, he secured rooms at 152 Center St., formerly occupied by Moore Brothers.

Market and Main St. Stores.

M. Mercatoris, born at Akron, O., served as general machinist foreman at Chicago and Youngstown. In 1907 he returned to the home of his childhood and erected the fine 2-story cement block, 45x80 ft., cor. Market and Center Sts., where he carries a full supply of groceries, flour and feed. Mr. Mercatoris' quick appreciation of customers' needs has brought him a permanent trade.

C. P. Harris, born in New Brunswick, Canada, came to Meadville in early manhood and has been in the flour and feed, grain and seed business here for 22 years past. His large rooms at 907 Market St. are well filled with a full stock in above lines. Mr. Harris served 11 years as Common Councilman and 8 years in the Select.

Ernest F. Miller, born in Woodcock twp., opened the grocery trade at 281 Chestnut St., in 1890, and in '99 removed to his present stand, 913 Market St., where his stock meets the demand of patrons.

J. R. Hanna & Son opened a meat stand in the Market House in 1908, have one of the best ice boxes in Meadville, and have just put in a refrigerator counter which keeps meats cold while on exhibition. Mr. Hanna is a lifelong resident of Meadville, a butcher since 1870. The son, J. G., graduated from the Meadville Commercial College, 1909, and has since been waiting on customers from the Market House stand.

J. L. Jacobs & Sons. J. L. Jacobs was born in Mercer Co., but for 30 years past has been in business in Meadville. In 1910 he opened in present grocery, 853 Market St. The sons, C. E. and B. L., formerly of Meadville H. S., are now associated with their father.

Chas. F. Haas, meat market, at 899 Market St., was purchased four years

ago from his father. John Haas was born in Germany, coming to America 1873, and 30 years ago opening a meat market where the son now holds forth.

H. H. Smith, grocer at 891 Market St., was born Sept. 5, 1868, in Hayfield twp., and engaged in agriculture until coming to Meadville 8 years since. Four years ago he commenced the grocery trade and March 20, 1911, secured his present place at 891 Market St.

Langley & Smock. For several years past a grocery has been maintained at cor. of S. Main and Willow Sts. This stand was secured April 1, 1912, by above new firm. F. W. Langley graduated from the New York Trade School, 1904, and for some time past has been in employ of W. G. Harper Lumber Co. H. B. Smock, who for several years past has been clerking for grocery firms, joined Mr. Langley in above co-partnership. The firm keeps a full line of groceries and provisions and are giving careful attention to the needs of customers.

Dairy Products.

Cook Brothers are wholesale and retail ice cream and dairy product dealers. In Sept., 1912, F. J. bought out the interest of Wm. N. Keefe and April 1, 1912, the brothers secured their present quarters, at 825 Mulberry alley, where they have all necessary machinery and look after the wants of customers for milk, cream or ice cream. P. J. Cook was formerly a partner with Keefe on Boynton St. F. J. was formerly a teacher in the public schools at Kane.

Geo. B. Acuff opened a milk depot at 1000 Water St., 15 years ago, and contracts with dairymen in neighboring twps., where good herds and sanitary surroundings are maintained. Mr. Acuff's attention to customers' needs has brought a permanent trade.



Gamble-Humes Apartments, 1912

Confectionery, Etc.

Louis Tordella, at 224 Chestnut St., has been in the confectionery business since 1877, now ranging as longest in that line, and by keeping reliable goods has secured a large permanent trade. Mr. Tordella was born at Genoa, Italy, the native home of Christopher Columbus, coming to America 1872; spent three years in New York, then went to Hamilton, Canada, locating in Meadville in '77. His rooms are 20x80, with freezing and other machinery in rear for making ice cream and some confections. He sells ice cream in any quantity, keeps cigars, and all varieties of confection goods.

N. Checkary, confectioner at 251 Chestnut St., was born in Sparta, Greece, coming to America in early manhood and has been in the fruit and confectionery trade above 25 years. Mr. Checkary has owned stores at Youngstown, O., Jamestown, N. Y., Cambridge Springs and New Castle prior to locating here, April, 1908. He keeps a choice line of confectionery

and temperance drinks, and has recently added the sale of flowers.

C. H. Burch, a native of Sadsbury twp., this county, Oct., 1901, bought out the W. S. Trowbridge retail confectionery, at 276 Chestnut St. He has since added numerous improvements here, has a unique canopy, compounds fruit juice and ice cream drinks, and keeps a full line of choice confections.

A Van Riper, for many years in employ of the Erie R. R., in 1907 opened a confectionery at 166 Chestnut St. Recently he has erected a two-story cement block, 23x70 ft., on River St., at a cost of \$7,000, to be used as an ice cream and candy factory.

The White Parlor. Wm. J. Lourpas, who was born at Sparta, Greece, came to America in 1901 and served for three years in the U. S. army. He was an athlete in the Marathon races. In 1910, Mr. Lourpas engaged in confectionery and March, 1912, purchased the White Parlor stand at 948 Water St. Here are produced pure home-made candies, also fancy cold and hot temperance drinks.

Millinery and Art Goods.

Mrs. E. W. Schmidt has been in the millinery trade of Meadville for 24 years past, having for several years been located at 230 Chestnut St., but since 1907 having well fitted parlors at 959 Park Av. This is near the former location and the rooms, finely furnished, are stocked with everything which experience has shown is demanded by the most exquisite taste.

Enterprise Millinery Store, at 274 Chestnut St., was established 15 years ago, and is owned by Mesdames John Ledman and W. D. Baird, both thoroughly experienced in this art. The parlors, with attractive front, are 28x80 ft. and handsomely furnished. Trimming to order is in charge of experts and every requisite in the millinery line is found here.

Pettingell's Art Store, at 966 Water St., is filled with high class pictures and other art goods that appeal to esthetic taste. H. M. Pettingell was born at Hudson, O., and opened his art store here in 1902, since which he has established a good trade.

Graham's Variety Store. A. S. Graham, from Bedford Co., Pa., June, 1911, secured the fine room at 961 Water St., 21x150 ft., where he has a fine selection of everything usually kept in this line. He has a good assortment of wall paper and has gained a nice trade in that line.

Nabouc Corset Co. was started in Meadville some five years ago, but having some legal contention with the Spirella Co., was induced to remove the manufacturing department to Corry, Pa. A fitting parlor is maintained by Mrs. H. W. Thompson at 863 Park Av., who for 4 years past has given excellent satisfaction to her patrons.

Meadville Art Association made its first exhibit 1908, was incorporated 1910, has annual exhibits and is hopeful of establishing a permanent ex-

hibit. Prof. F. A. Christie, of the Theological School, is president; Miss Myrtle Lord, corresponding secretary. She keeps art goods for sale at — Diamond Square.

Greenhouse Goods.

Krueger's Floral Stand. August Krueger, of Germany, in 1880 purchased the pot plant business of Herman Munz and regular greenhouses have been added until it is now a large business. March, 1911, Henry J. Krueger, who was born in Buffalo and had studied modern floral methods in Chicago, Philadelphia and other cities, took charge of the sales business, corner Market and Center Sts.

Geo. W. Haas & Son. G. W. Haas, of German descent, was born in Erie, Pa., 38 years since purchasing his premises at 774 Kennedy St. and adding from time to time, having erected the 5th greenhouse in 1911, the premises now covering nearly an acre. Roger W. was born in Meadville, graduated from its H. S. June, 1906, soon afterward becoming a partner with his father. The firm are prepared to promptly furnish anything in the floral line.

Unclassified—Miscellaneous.

J. J. Eller, who conducts a loan office at 193 Mead Av., in Eller block, is a native of New York, residing in Meadville for 48 years; was clerking for J. J. Shryock and in restaurant trade prior to opening this office for the accommodation of those requiring small, prompt loans.

Second Hand Store. A partial saving is often made by both buyers and sellers for the ready interchange of second hand goods. H. J. Vernier, born in Frenchtown, this county, opened 30 years ago in this line of trade at 897 Market St., opp. the Kepler Hotel, and by fair dealing has secured a good trade, keeping a great variety of second hand and some new goods.



Park Avenue, north of North Street.

His sons, Harry and Earl, assist in the store.

Frank Fulbon & Son. Frank Fulbon, born Nov. 3, 1843, in Vernon township, opened in furniture trade, in Meadville, with J. Swickard some 20 years ago and later moved to Penn Av., Kerrtown, where he keeps a good stock in that line.

Artificial Stone Co., on Pine St., below S. Main, was started in 1902, and furnished the building blocks for the Odd Fellows' Home and several other more recently erected buildings.

J. Postance, book binder, was born in London, Eng., where he learned his trade, coming to New York in 1870 and a few years later taking charge of the Meadville Republican bindery. He is skilled in ruling, blank book work and all the v of the binder's art, having rooms over Conrad Fisher's, s. e. cor. Chestnut and Market Sts., with entrance on Market.

Crawford Co. Mutual Insurance Co. Above company was formed by Meadville men in 1840, and having promptly paid every honest claim has grown in strength and permanency with passing years. It makes a specialty of

dwelling and public buildings. The directors are J. E. Reynolds, E. A. Hempstead, Daniel Veith, D. A. Gill, F. G. Prenatt, Geo. T. Wilson, R. C. McMaster, F. M. Siggins and Dr. W. D. Hamaker. Hon. John E. Reynolds, mentioned among Meadville attorneys, is president and R. C. Adams sec. and treas.

R. C. Adams, secretary of above company, is also in general insurance. He was born in Plainfield, N. J., came to Meadville in boyhood and has been with the Crawford Mutual since 1885. Mr. Adams writes general insurance for several good companies.

A. W. Ellsworth, son of F. H. Ellsworth, former Sheriff of Crawford Co., was born in Meadville, May 13, 1866, and after being hardware clerk for some years, was one of the promoters in organizing and securing right of way for the electric lines centering here. In Sept., 1910, he engaged in the fire insurance business and represents several strong companies, being classed as a non-board agency. Office at 906 Park Ave.

Leberman & Grove. L. A. and D. D. Leberman opened insurance, 1888. Luther A. Leberman, born in Lebanon

Co., comes from German parentage, of the Reformed church affiliation. The son, Arthur V., is a partner with E. L. Grove, both members being natives of Crawford Co. A large line of fire companies are represented and Union Central Life. Office in Crawford Co. Trust Co. building.

Phillip P. Wenz, born in Germany, in Meadville since 1856, served five terms as Justice of the Peace, the title changing to Alderman in 1902. He is a Notary Public and writes general fire, life and accident insurance, at No. 939 Park Av.

Bender's Insurance Agency. Carl Bender was born in Germany and for over 30 years in America, having been in mercantile and manufacturing business prior to purchasing a year since the business of Elmer Dilley at Room 4, New First Natl Bk., a general insurance, covering fire, life, accident, automobile, etc., representing Equitable of N. Y., Aetna of Hartford, and others. Edwin C. Bender, who graduated from St. Vincent's, near Pittsburgh, 1908, and was commercial traveler, joined his father in above purchase.

G. W. Phillips, president of the Commonwealth Bank, formerly wrote general fire insurance, but now confines his transactions to Fidelity Bonds and burglary insurance.

Frank H. Dukessmith, reared in Virginia, came to Meadville 1902 and engaged in the air-brake business. He was founder of several publications, chief among which is the "Salesmanship Magazine," now being issued from Chicago. Mr. Dukessmith started a school on salesmanship and is author of a treatise on the subject, which is purchased by many firms. He was president of the Meadville Chamber of Commerce, 1907, when the Page Boiler Works located here. He is now delivering lectures on "The Development of Transportation and Its Influence on Civilization."

Medical and Sanitary Matters.

Dr. F. F. Waelde. Since page 65, about dentists, went to press Meadville has an addition in that line. F. F. Waelde, born in Ohio, was brought to Meadville in infancy, educated in the H. S. here, graduating D. D. S. from the University of Pittsburgh 1910 and in practice there prior to locating here, May, 1912. He has well fitted rooms, 305-6 Crawford County Trust Co. building.

Turkish Baths. A well fitted Turkish bath room, both for men and women, is conducted in the basement of the Crawford Co. Trust Bldg., by H. S. Wertz and daughter, who are proficient in that line.

Magnetic Healer. Mrs. M. A. Sinclair, born in Canada, read medicine there and for 11 years past has held an office at Oil City, removing to Meadville, Oct., 1911, where she occupies a convenient suite of rooms at 966 S. Main. Mrs. Sinclair applies magnetism through osteopathic, mechno therapy, and massage methods. She also gives thermals, neutral, and face baths, to ladies, as required.

Asbestos Work. H. C. Warner has warerooms at corner of Pine and Water Sts., holding agency for the H. W. Johns-Manville Co., for anything in the asbestos line.

Duntley Pneumatic Sweeper.

Any article which adds to the sanitary condition of the home, and otherwise saves labor, soon becomes indispensable. The Duntley Pneumatic Sweeper, although put upon the market but a few years since, is rapidly gaining favor and is unexcelled by any domestic vacuum cleaner. This, used like the ordinary carpet sweeper, sucks the dirt from the rug or carpet, ends the horrors of house cleaning, avoids the necessity of the broom and dust pan and reduces the scattering of dust to a minimum.



Goodwin & Nunn.—See page 80.

For explanatory circular address Duntley Manfg. Co., 4th floor Harvester Bldg., 606 Michigan Blvd., Chicago, Ill. This company also wants good agents.

The Meadville Associated Charities.

A society for the improvement of the condition of the poor was started in Meadville some 25 years ago and later the above name was taken. Mrs. Elvira McCoy was the efficient secretary up to the time of her death, March 1, 1912. With the past winter a working fund of \$1,220 was created, Mrs. Mary D. Leberman chosen as superintendent, and April 1st the office was removed to 283 Walnut St. B. B. Ferer, D. D., Pres.; A. M. Fuller, V. P.; Dr. F. A. Christie, 2d V. P.; Mrs. F. C. Southworth, Sec.; J. J. Farnicorn, Treas. There are about 20 directors and all resident pastors are considered as part of the directorate.

A District Nurse. Miss E. Martha Northend has headquarters with the Associated Charities and at a nominal

price attends the worthy poor who are unable to pay the usual rates. Her salary is generously provided for by Mrs. Henry Kidder, of Boston, nee Elizabeth Huidekoper, of Meadville.

Contractors and Builders.

In addition to the wood-working interests noted on pages 46-8, there are several more in wood, about a dozen in brick, stone and cement work, and several contract painters.

W. E. Morrison & Son, at 542 Randolph St., are prepared to handle all contracts in the building line. The senior partner was born in Canada, locating in Meadville about 1860., while A. W., the son, was born in this city. He attended the grammar school and Commercial College prior to engaging with his father in the contract work, 14 years since. The firm have a lumber yard, planing mill and other building requisites, on the alleys in rear of 536-542 Randolph St., requiring the services of from 5 to 25 men, in accord with the season and building conditions. Among recent buildings

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erected by this firm are U. P. Church, shown on page 29, and the Children's Home, shown on page 21.

J. E. Lewis, a contract painter and decorator, was born near Meadville, learned his trade in early manhood and spent several years in the West. For 16 years past he has been plying his trade in this city with good success. His sons, Ray R. and K. R., assist Mr. Lewis, besides whom he keeps a force of several men. Residence, 243 Willow St.; mixing rooms, rear of 164 Mead Av.

John F. Herman, a lifelong resident of Meadville, after serving as an engineer on the Erie R. R. for several years, learned the painting and paper hanger's trade, a number of years since, and is doing contract work, in the busy season giving employment to several men.

Duncan Campbell, born in Canada, located in Meadville, and has been a building and painting contractor ever since, his careful attention to good material and good work having brought him a permanent trade. Office at his home, 837 Water St.

D. P. Wheeler, who was born in Little Cooley, has been in Meadville about 20 years, in blacksmithing and other work, prior to opening the coal trade on West Race St., 1910. Last season he delivered 600 tons of coal for the use of Meadville schools and at present he has a considerable force of men doing cement work for city contracts.

Practical Co-operation is the title of a valuable book just issued by the National Co-operative Realty Co., Marden Bldg., Washington, D. C. It tells how the author started with nothing and quickly accumulated a fortune in the real estate business—how he has started and assisted nearly 15,000 others along the same line. It is both interesting and instructive. It tells how any honest, ambitious person can

learn and enter a pleasant and profitable business of his own, as special representative of this great corporation, and become independent for life. The above company agrees to send one of these books to each of our readers free of charge while they last. Write today if interested.

Additions and Corrections.

Burrell G. Palmer, who was noticed under McIntosh grocery, page 79, has returned to his former engagement as day clerk at the Lafayette Hotel.

Print Shop. Henry J. Keim, a native of Meadville, April 1, 1912, opened a new job printing outfit at 248 Chestnut St., where he is prepared to do commercial printing.

The Railway Chemical Co. was started some 3 years ago. It has store-house and offices at 114 Race St. This company is making and shipping a superior cleansing varnish and polish, known as "A. T. V. Kleenko." It is non-inflammable, drying instantly, and putting a superior gloss on hardwood, or any painted surface, and its use is rapidly spreading. The capital stock is \$5,000. T. H. Hopkirk, of New York, president; Miss G. G. Bradley, of Meadville, secretary.

Bronze Metal Co. On page 45 we gave some detail regarding one of Meadville's factories. On May 9, 1912, J. E. Davey resigned and E. E. Seacrist was promoted to the management. He was born in Alliance, O., learned the moulder's trade there and was foreman of the Erie R. R. foundry shop prior to the establishment of the Bronze Metal Co., in 1910, when he took the foremanship there. This company has recently made a shipment to a Brazilian Ry. and is rapidly gaining a sale for its excellent, up-to-date products among the leading railroads throughout the states.

Electrical Supplies. Harley D. Carpenter, 190-192 Mead Av., will upon the



Up Chestnut Street from Water Street.

completion of the new Arthur Bates block remove to 289-291 Chestnut St., nearly opposite the P. O. Mr. Carpenter graduated from the Meadville H. S. 1903 and entered Allegheny College leaving in his junior year to engage in the electrical supply business,

laundry machinery, covering all necessary late patents, for efficient laundry work. A. H. Smith was born in Meadville and P. W. Watson has resided here 18 years, both formerly railroad men. They are securing a good line of patronage and will employ from 10 to 12 hands.



wholesale and retail, and is now building complete electric lighting plants for country homes, clubs, etc. We show herewith one of the 25-light direct connected outfits.

Superior Laundry Co. was organized in April, 1912, having the room, 22x120 ft., at 990 Water St. remodeled, and excepting the 80-horse power boiler an entire new equipment of up-to-date

Picture Framing. Jacques Schneider came to Meadville from Switzerland about 40 years ago and for 12 years past has been in the picture framing business at 944 Market St.

A Circulating Library. A. S. Kepler, who has resided in Meadville for 33 years, several years ago, with about a dozen books, started a circulating library and has increased the stock from time to time until he now has about 1,000 volumes, having in the meantime sold or discarded 1,800 books. He keeps only the latest fiction, renting at 10 cents per week, to each customer.

First Christian Church. Since page 28 went to press Rev. Iams resigned and April, 1912, Rev. Norman F. Johnson, from Crafton Christian Church, of Pittsburgh, assumed charge here. He

is a graduate of Bethany College, was for several years a student in Byron King's School of Oratory, and is a lecturer of ability. The Meadville Christian Church now has about 100 members.

The Bell Telephone Co.

Alexander Graham Bell perfected and patented, in 1876, the first commercial telephone. In 1881, H. C. Beman, working for the Central District & Printing Telegraph Co. of Pittsburgh, put in the first 'phone lines here, turning the plant, with about 200 instruments working, over to the management of E. M. Boynton late in '83. He continued for many years, but his son and others were in the management here prior to 1908, when J. R. Williams succeeded. Mr. Williams is a native of East Liverpool, O., and in the telephone business for several years prior to coming to Meadville.

With the erection of the Crawford Co. Trust building the 5th and 6th floors were completed to the needs of the Bell, the company's offices on the 6th floor affording the best bird's-eye view to be had of Meadville, from its business center.

The wires are conducted through the walls in lead encased cables from the basement to 5th floor, where they are divided, each running to its own intricate automatic device. The ringing machines, power control board, Wire Chief's trouble test board, storage battery and motor generator are on 5th floor, and large multiple switch board, with ultimate capacity of 5,600 lines, is on the 6th floor. The switch board is largely automatic and a very interesting piece of machinery. The business offices, operators' rest room and public pay station are also on the 6th floor.

In removing to the new apartments, March 23, 1912, the old turn-the-crank system was entirely discarded and everything both outside and inside

fitted to the Central Battery system, by which customers only need to lift the receiver. This fitting of everything absolutely new created an expense of \$60,000, but the quick response of the public to this betterment will doubtless reimburse the fund in due time. The Bell 'phones operated through the Meadville exchange June, 1912, aggregate 800.

The Meadville Telephone Co.

This company was organized in 1900, the capital stock having since been increased to \$60,000. The exchange here gives connection, without toll charges, to Saegertown, Venango, Mosiertown, Crossingville, Blooming Valley, Guys Mills, Townville, New Richmond, Lyona, Geneva, Conneaut Lake, Harmonsburg, Dicksonburg and Exposition Park, aggregating over 1,700 'phones in service. All other important villages of the county are incorporated in the Eastern Crawford Telephone Co., which was organized in 1906, under the above management and has over 700 'phones in use. The Meadville Company is steadily rebuilding its plant on modern lines. W. P. Maddox, Pres.; Jas. R. Andrews, V. P.; C. S. Burwell, Treas.; H. M. Dickson, Secy.; J. H. Wright, Gen. Mgr. In addition to above names, J. D. Downing and W. W. Gelvin are on the directorate. The Meadville Telephone Co. was organized to bring competitive rates to this city and outside connections to nearby villages without toll. It has done a full share towards enhancing Meadville interests, and its officials are alert to Meadville's upbuilding.

The Academy of Music.

Every city of importance must have a good theatre building in order to attract the best dramatic and musical companies. Prior to 1885 some attempts to raise funds for such a building here had met with failure. In that year Ernest A. Hempstead built



Residence of W. S. McGunagle.

the Academy of Music, equipping it in modern style. It had a double opening Dec. 15 and 16, 1885, Lawrence Barrett in Geo. H. Baker's great tragic romance "Frances da Rimini" and Sol Smith Russell in "Felix McCusick." Arthur B. Chase, manager for Mr. Barrett, wrote the owner that the house was "a gem, both before and behind the curtain." A list of the artists and plays of high grade that have appeared here would fill pages. The theatre is at present under lease by the Reis Circuit.

Mr. Hempstead, owner, has spent his life in three corners of Penna. Born in Susquehanna Co., he removed with his parents to Philadelphia, 1861. Graduating from the Central High School there 1869, he came to Meadville in 1870, engaging with his uncle, Col. C. W. Tyler, upon the Crawford Journal, becoming its editor 1873 and the next year proprietor, in which relation he continued until 1909, a period of 35 years. For two years he was principal owner and editor of the Morning Star, introducing the leased wire telegraphic service. From 1878 until 1905 he was connected with the printing of the Chautauqua periodi-

icals. Mr. Hempstead served as Postmaster here from June 1, 1897, to May 15, 1910. In the preliminary caucus of the Roosevelt delegates to the Republican State Convention at Harrisburg, May 1, 1912, he was favored for Congressman-at-Large by the delegates from several counties of Northwestern Pennsylvania. Mr. Hempstead is connected with so many of the financial, literary, civic and industrial enterprises of Meadville that the compiler will not take space for further enumeration, but suffice to say that his zeal for Meadville's upbuilding has made him foremost in many of her permanent enterprises.

Lyceum Theatre. This block was originally built by Roché & Rice, used by Orris & Son as a clothing store and afterward by Smith & Son as a harness and leather store. In 1907, Chas. E. Schatz leased the building and opened a moving picture show and afterward added vaudeville to the attractions. Improvements have been made from year to year and in July and August, 1911, the entire building was remodeled at a cost of \$10,000. Complete fire-proof curtains and scenery were installed, seating ca-

capacity increased to about 500 and wide aisles and plenty of exits arranged. The booth is fire-proof and placed to one side away from the main room. The pictures are changed daily and only new ones used. The vaudeville acts are strictly up-to-date, booked through the Gus Sun Circuit, and changed Mondays and Thursdays.

The Photoplay Theatre was built by A. H. Kohler and Dec. 13, 1911, was purchased by M. S. Fine and Abraham Kramer, both of Altoona. Mr. Fine at once became the Meadville manager and will make every effort to keep the best attractions in this line.

The Manhattan was started in 1910 by E. C. Balizet and endeavors to give good entertainments in its line.

Springs and Hotels.

Besides the nearby Ponce de Leon and Thurston Springs, we have mineral waters at Saegertown, Conneaut Lake and Cambridge, all in Western Crawford.

The Tilbrook Hotel at Saegertown is where one of the original iron and magnesia springs was opened. The hotel has 50 guest rooms, all outside, is well fitted and furnished. Chas. S. Tilbrook, formerly in this line at McKeesport, purchased the place in 1910 from Peter Deutsch. The cuisine and other accommodations are of the best, while rates are but \$2 and \$2.50 per day, or \$10 to \$12 per week. (See cut on page 115.)

Ponce de Leon Springs.

The Indians and pioneers from time immemorial lauded the spring near Oakwood Park as the great life-giving liquid and many are the cures reported from the use of this mineral water. It was purchased some 20 years ago by Dr. Henry C. Johnson and from its published analysis it is extensively recommended by medical men for the treatment of ailments requiring the alkaline minerals. As

found in nature through this spring it is more readily assimilated to the benefit of humanity, than when combined by the most skillful chemist.

The Ponce de Leon Spring water for a century past has been used on the tables of the Huldekopers, Dicks, Gills, Shryocks, Magaws and other historic families here. It is shipped in bottles or carboys to Pittsburgh and other cities and delivered regularly to customers in Meadville. Frank R. Shryock, Pres.; Dr. C. C. Hill, V. P.; J. J. Shryock, Sec.-Treas.; F. D. Baird, supt. at the springs.

Musical Matters.

Mrs. Juvia O. Hull came to Meadville 40 years ago and has ever since been active in musical matters. She was instructor in the old Philharmonic Society, for 10 years director in the Pennsylvania Conservatory and for over 38 years has been a director in choir work, having present charge at Christ Episcopal Church.

The Oratorio Society, organized Sept., 1908, has a membership of about 75. Its object is to unite the musical talent of Meadville and to produce one oratorio each year. It has produced "The Creation," "Elijah," "The Messiah," "St. Paul," and the next production will be "The Seasons." While this is under the personal direction of Mrs. Juvia Hull, prominent in Meadville musical culture for about 40 years, the annual recital always brings to the city some leading musical talent.

Wednesday P. M. Musical Club takes up the study of prominent musical compositions. Officers are Mrs. Flavia Porter, Pres.; Mrs. E. W. Lawrence, V. P.; Miss May Graham, Sec.; Miss Anna Ray, Cor. Sec.; Mrs. Will Horn, Treas.

Henry Sartorius, born in Germany, Oct. 15, 1834, came to New York in '59, and in '61 joined the 20th N. Y. Reg., serving for two years. He had



The Tilbrook Hotel, Saegertown, Pa.

studied art under the European masters and for 34 years has resided at 435 Pine St., from whence his oil and crayon work has gone forth. Mr. Sartorius organized the Germania Singing Society many years ago. It meets in Shryock block.

The Country Club.

This organization, representing many of Meadville's elite, was formed in 1906, and as a restful outing place purchased the Burkhalter farm of 107 acres located 4 miles north of Meadville, on the Saegertown route. Golf links, tennis grounds, a carry and club house have been created, the property now being worth above \$18,000, and every requisite made to give relief to the tired brain of the business or professional man who is a member. Several handsome improvements are being added in 1912. The present membership is about 250. The directors for 1912 are Dr. R. B. Gamble, E. H. Sackett, E. A. Hempstead, Frank Fox, P. J. Shaughnessy, B. B. Pickett, J. S. Hotchkiss, J. D. Downing, J. J. Farnicorn. Dr. T. L. Flood, Pres.; J. H. Pardee, V. P.; C. S. Burwell, Treas.; L. E. Stacy, Sect.

Fraternal Orders Continued.

On page 88 we neglected to say that

Crawford Lodge 734 some years since became a member of the Grove City Odd Fellows' Home for aged brothers. This lodge in 1910 purchased for \$9,750, the L. D. Dunn lot, 50x250 feet, on Water St., upon which it will soon erect a five or six-story building, at a probable cost of \$75,000. Cussewago Lodge joined the Grove City Home in April, 1912, and this will insure a home in old age and financial stress, to any of its worthy members.

Meadville Canton 47, P. M., is the military division of Odd Fellowship. It was established Nov. 30, 1906, and has about 50 members. J. Wilson Hamilton, Capt.; J. E. Harding, Lieut.; J. H. Harper, Ensign; Roger W. Haas, Clerk; Chas. Hohenstein, Acc't.

Chariot Court No. 17, T. B. H., was organized Sept. 30, 1899, Esquire P. P. Wenz having served as Scribe for 12 years. The Court has about 225 members and meets Mondays in P. H. C. Hall, Park Av. Chas. Hohenstein, Chief; Mrs. Mildred Brown, Judge; Mrs. Christie Johnson, Teacher; W. B. Hickernell, Scribe; Sophia Kater, K. of T.

Crawford Lodge 164, K. of P., was organized June 29, 1869, and has a present membership of 175, meeting every Tuesday evening in Pythian Temple.

Crawford building. Edw. W. Hoffman, C. C.; Fred Foust, V. C.; Wilbur Byham, Prelate; R. A. Gawne, K. of R. S.; Fred Burkhardt, M. of F.; Dr. I. A. Smith, M. of E.

Golden Spur 122, K. of P., was organized March, 1911, and has 20 plucky members who hope to soon put on a campaign for lodge growth. It meets 1st and 3d Wednesdays in B. of R. T. Hall; Frank Melborn, C. C.; Harry Hodge, V. C.; C. E. Leffel, Prelate; Homer B. Klingensmith, M. of F.; Harry Bartholomew, M. of E.; Fred Conrad, K. of R. S.

R. A. Gawne, who has the honor to represent Crawford Co. as Deputy Grand Chancellor, K. of P., was born on the Isle of Man and for several years past has been tailoring for Mendel's.

Knights of the Maccabees.

This order was started in Canada in 1878 and later incorporated at Detroit. It has 5,000 tents in 55 states, with membership of 300,000 and reserve of \$11,000,000. All legitimate claims have been promptly paid and the rates are now on a safe basis for perpetuity. Over \$40,000,000 has been paid to beneficiaries.

Meadville Tent 83, organized Oct. 1891, still holds some of its charter members and is prosperous, with about 200 on its rolls. It has given \$3,350 in relief and charity; paid for death and old age benefits over \$50,000. The lodge meets every Thursday night in its own hall. Clarence R. Lee, Com.; P. J. Kirchies, Lieut.-Com.; Frank L. Miller, Rec. Kr.; Drs. W. D. Hamaker and N. B. Noll, Examiners.

A. L. Dunbar 142, B. of R. T., was organized 1885 and has about 300 members. Sessions are held 1st Sunday and every Tuesday at 1 p. m., in Eiler block hall. J. H. Grinnell, Pres.; G. W. Fell, Sec.; C. H. Hausman, Treas.; Geo. Shannon, Chm. Bd. of Adjustment, West; W. H. Feringer, Chm. Bd. of Adjustment, East.

The Loyal Order of Moose.

Very few fraternal orders have grown more rapidly than the above order, which was organized at Louisville, Ky., 1878, rapidly spread throughout the U. S. and has been planted in Germany and other foreign lands, the membership now being about 675,000.

Meadville 99, L. O. O. M., was organized April 26, 1909, with 346 charter members and has now about 1,000 members, making it the largest fraternal order here. The Meadville Moose give free medical aid and pay a weekly sick benefit (chronic diseases excepted) of \$7 per week and a funeral benefit of \$100. Aug. 1, 1911, the Meadville Moose secured its brick home on Mead Av., which with repairs and furnishings is valued above \$10,000. Further extensive changes and additions are now in process of evolution.

Principal officers for 1912 are Howard R. Catlin, Dict.; Rodney C. Hazen, Treas.; A. D. Hudson, Sec.; Frank Dake, J. Alvin Dell, Wm. Guenther, Trustees. This lodge maintains a band of 28 pieces and a mandolin club, and the home life of its club rooms is much enjoyed by its members.

Barbers' Union. The Journeymen Barbers' International Union of America was organized Dec. 5, 1887, in Bay City, Mich., by 15 delegates, representing about 600 barbers in 15 cities of the U. S. and Canada. At the present time the membership is approximately 35,000. At the last convention held in Milwaukee, Wis., there were in attendance 635 delegates, more barbers than were ever before assembled in convention. It pays to members \$5.00 per week for 16 weeks sick benefit; death benefit from \$75 to \$500, according to length of membership.

Local No. 198 was organized April 15, 1901, by M. C. Howe, General Organizer. Regular meetings are held third Thursday of each month. The present officers are: W. H. Hemler,



St. Paul's Reformed Church.— See page 24.

Pres.; F. W. Prenatt, V. P.; G. S. Wagner, Sec.; D. J. Pfeifer, Rec.; C. J. Schadt, Treas. These officers constitute the local Executive Board.

Meadville Royal Arcanum. On page 90 we gave some facts about the Royal Arcanum and have since secured the names of officers. Geo. C. Roberts, Regent of No. 78; Ed. F. Weber, V. R.; Jas. T. Martin, Sect.; Frank Hanaway, Col.; Richard Graham, Treas. Meets 1st and 3d Tuesdays in Woodmen's Hall. Organized May 3, 1880; present membership 110.

French Creek Council 325 was organized in early eighties, and has changed its meeting nights to 1st and 3d Thursdays, Woodmen's Hall; 166 members. P. Davern, Regent; F. M. Walrath, V. R.; C. L. Pappenhagen, Col.; J. H. Reitze, Treas.; H. B. Smock, Sec.; G. G. Gartner, Orator.

Knights of Columbus.

This, leading fraternity among Roman Catholic Societies, was organized fall of 1879. In its ranks are cardinals, bishops and priests, as well as

leading laymen. The membership of 300,000, of whom 70,000 hold insurance certificates, are scattered well over North America.

Meadville Council 338, instituted Dec. 11, 1901, with 50 charter members, has now about 200 members, 75 of whom belong to the insurance. The lodge and club rooms are in Knorr block, 285½ Chestnut St., and an effort will soon be made to erect a new home. Present officers Joseph Carroll, G. K.; Edwin C. Bender, D. G. K.; Alfred F. Miller, C.; George S. Wagner, Rec.; A. J. Deitsch, F. S.; J. Frank Munhall, Treas.

The American Insurance Union.

This fraternal order, established 1894, writes health and accident certificates and life policies, giving disability benefits at age 70 on a safe basis of modern experience. The headquarters are at Columbus, Ohio, Dr. Geo. W. Hoglan, National Secretary. The membership is now above 27,000.

Meadville Chapter 246, A. I. U., was organized Feb., 1911, and has about

50 members. It meets 2d and 4th Wednesdays in Woodmen's Hall. Officers to July, 1912, are Henry Krueger, P. P.; Mildred M. Brown, Pres.; Chas. Hohenstein, V. P.; Martha Moyer, Sec.; Martha McKeown, Cashier and Treas.; Dr. F. A. Clawson, Examiner.

McDowell, 232, P. H. C., was instituted Nov. 13, 1905, and has a present membership of about 275. It meets 2d and 4th Fridays in Woodmen's Hall. Officers to July, 1912, are Mrs. Margaret Delp, Past Pres.; Miss Lula Callahan, Pres.; Mrs. May Tuholski, V. P.; Mrs. Reba Hudson, Guardian; Miss Jeanett Ehergott, Sec.; C. Cassidy, Acct.; Mrs. Gertrude Yocum, Treas. (For Supreme Circle statistics see page 91.)

Ladies of the Maccabees.

The Supreme Hive, L. O. T. M. of the World, was organized at Port Huron, Mich., Oct. 1, 1892. April 1, 1912 there were 2,671 hives, with total membership of 163,365, with \$5,531,971 in the reserve fund. A fund of \$30,373 had also been set aside towards a hospital, home and relief fund. The Great Hive for Pennsylvania was instituted May 1, 1896. Much credit is due to Dr. Susan F. Rose, of Meadville, a charter member of Meadville Hive, who served for several years as medical examiner for both the Supreme and Great Hives.

Meadville Hive No. 62 was organized Oct. 24, 1894, and has a present membership of about 135. It meets alternate Thursdays in K. of P. Hall. Officers for 1912: Anna Byham, Past Com.; Hattie Terry, Com.; Emma Hartman, Lieut. Com.; Ella M. Clark, R. K.; Marjorie Strachan, Financial Auditor.

The Order of Elks.

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks was started at New York City in 1864, rapidly spread through America and has acquired a reputation for

humanitarian work second to no other fraternal order. The report of 1912 will show a membership of 400,000 in 1,500 lodges. For several years the Elks have maintained a home at Bedford, Va., for aged and unfortunate Elks. Plans are now consummated for building a new home there that, with its completion, will have cost over \$300,000 and be unexcelled by any fraternal home in the world.

Meadville Lodge 219 was chartered June 14, 1892, upon application of Brothers Church, Orris, Larned, McFarland, Reefer, Lord, Boileau, Laffer, Matson, Martin and Dick. The late Hon. Pearson Church served as first Exalted Ruler. Meadville Lodge has a present membership of about 400 and meets 2d and 4th Wednesdays at Elks' Hall. This fine three-story brick, shown in illustration, at corner of Water St. and Mead Av., was purchased 1909 at a cost of \$22,500, since which several thousand dollars improvements have been added, making the present Elks' home value about \$35,000.

Officers for 1912: H. H. Finney, Exalted Ruler; F. L. Hotchkiss, Est. Leading Knight; A. E. Wagner, Est. Loyal Knight; Howard Dowdell, Est. Lecturing Knight; Peter Delp, Sec.; E. F. Weber, Treas.; B. L. Lyon, W. E. Byham, H. H. Steffon, E. W. McArthur and H. K. Goodwin, Trus.

Modern Woodmen of America.

This largest fraternal insurance organization in America commenced business at Rock Island, Ill., Jan. 5, 1883, upon the cheap rate scale, but has remodeled its plans, to modern experience tables, and in less than 30 years has a membership of about 1,200,000. It has paid to beneficiaries over \$100,000,000 and holds assets of about \$9,000,000.

The Modern Woodmen Order has about completed plans for the largest and most complete "Tuberculosis Camp" in the world, near Colorado



Elks Home, 956-8 Water Street.

Springs, Colo. It has issued a booklet which contains a vast amount of condensed information regarding the diagnosis and treatment of consumption that can be secured by any family, by sending a 2-ct. to C. W. Hawes, Head Clerk, Rock Island, Ill. The society is popular in its home State, which contains nearly one-fourth of its membership.

Meadville Camp 5500 was organized in 1898 and has a present membership of about 190. It meets in its own hall at 939 Water St., 1st and 3d Mondays. Officers: Onie W. Alsdorf, Councilor; Frank D. Briggs, Clerk; Leroy E. Welk, Treas.; John Mallery, J. E. Almon, Geo. G. Green, Trustees; Austin L. Weamer, of Saegertown, Pa., State Deputy.

International Typographical Union.

The printers were early in the field

of labor unions, the National Typographical Union having been organized May, 1852, more than 60,000 being now affiliated.

The International Typographical Union has erected and maintains a fine tuberculosis sanitarium and home for aged printers, at Colorado Springs. After 30 years' affiliation with the union a member draws \$5 per week old age pension.

Typographical Union 181, of Meadville, was organized Sept., 1885, and has 23 members. It meets first Mondays at Central Labor Hall. Samuel Postance, Pres.; C. J. Aspey, Sec.; S. M. Engle, Treas. Mr. Engle retains a Certificate of Membership issued to him by Louisville (Ky.) Union No. 10, Oct., 1860.

The County Alms House.

In the first half of the past century

each township cared for its own poor. An Act passed April 15, 1851, provided for the erection of a County House. Isaac Saeger, J. D. McIntire, Jas. Cochran, Hugh Brawley, H. B. Beatty, Anson Leonard, Wm. McLean and John Reynolds, as Commissioners, purchased 99½ acres of land near Saegertown for \$3,980, and 1852-3, J. A. McFadden and Joseph Balliet erected the old part, 42x90 ft., 2½ story brick, with kitchen L 22x36. In 1868 the south part, 45x68, 3 stories, was added at a cost of \$20,000. March, 1869, 124 acres were purchased at a cost of \$8,660, and 14 additional acres bought in 1881, cost \$680. The barn, built 1908, is a handsome structure and cost \$11,000. The improvements made some five years ago, when the men's ward was added, together with heating, plumbing, etc., makes the total value of the buildings, with 237½ acres of land, aggregate about \$75,000. This is in charge of our County Commissioners. Sherwood Bentley, born in Randolph twp., a farmer and shipper, April 1, 1912, succeeded W. D. Thompson, who for seven years prior had been Superintendent of the County Home and Farm. Mr. Bentley is giving close attention to his numerous duties and will doubtless make a good record.

The New Jail will be a credit to Crawford County. When compiling page 8 we referred to the old one and expressed the popular wish that the stone jail should be replaced by a better structure; but at that time hardly expected the consummation to come so promptly. On page 58 we note the present Commissioners. These men, in deference to the public demand, on May 28, 1912, let the contract for the stone basement and superstructure to Crowe & Grindrod, for \$24,425, to which if enameled brick are used, for interior finish, \$2,900 will be added. The Pauly Company get the contract for steel work, in-

cluding cages, at \$12,087; making total cost of the completed building about \$40,000. The jail, which will be completed this year, will be sanitary and attractive in appearance, with a hospital department and separate ward for women and children.

A Convention Hall.

Meadville, located midway between New York and Chicago, on the Erie R. R. trunk line, would be a favorable place for conventions if it had a suitable auditorium. Our Library needs a fireproof apartment to house its 16,000 volumes and a Y. M. C. A. should be built apart from the one connected with Allegheny College.

A Memorial Hall was recently built in Allegheny, Pa., at a cost of \$1,500,000. Five years ago Milwaukee erected an Auditorium that cost \$500,000. In 1911 it was estimated that the profits to merchants, landlords and others consequent upon attendance at conventions, etc., to this Milwaukee assembly room aggregated over \$1,000,000 that would have gone elsewhere for lack of a sufficient auditorium. The Milwaukee building comprises several sections, which can be thrown into one auditorium, seating 10,000 persons. A building perhaps one-fourth or one-third as large would accommodate Meadville's necessities and bring many dollars here that go elsewhere for lack of assembly room. It has been suggested that the basement accommodate a bowling alley, gymnasium, billiard and shaving parlors, the first and balcony floors for congregations, lectures, etc., with library section, in concrete surroundings, on first floor under the balcony part; with 3d and 4th floors for Y. M. C. A., reading and private rooming apartments. Boston and many other progressive cities attribute their rapid and permanent prosperity to their elegant libraries, Y. M. C. A., and spacious convention halls. Why not get together on a stock plan for



Down Chestnut Street, from Diamond.

Y. M. C. A., Public Library and Convention Hall in one large, commodious building. It is worthy of more than a passing thought.

Additional Summary.

On pages 93-95 we summed up many arguments in Meadville's progressiveness and made some corrections, consequent upon progress since our work began, Sept., 1911. Among the notable architectural changing is the razure of two fine frame residences on south side of Chestnut St., above Park Av., where the W. L. Krider Garage is now building at a cost of about \$40,000, and where the Masonic Temple is soon to be commenced, as noted elsewhere.

On the west side two shacks of store buildings have been torn away to give place to a fine brick block being erected by Hon. Arthur L. Bates.

Among the residences being constructed is that of Carl Fahr, on East Chestnut St., which will cost in the neighborhood of \$6,000.

The new residence of Charles Blystone, on Grove St., is about completed, and will entail an outlay of approximately \$7,000.

C. R. Watson is planning upon erecting a residence on Center St. which will cost about \$3,500.

The Church building, on the Diamond, which was recently purchased by the State Armory Board, will be completely remodeled and a drill shed erected on the lot to the rear, at a large cost.

Isaac Monderau is erecting a two-story frame dwelling house on West St. which will cost about \$2,000.

Besides those already mentioned, it is stated that placing the total number of new houses to be erected in Meadville the summer of 1912 at 125, would not be exaggerating, and taking the cost of each house at an average of not less than \$2,000, it will entail an outlay of at least \$250,000. In addition to these improvements there are a number of alterations and general improvements being made in many of the business blocks of Meadville which will cost about \$50,000, the most notable of which is the recent very extensive improvements made by the Merchants' National Bank, which will probably cost over \$25,000.

Wide Awake Meadville.

On May 15, 1912, occurred the closing of a canvass for a \$75,000 Industrial Fund, which had been over subscribed within two weeks' canvass, illustrating that the city builders are in earnest to assist worthy manufac-

tories in locating or opening industries here. The Executive Committee had been appointed by the Meadville Chamber of Commerce, John Dick, chairman; C. Theodore Campbell, secretary; J. B. Brawley, assistant secretary; E. A. Hempstead, chairman Publicity Committee. These men, with their well selected team captains, made a whirlwind campaign, R. H. Sherman at the head of the winning team, rounding up \$13,435, and E. H. Sackett's team coming a close second with \$13,099. W. W. Kincaid, President of the Spirella Company, gave an additional \$2,000 when the fund had reached \$73,390, thereby sending it above the initial plan for \$75,000. Mayor F. M. Graff, E. L. Humes and others made enthusiastic speeches to the workers on the closing night of round up, and every one believes that, through the aid of this Industrial Fund, the Chamber of Commerce and Business Men's Exchange, together with this educational book, which will be widely disseminated, to fully show Meadville's natural and acquired advantages, that the city's annual progress from hence forward will be much greater than heretofore.

Let Progress be For Good.

Hon. Andrew J. Palm, a former member of Assembly from this county and many years an editor and business man of Meadville, in reviewing Meadville's progress, urges that there be no increase in lines lacking moral stamina. We quote the following from his article to The Tribune-Republican May 17, 1912:

"It is true that we had several failures some years ago of industrial establishments that cost our citizens heavily, and four banks failed in rapid succession; yet not a business man was carried down with them. Eighteen years ago we had two banks with about \$375,000 on deposit; six years later the deposits had reached \$739,000, while to-day we have four

solid banking institutions with deposits of \$2,500,000. An increase of seven fold in 18 years isn't a bad showing by any means, and no resident need be ashamed of Meadville as a prosperous business city.

"We have several miles of well paved, well lighted streets, an excellent sewage system, a water plant that furnishes pure water to our citizens at a lower price than is enjoyed by almost any other city in the State, and yet the plant at its present rate of earning will pay our entire city debt within the next seven years. Hence, we are justified in saying that with Meadville it is not a case of being obliged to get more industries at any cost in order to prosper, and, if any are brought in that lower the moral tone of our city or in any manner detract from its higher interests it will be a hindrance rather than a help toward making a Greater Meadville.

"I may be called a knocker, a kicker, or a crank; whether one or all makes little difference to me, but I am sure that the men in whose hands is placed the responsibility of making a Greater Meadville will have the approval of every good citizen if they will see that no industry is encouraged to locate here unless it will bring in an intelligent class of skillful, well paid workmen, and if in all they do they place the moral and aesthetic welfare of our city above its purely commercial interests they can thus make Meadville a city that will attract men who desire a beautiful city with clean streets and clean men as a place to live. Let us make Meadville a city to which parents will not hesitate to send their sons and daughters to attend college, and we shall soon have a student body that will, from a purely commercial standpoint, be worth more than several such industries as some that Meadville has tried to foster."

No Claim to Perfection.

While the compiler of this work has



View in Diamond Square.

given ten months of conscientious research and made an effort to reach every important industry or commercial line, yet some details regarding minor matters have been omitted from various reasons. Some of the societies have been skipped because their secretaries, after several requests, have failed to give the necessary information.

On the whole, however, this small book is filled with meat and is very complete. After it is too late, some critic will doubtless remember an important fact or date that should have been incorporated, while others will declare that considerable that has been said might as well have been left out. Our compiler has from month to month taken each industry into consideration and has done what appeared to be best to secure a general distribution of this work, in Meadville's best interest, giving small business concerns some chance to be indexed in this souvenir.

Business Firms in 1870. The Meadville Directory of 42 years ago contains only the following interests that continue under original names: Mer-

chants' National Bank, Crawford Mutual Ins. Co., Meadville Republican and Crawford Journal, W. U. Telegraph. M. Gartner, upholster; W. H. Heckman, jeweler; J. J. Henderson, attorney; D. C. Dunn, dentist.

Rapidly Growing Industries.

On pages 34-55, and later review pages, the reader may peruse in detail the rise and phenomenal success of many Meadville industries. The Spirella, within 8 years from its start, has become of world-wide fame. The Phoenix Iron Works is Meadville's oldest manufactory of magnitude and steadily progressive. The Malleable Iron Co., starting in 1900, has made a decided mark and there are a dozen factories of lesser moment, each contributing decidedly to Meadville's aggregate success. The Wm. H. Page Boiler Co., which was induced to locate here only five years ago, is thoroughly satisfied with Meadville's advantages, and with the treatment accorded through our business promoters. The G. M. Yost Co., McCroskey Reamer, and other new manufactories here have all made good and report thorough satisfaction. The compiler would

be glad to report similar satisfaction among the wood-working and many other industries here, but the reader by referring to our index can find the page upon which the detailed mention is made, and any further information will be cheerfully given by officials of the different firms or of the Chamber of Commerce.

Our commercial pages would indicate no lack in the retail mercantile line. Perhaps we might appropriately say that there is an abundance of stores, especially groceries and confections, cigars and saloons, but Meadville has a healthy growth and solid foundation for business interests. The hustle of its astute business men will doubtless enlarge the industrial interests and bring a Greater Meadville.

State Statistics. The population of Pennsylvania in 1900 was 6,302,115; in 1910, 7,665,111; increase, 21.6 per cent. This shows that the old Keystone State grew as fast as the average for the entire United States.

Principal Cities. Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Scranton are the largest. Of the remaining, 7 have each a population ranging from 50,000 to 100,000, 8 from 25,000 to 50,000, 6 from 10,000 to 25,000, and 5 from 5,000 to 10,000. These 29 cities contain over 40 per cent. of the total population of the State.

Counties. There are 67 counties in the State. Cameron is the smallest in population, and Philadelphia the largest. Allegheny is second and Luzerne third. Nineteen counties, Crawford among them, decreased in population during the ten years prior to 1910, and 48 counties increased in numbers during that time. Tioga county lost over 6,000 people; Crawford county lost 2,078. Philadelphia county gained 255,311.

Titanic. To our record of important dates we may add that the Titanic, the largest ship launched up to the

present time, on her maiden trip across the Atlantic, April 15, 1912, struck an iceberg near Newfoundland and foundered four hours later, with the loss of 1,500 persons.

The Slocum. The General Slocum was burned in the river near New York in 1904, with a loss of 958 persons, mostly children, who were on an excursion.

Calbraith P. Rodgers, across continent aviator, arrived in Meadville Sept. 28, 1911, and was killed in an unfortunate descent at San Delgo Beach, Cal., April 3, 1912.

Italian R. C. Church. Father Papan-drea has recently had plans drawn for the remodeling of a house on Pine St., which will be converted into a church building for the Italian people. The work will probably be completed about the time these final pages go to press.

Revivals. Meadville, equal to any city of her size, has had notable additions to her churches and fraternal orders within the past year.

Allegheny Endowment. With the consummation April 24, 1912, of raising \$500,000 additional to the endowment of Allegheny College, that very worthy institution of learning rounds out its 97th year of existence with over one million dollars in its permanent fund.

Needed Improvements. The opening of the High School building as a Social Center is greatly appreciated and will tend to fill a long felt want, but our city also needs a permanent Y. M. C. A. building exclusive from the one attached to Allegheny College.

We have 16,000 volumes of books in our Public Library, housed in an inflammable building, lacking of many modern conveniences. It will soon be time to appeal to some philanthropist or the public in general to make a movement for the erection of a permanent Y. M. C. A. and Public Library



Park Avenue Congregational Church.

building, either separately or in conjunction.

Greendale Cemetery was incorporated March 1, 1852, under title of "The Meadville Cemetery," subsequently renamed Greendale. The original plot was 53 acres, to which 28 acres was later added. The stone arched gateway was erected 1865, a receiving vault in '74 and superintendent's home in '75. The ravine and sloping hillsides have been transformed into a beautiful park. Officers: Edgar Huidekoper, Pres.; W. S. McGunnegle, Treas.; E. F. Weber, Sec.; H. L. Kightlinger, Supt.

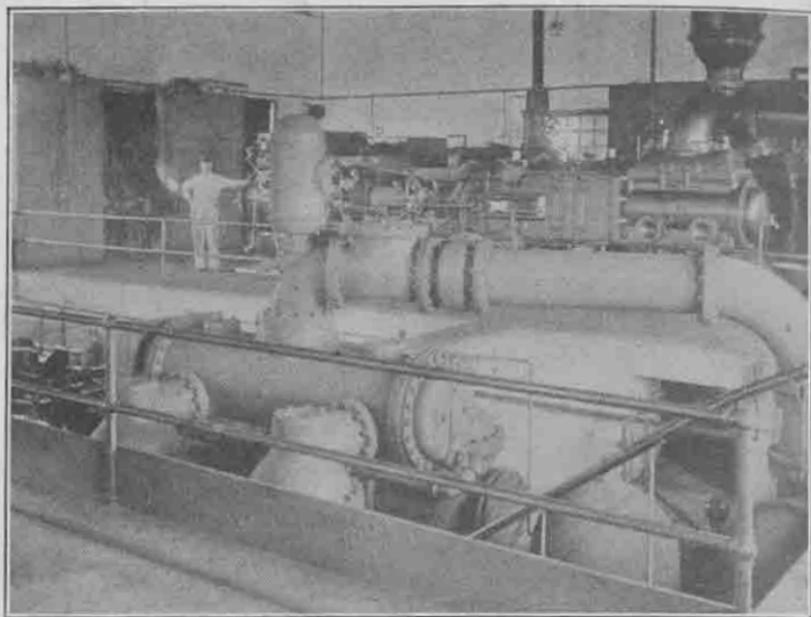
The Jewish Cemetery is near Greendale and was opened prior to 1850.

It is handsomely located. M. Ohlman is president and secretary of the Jewish Cemetery Association.

A Word in Closing.

In an historical digest, limited to 150 pages, completeness is impossible, but the compiler is conscious of having given this work his best effort. Brevity has been an essential feature, yet detail has been given when deemed necessary and we feel assured that no essential feature has been omitted.

Every line of industry has been reviewed and full proofs secured that Meadville is steadily growing. The new buildings erected or improved in 1912 will far exceed any former year. These are largely modern structures,

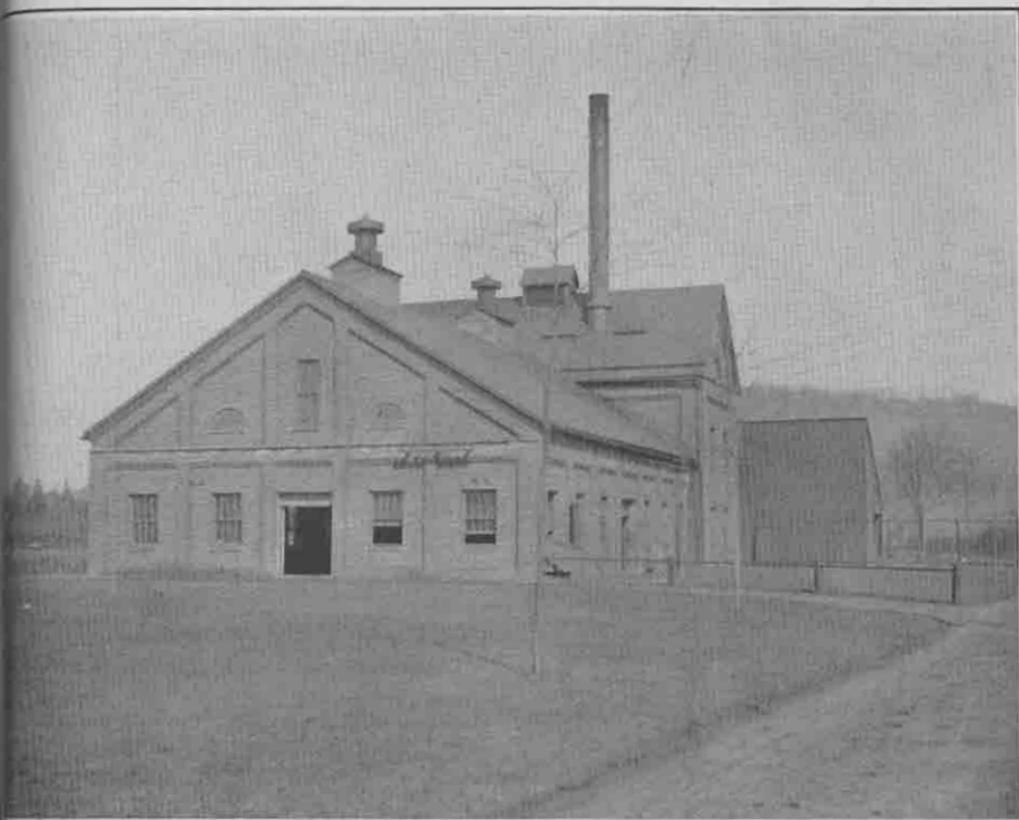


City Water Works Pumping Station.

with solid materials, and are laying line in which you are interested. the foundation for a progressive city. **Greater Meadville** is bound to come. Refer to the index and read up any Civic and moral progress will prevail.



Cleaning Reservoir, 1910—One Side Empty.



Plant of the Meadville Water and Light Department.

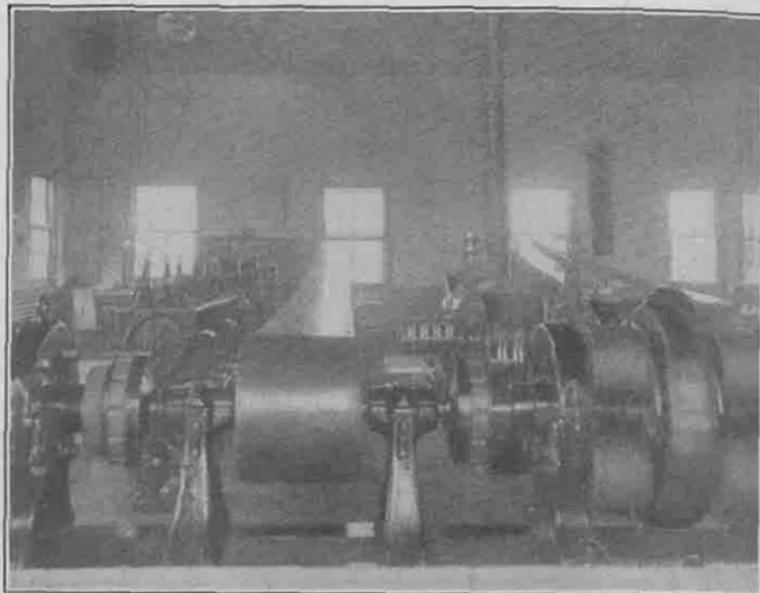
On pages 10 and 11 we gave some history of our artesian water plant and deem this of such great importance to Meadville that we have decided to use another page in this pure water movement, which is of supreme importance to the city.

After several test wells it was decided that the present location, covered by clay strata, thence through coarse sand and gravel, made a natural filtering plant. The currents and geological strata were found sloping toward French Creek and everything favorable to secure water of the utmost purity.

Each well pipe is tipped with a brass strainer so delicate as to exclude the finest sand. The pumping equipment is in duplicate and largely in excess of present needs.

The reservoir crowns the hill east of Odd Fellows' Home, is brick lined, divided into equal parts, so that one may be cleaned while the other part remains in service. The capacity is 4,000,000 gallons. Manufacturers secure a rate of 5 cents for each 1,000 gallons. The pressure is sufficient for good fire protection. The system is self-supporting and gradually liquidating the water bonds, while the rates to users are lower than many cities of like size.

Stanley Maxwell, who was born in Meadville, June 26, 1890, was graduated from the Meadville High School, class of 1909½, and was attending Allegheny College when chosen by the Councils to take the place of Geo. S. Cullum, resigned.



Municipal Electric Lighting Plant.

City Improvements.

City Councils, May 15, 1912, authorized the purchase of a La France fire auto engine, at a cost of \$8,850, which makes an excellent addition to the fire fighting equipment of this city. A contract has also been let and construction under way for a tower on College Hill, 82 feet high, to supplement the reservoir for pressure on the hilly part of Meadville. This tower will cost near \$4,000.

City Hall Plans. Meadville begins to need a new City Hall. Its present quarters could be well utilized by the different fire companies. A plan has been presented to rebuild the Market House, with City Hall in second and third stories.

Sewage Disposal. In an interview with some of the officials, eight months ago, the compiler was informed that a sewage disposal plant would be well under way ere this. We must record that up to June, 1912, the enterprise has not been consummated and it may be some months yet before the work will begin.

A Crematory for garbage was erected several years ago near the southern city limits, at a cost of about \$9,000.

Storage and Carting.

S. C. Betts, who was born in Jamestown, Mercer Co., served 2½ years in the cavalry of Penna., soon afterward locating in the carting business here, where he has built up a trade that necessitated storage, and in 1910 he built the four-story brick, 150x40feet, at Sycamore place, cut of which is shown herewith. This is equipped with a compound electric elevator of 3½ tons capacity, and June, 1912, Mr. Betts purchased an auto truck for use of pleasure parties and distance work. His sons, F. W. and W. E. Betts, are associated in the business.

Structural Engineers. A. D. Gaston and Arthur Hastings have recently opened office at 402 Crawford County Trust building for designing in heavy structural work.

Frisk's Stand, at 225 Chestnut St., was started 1906, is well fitted and holds a good trade. J. H. Frisk was



Betts Storage, erected 1910

born at Elmira, N. Y., and has made a good success in confectionery.

Frank Schael, an industrious German butcher of Union twp., formerly working with the Swift Co. of Chicago, brings country dressed animals to the Meadville trade.

Draying and Livery Continued.

Baggage Transfer. C. M. Mizner, born in Greenville, has resided in Meadville for 23 years and 17 years ago commenced a baggage transfer line. He keeps both double and single rigs, makes all important trains, carrying to any part of the city. Mr. Mizner takes care of the Lafayette Hotel trade and makes headquarters there.

F. A. Bossard. A. J. Bossard, born in Woodcock, came to Meadville in the seventies and continued in draying business until his death, Nov. 8, 1895. Subsequently Frank A., who had been in business with his father from boyhood, became proprietor. He keeps 7 horses and 3 drays, attending to everything in cartage. Walter

E. Bossard assists his father in caring for the business.

Herbert J. Jones, who was born in Meadville and has worked for 8 years as a linotype operator, with May, 1912, opened an automobile livery, as this style of travel is becoming more popular each month. He is prepared to give satisfactory service for large or small parties, long or short distances. Office at V. W. Eiler's drug store; residence 1118 Water St.

New Millinery. Mrs. C. E. Gilbert, formerly in the millinery trade at Titusville, has recently associated with Miss Marguerite Mosbacher, and opened convenient millinery parlors at 941 Market St., where a good stock is kept and courteous attention will be given to any need in this line.

Christian Scientists.

A member of this persuasion informs the compiler that Christian Science represents the concrete deductions from the Bible as given by its author, the late Mary Baker Eddy, in the Christian Science Text Book, "Science and Health with Key to the



Lawrence Apartments, Terrace Street

Scriptures." Those who have witnessed the astounding effects of Divine Truth, when wholly relied upon, have left other ways of seeking God and the power of His Christ and started to work out the science of Christ healing sickness and sin.

First Church of Christ, Scientists, was chartered, 1902, and is located on Sherman St., opp. Allegheny College campus. On this "hill of science," where the trend is to search for ultimate facts, many have borne witness to the Bible truths as explained in the text book. They are investigating the power of the Word as gained by allegiance to the Christ. The Reader is Miss Mary Fitz Randolph. Membership is 45.

Second Church of Scientists was started in hall over The Tribune office on Dec. 31, 1911, with a membership of 16. It holds services every Sunday morning and Wednesday

evenings. First Reader, Leland Culbertson; Second Reader, Miss Flora Johnson.

There is also a Seventh Day Adventists organization that meets Saturdays at 3 p. m. in Woodmen's Hall, 939 Water St., and a Salvation Army post that has quarters on Market St.

Terrace Apartment Company (Inc.)

The record of Meadville's development would be incomplete without mention of the above company, which was incorporated June 4, 1912, with an authorized capitalization of \$100,000. The purpose is to meet the persistent demand for high grade, exclusive apartments, that has been rapidly developing with Meadville's industrial growth.

The Terrace Apartment Company, with office in Crawford Co. Trust Co. Bldg., is largely owned and officered by progressive Meadville men and designs to erect, for early occupancy.



Terrace Street, north from Boileau Place

three thoroughly modern apartment houses, in addition to the Lawrence apartments, shown on page 130, owned by this company, aggregating in all about 30 suites. The company owns about 800 feet of frontage on Terrace St. and Boileau Place. It is the intent to erect and operate its own heating and lighting plant.

E. W. Lawrence, president and treasurer of the company, has been a resident of Meadville from boyhood and has been variously interested in the city's progress. J. F. Mason, manager of the United Gas Co., is vice president, and Arthur V. Leberman, of the Leberman & Grove real estate and insurance firm, is secretary. The new incorporation starts off with bright prospects for success.

The Order of Owls.

This is a social organization, originated in 1904, with Hon. J. W. Talbot, of South Bend, Ind., as Home President. He is a phenomenal organizer and largely through his efforts the society has in eight years built up a membership of about 250,000. Sixteen thousand nests have been built in America and elsewhere, while the per

capita tax and dues are lower than in like fraternities.

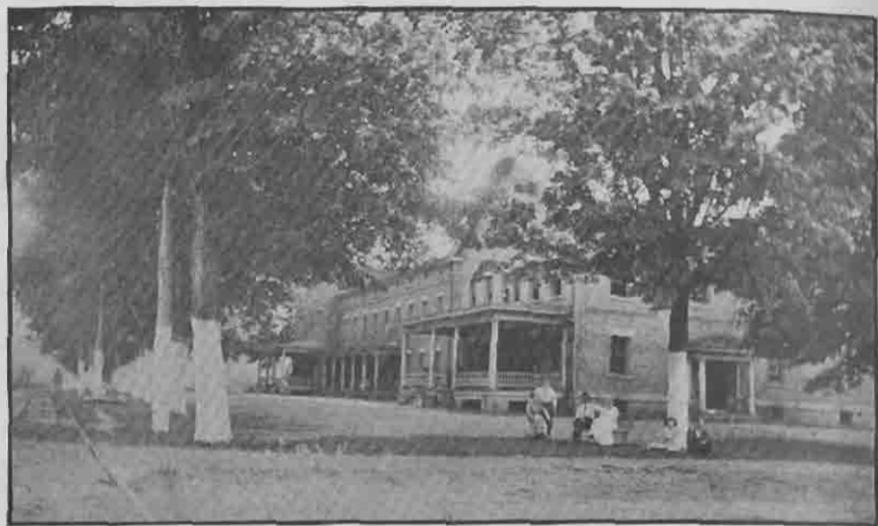
Meadville Nest, 1122, was organized Nov. 16, 1911, with 200 charter members and now numbers 500. It has fine quarters in the Porter block, and gives special care to the relief of its members, the motto being:

There's so much bad in the best of us
And so much good in the worst of us,
It hardly behooves any of us
To speak ill of the rest of us.

Officers for 1912: E. E. Seacrist, Pres.; R. A. Buzza, Sec.; A. W. Marhoffer, Treas.; Geo. B. Lupher, S. M. Carmont, George Walker, Trustees. Meetings 2d and 4th Wednesdays.

Spirella Developments.

Since pages 35-40 were written, the Spirella Company has been making gigantic strides of progress in the way of taking on new employees, beginning new buildings and occupying additional space. From Jan. 1 to June 15 they have added about 500 employees to their Meadville force alone. The Canadian and English factories have also added to their forces and begun extensive additional building. The company now occupies 15 build-



Side View of Crawford County Alms House



Zion United Evangelical Church.—(See page 24.)

ings in the city of Meadville alone. The extra floor space which has been acquired for the Meadville plant since Jan. 1 embraces the following: Second floor of Best building, Park Ave.; first and second floors Lashell's office building, Park Ave.; second and third floors Richmond and Dreutlein build-

ings, Park Ave. and Chestnut St.; one-half basement Richmond building; second and third floors Porter building, Chestnut St.; second floor of east half Byham block, Arch St.; second floor of Odd Fellows' Temple, Center St.

In addition to the above the following space has been leased in buildings now in the course of construction, all of which are expected to be completed in September, 1912, to-wit: The entire four floors of the new Krider building, 55x100 feet, and two floors of the Arthur L. Bates building, 51x110 feet, Chestnut St.; two floors of Arthur L. Bates' new cement building, 50x90 feet, Cottage and Cherry Sts., to be used as carpenter shop. On Water St. they have taken two floors, 46x123 feet, one floor 23x60 feet, and one floor 46x60 feet in the Moore Brothers' new building.

In New York City at 506 Fifth Ave. the company also installed in April one of the most elegant and completely appointed corset shops and fitting parlors in America, with Madame Jeannette De Puyster, an expert Corsetiere, in charge.



Rear View and Barns, County Farm

How Health Happens?

Above is the title upon a book regarding the "Laws of Perfect Health by Auto Therapy," which should be in every home, as it teaches people how to live right to secure good health. There are 40 chapters, covering every phase of home life and giving common sense instructions how to avoid the ills of life. Drop a postal card to the Good Health Clinic Publishing Co., Syracuse, N. Y., for index leaves and further information, together with a free copy of the official health magazine of the International Health League. Forty pages of "special inside facts" free.

Colleges. Just as we are closing old Allegheny has determined to raise another \$500,000 endowment before her centenary anniversary arrives.

The Theological School has recently purchased a large frontage on Arch St., adjoining Hunnewell Hall, and will erect four houses for use of its preceptors.

Skating Rink. When conducted on a high moral plane, roller skating is conducive to health and a pleasant pastime. W. E. Genno for 15 years past has been in this line, establishing rinks and amusement stands in



Evangelical Lutheran Church.—(See page 24.)

several cities. A year since he purchased the Meadville skating rink. This nice tile building at Mead Ave. and River St. is 50x130 feet, and in the cool season is well patronized.

E. C. Balizet, who has given a nice class of motion picture shows at the Manhattan, is also agent for the C. A. Sitterle Tea Co. of Erie, Pa. His wagon reaches all parts of Meadville and he has built up quite a successful trade.



McLean's Veterinary Hospital.—(See page 66.)

Prospective Congressman.

It is reasonably certain that the Congressman for the next term from the 26th District will be an Erie man, as both the Republican and Democratic candidates reside in that city, and the compiler having had a long personal acquaintance with both of them is glad to report that in the event of either of these men being chosen that Crawford and Erie counties will be ably and cleanly represented.

Hon. Milton W. Shreve is son of the

late Rev. Cyrus Shreve, who spent most of his life in Bloomfield twp., Crawford Co. Milton Shreve attended the Edinboro Normal, spent two years in Allegheny College, and was graduated from Bucknell in 1884. Later he read law and was admitted to practice in all Pennsylvania and Federal courts. He is a director in the People's Bank of Erie and several manufacturing concerns.

Mr. Shreve, elected to the State As-



View on the Cussewago.



The New Gable House.—(See page 70.)

assembly, 1906, was re-elected 1908 and 1910, and upon the death of Speaker John F. Cox, of Pittsburgh, 1911, Mr. Shreve was sworn in as Speaker until the next regular session of the State Legislature. He removed from Union City to Erie several years ago, is a member of numerous fraternal orders and civic societies, and one of the Centennial Commissioners for the celebration of "Perry's Victory" on Lake Erie, in September, 1910.

Turner W. Shacklett, the Democratic candidate for Congress, was born in Virginia, but came to Erie in 1875 to reinvigorate the Erie Pail Factory, increasing its annual output from \$35,000 to \$164,000. After two disastrous fires the grounds were sold. Later Mr. Shacklett engaged in other Erie industries. He was twice elected to Select Council, served on the Board of Water Commissioners and School Board for many years, having been president of each, and also president of the Board of Trade. He is a

member of the Humane Society and several fraternal orders. He had declined the nomination for Assemblyman, but at the urgent request of many Democrats has consented to be a candidate for Congress, and will doubtless serve his constituency well if elected. As a conscientious citizen and upright man, Mr. Shacklett has the unanimous respect of the community in which he lives.

It is proper for the compiler to say that the above insertions are freely given, on his own accord, without the previous knowledge of the candidates.

Odd Fellows' Home.

On page 20 we gave facts regarding the I. O. O. F. Home for children. While this was started April, 1873, the formal dedication or opening was postponed until June, 1874. The compiler, by courtesy of P. G., A. B. Stevens, of Erie, Pa., has received the program for June 9, 1874. Procession formed on Water St., J. B. Compton chief marshal. March from Water St.



Maple Street in Fairview Heights

up Chestnut to Diamond and N. Main to the Home. Meeting called to order by J. R. Robertson, of Oil City, president of the Home Association.

Music, 20th Div. Band; prayer, Rev. D. D. Leberman. J. W. Hannen, Dist. Deputy G. M., made formal delivery of the completed home to the association. Picnic dinner; address, Hon. J. N. Ingersoll, of Corsuna, Mich.; address, J. W. Stebbins, Rochester, N. Y. Closing address by the late Grand Sire Jas. B. Nicholson, of Philadelphia. Marched back to Diamond Square and disbanded.

Fairview Heights.

This new resident section lies just north of the Theological School and extends from Chestnut Street north to Mill Run and is bounded on the east by Morgan Street, and on the west by Porter Street. This section was purchased two years ago by the Graham Land Improvement Co., which immediately started to clear the land and build houses. They now have 10 houses on the plot; six of them have been sold and the owners are living in them. The streets are all parked, beautiful shade trees set out, sidewalks down, sewer, water and gas throughout the section. There is no place in the city more desirable to live and no place where property is more likely to advance.

National Co-operative Realty Co.

The compiler who for several months past has endeavored to faithfully represent Meadville's interests, in the compilation of this work, has recently made an alliance with the above company, of Washington, D. C., to open a branch office in Erie, Pa., where he will also be the agent of F. D. Gaston, of Meadville, for the sale of Florida lands. Any party desiring to visit Florida with a view to purchase "above the frost belt," or those desiring investment in the rapidly growing suburbs of Washington, D. C., Pittsburgh or McKeesport, Pa., should write for the desired information to the branch of the National Co-operative Realty Co., at 459 W. 8th Street, Erie, Pa.

P. S.—We also sell or exchange houses and lots in Meadville and Erie, Pa., farms in N. W. Pennsylvania and elsewhere. Write us all about your desires for exchange or investment and we will give you complete information and endeavor to effect a sale of exchange to your liking.

The Armory Board of Pennsylvania, in Jan., 1912, purchased the fine Church homestead, on Diamond Sq., for \$15,000, for offices of Company B, 16th Regt., N. G. P., and a drill shed will be built on the rear of the lot.



H. B. Sanford Apartments, 558 N. Park Avenue

Hiram B. Sanford has been contracting in Meadville for several years past and erected some good homes. Recently he has built the apartments at 558 North Park Ave. and a modern home at 556, both of which we show herewith. Mr. Sanford is painstaking in his work and looks after every convenience for his customers.

A. C. Stolz, born in Germany, came to Meadville in 1879, and for 19 years past has been in general contracting. He built the overhead bridge of the M. & C. S. Ry. at Saegertown, its depots at Cambridge and elsewhere, and a large addition to its car barns. In recent years Mr. Stolz has erected several fine residences in Meadville. Office at his home, s. e. corner Grove and Arch Sts.

P. H. Crowe. John Crowe came across the water at about 10 years of age, settling at Jamestown. He came to Meadville, 1868, as a bricklayer on the Court House. His son, P. H., after attending the schools until age 15, engaged with his father in the trade, and in recent years has put up several nice residences here. With Arthur Grindrod he is now building the new jail. (See page 120.)

The McCroskey Reamer Co. have purchased three acres of land at Washington and North Sts., where a new plant will be built.



H. B. Sanford House, 556 Park Avenue



Hotel Conneaut at Exposition Park



Campus, with Hotel Virginia in Background

Conneaut Lake Resort.

Nestled among the hills of Crawford county lies Conneaut Lake, the largest body of water in the State of Pennsylvania. Located upon its western shore is Exposition Park, which compares favorably with the largest amusement parks in the United States, and maintains almost all the amusements known to the world, including boating, bathing and fishing. The dancing pavilion is a feature in itself, having 20,000 square feet of dancing surface, and is built of concrete and steel, making it second to none in the country.

Exposition Park maintains 15 hotels and restaurants, the largest of which are the Hotel Conneaut and the Hotel Virginia. The Hotel Conneaut accommodates 450 people, with rates from \$2.50 to \$4 per day. The Hotel Virginia is the second largest hotel and accommodates 250 people; rates from \$2 to \$3 per day. Both of these

hotels maintain weekly rates for families and special parties, which may be secured by addressing H. O. Holcomb, proprietor, Exposition Park, Pa.

For camping equipment, one-day outings, and further information, address The Conneaut Lake Company, Exposition Park, Pa.

Camping and Outing.

Oakland Beach was started as a picnic and camping ground over 30 years ago. Sylvester McGuire owned several acres here, continuing developments until his death, 1903, since which it is run by the estate, with his son, T. P. McGuire, as manager. The Oakland hotel was erected 1894, since which annexes have been built to meet the growing demands. Several cottages have been erected and the McGuire estate still has lots for sale or lease along this elegant Oakland Beach. The hotel is so ensconced among the trees that the compiler



Bath House and Bathers, Exposition Park



Oakland Beach, Landing, Hotel and Annexes

has deemed it better to make a pen drawing than a half-tone. This delightful outing place is but six miles from Meadville via the crow's flight.

Conneaut Lake Navigation Co.

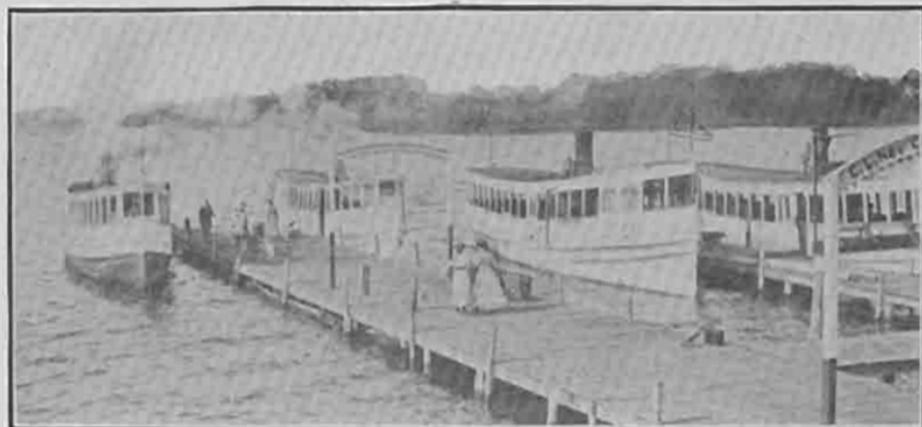
Conneaut Lake is mostly in Sadsbury township, the northern end extending into Summit twp., and Harmonsburg being $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles north from this water. The old Conneaut Lake

village is at the southern end, while the entire eastern beach is a rising bank, with beautiful incline of hemlock, oak and other young trees. The lake is from $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 mile in width and 3 miles in length.

Small boats have been plying Conneaut Lake for more than 30 years and in 1903 the Conneaut Lake Navigation Co. was organized, with \$25,000 stock, to make a systematic schedule



Pleasure Steamer Iroquois on Conneaut Lake



A Row of Navigation Company Steamers

and supply every means for pleasant and safe transportation of small or large parties, seeking recreation on and around this beautiful sheet of water. The officers are J. W. Taylor, Pres.; V. C. Harshaw, Treas.; S. A. Harshaw, Manager, these officials also being the directors of the company.

The crews are licensed operators and the usual safety precautions are used, the schedule providing a round trip every hour, and as much oftener as necessary, in the busy season. The soundings in some places show 100 feet of water.

A Y. M. C. A. Elsewhere we have said that there was a Y. M. C. A. in

connection with Allegheny College, and that later there might be one erected in connection with a new library building. A Young Men's Christian Association supplies the high moral ideas, lacking in many of the social clubs. The article, quoted elsewhere, from the writing of A. J. Palm, hits the nail fairly on the head. The manufacturing importance of a city is second to its civic and moral welfare. Business men throughout the States have given their almost unanimous approval of the good work done in the Y. M. C. A. halls. They feel certain that it gives to the young man the kind of training which is the foundation for noble manhood.



Allegheny College Gymnasium Building

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