



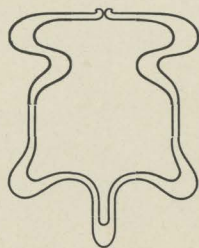




# Souvenir Book

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# Valparaiso Indiana



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Birdseye View of Valparaiso



Valparaiso, looking South from Court House

The judges appointed to select the poem to appear in the Souvenir Book of Valparaiso have decided on two poems as excelling the rest in general merit. The one deemed best is contributed by one who does not care to enter the contest. The judges, therefore, determined to make it a companion poem to the one approved from among the contestants, and recommend that both be published in the forthcoming volume. The successful contestant is George R. Harrison. L. W. Applegate, A. A. Hughart, B. F. Williams.

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### Valparaiso, City of Colleges, Churches and Homes

HUBERT M. SKINNER

**O**F RIGHT thou bearest thy sweet Spanish name,  
O Vale of Paradise in trees embowered!  
With Eden's wealth of grace and beauty dowered,  
Thou enviest not the Chilean city's fame.  
Whether enwreathed in Autumn's tints, which flame  
Apocalyptic splendors, or o'erflowered  
In vernal bloom--proportioned, spired and towered  
In matchless beauty--thou art still the same.  
In waving lines extended, where the land  
Rolls in long billows, trough and crest asleep,  
Thou'st made thy home. Abide forever there!  
For all that know thee love thee. Ne'er a band  
Of Romans breathed a patriot love more deep  
Than thou'st inspired, or a more fervent prayer.



Valparaiso, looking East from Court House

## Valparaiso

GEORGE R. HARRISON

**W**ILD flowers blossom at our gateways; all their sweetness fills the breeze;  
All the songsters of the woodlands come to warble in our trees.  
Just outside the streams are flowing; just inside the roses bloom;  
Weary mortal, we invite you; here amidst our realm is room.

Here the reckless wild winds blowing, sweep the carpet of the sky;  
Not a murk to mar the zenith; only white winged clouds to fly.  
And beneath long lines of maples, where the cooling shade prevails,  
All the avenues go coursing out to meet the hills and vales.

Just beyond, like rippled silver, lakelets glimmer in the sun,  
Where the silken lines are swishing, and the barking launches run.  
Here the life is worth the living; here content is everywhere;  
Here we all forget to borrow trouble from the Land of Care.

Here are dells that hold the verdure. From the hilltops look away,  
O'er a land of field and forest, where the cloudland shadows play.  
Here we worship in our temples. Light is labor. Come and roam  
Out a while with us and Nature; here we've builded us a home.





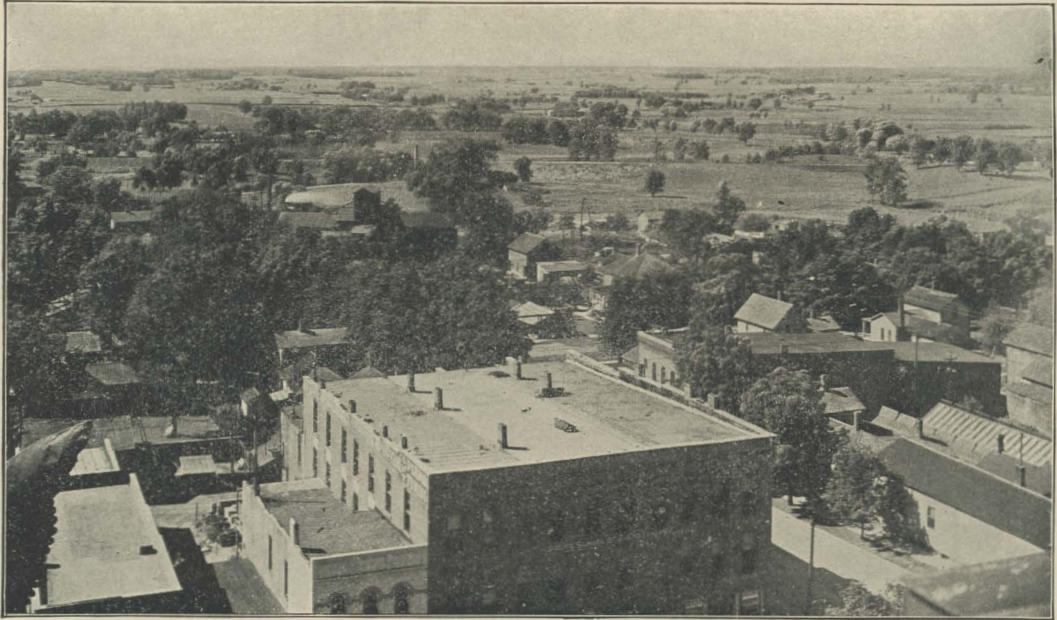
Valparaiso, looking West from Court House

**V**ALPARAISO—the Vale of Paradise. A very suggestive name! Paradise means “the Home of the Blessed”—therefore blessed is the man who lives in Valparaiso. Such was the idea of the person who suggested the name, and it was shared by those who gave it. In those early days the people who made this spot their abode realized how lavishly Nature had poured out her gifts here in woodland, in lakes, in hills, in vale—beauty at every turn; restfulness to the eye in varied landscape, and equally conducive to the rest of weary brain and body. And as the hamlet became a village, and the village grew into a city, and the city brought every modern comfort, Nature has not been destroyed in the interests of modern civilization. It has the rather been preserved, and to-day its miles of paved streets are shaded avenues, on either side of which are to be found the attractive homes of its people. Blessed are the people who live in Valparaiso amid Nature’s beauties—the Vale of Paradise—with modern comforts.

It is not necessary to dwell at length upon the stereotyped themes of Valparaiso’s citizens, its homes, its business thrift, its churches, its schools. All these features are a matter of course. This Souvenir illustrates these themes better than words can tell. But the reader to-day is more interested in the elements that enter into Valparaiso’s future. Its people now enjoy all that Nature can bestow, and enterprise has



Old Porter County Court House



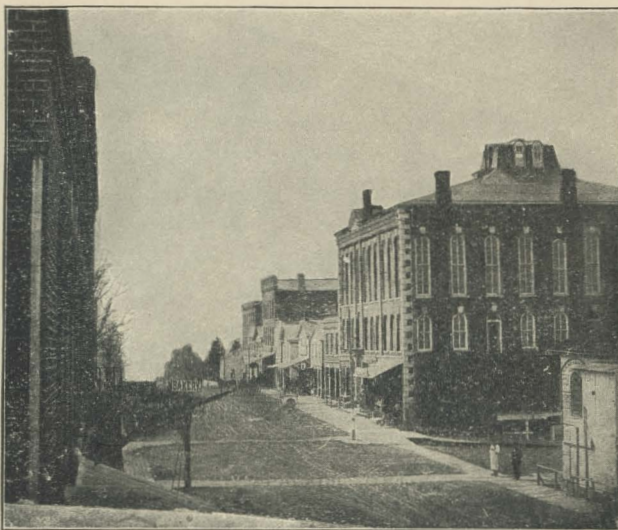
Valparaíso, looking Southwest from Court House

added all that modern life demands for its comfort and convenience. What more in the future? And this is our prophecy.

Only forty miles to the west is the most marvelous city of modern times, ever reaching out for more territory to house its people and its work, and those who are planning the "Greater Chicago" have included this city within its radius. The Vale of Paradise, one of its most attractive suburbs—a city of homes.

Only seventeen miles to the west of us is the center of the most gigantic movement in all history for industrial enterprise—changing miles upon miles of sand hills into great factory cities, where millions of people in the years to come will earn their living, and

some amass fortunes amid steam and smoke and electric power. And here is Valparaíso, the Vale of Paradise—suggestive of home life amid surroundings that not only invite but enchant the eye and delight the heart of man, the city of homes.



South Washington Street, 1968

And the interurban lines that will soon be a network of transportation for this entire region, and the ever increasing facilities for travel upon the already established trunk lines, will bring this vale within easy reach of the centers of manufacturing industry, and speed the people away from the noise and dust and turmoil to the quiet, shaded avenues of a



North Washington Street

modern city, which Nature and enterprise combined have prepared for delightful home life. Blessed are the people who live in the Vale of Paradise—Valparaiso.

And it is a city of which its people are justly proud. As they turn the leaves of this volume they will call to mind many an interesting history and many a pleasant event. And they will speak of these memories as one would talk of home, and its influence upon life. And the absent ones will experience that feeling with which one looks back to familiar scenes and places—and wish to return. Such is the impress made upon those who have at any time enjoyed its shaded avenues and its greeting of friends.

And if this Souvenir draws the attention of homeseekers to this spot and so helps to make our prophecy a reality, it will have accomplished its purpose. We have no real estate interests to promote, no business prospects to conserve. We have only facts to tell and to illustrate, and we hold out the hand of welcome, and to those who grasp it we will give the assurance that they have found a home amid the atmosphere of education and refinement which our great University and our Public Schools have fostered these many years, and among a people no whit behind them in business enterprise and social amenities; and where its churches occupy no mean place in architectural beauty and pulpit power. How better can we describe the Vale of Paradise—Valparaiso?



Washington Street in Sleet Storm of 1871



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Valparaiso  
Commercial  
Club.

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*W. F. Spooner, V. Pres.*

*Geo. F. Beach, Treas.*

**T**HE Commercial Club of Valparaiso was organized in November, 1909. Its objects and purposes are the industrial welfare of the community. Its officers and directors are composed of some of the most prominent men of the city and its influence has already been felt in a number of instances on public questions and the procuring of industries and additional residents in Valparaiso. All citizens are invited to become members of the organization, the dues of which are \$5.00 per year.



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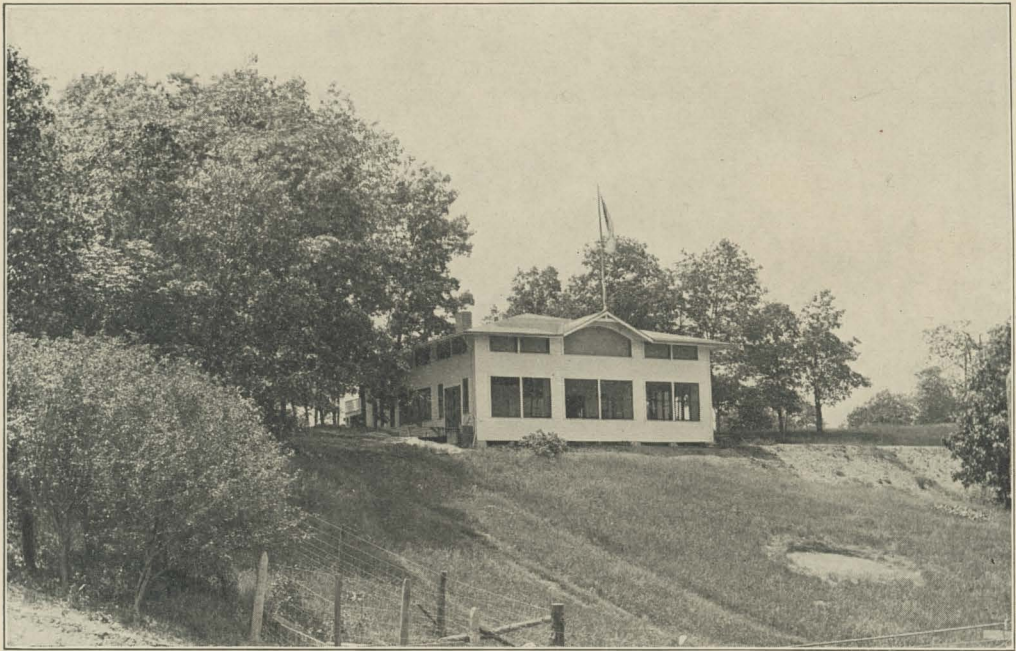
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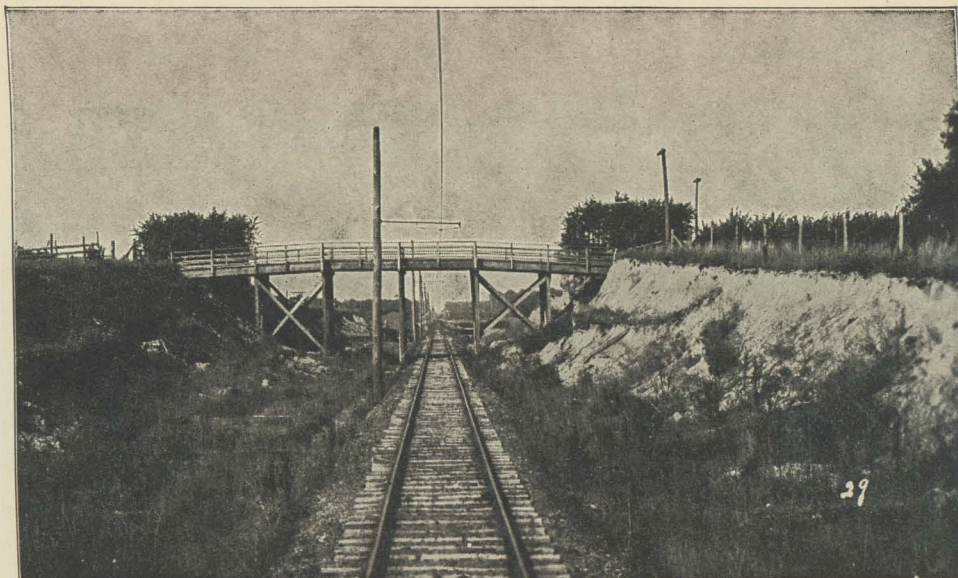
Summer Home of J. D. Price on Long Lake

ONE of the best things which have come to Valparaiso during the past few years is its interurban railway, connecting the city with the outside world and with the group of lakes which nestle like pearls among the wooded hills to the north. The exceptional natural beauty of the lake region and the convenience of the electric railway will combine to make Valparaiso one of the most popular summer resorts in the west.

Search the country over and it would be difficult to find an interurban line of greater scenic beauty than that which connects Valparaiso and Chesterton. Starting from the court house square, at the corner of Main and Franklin Streets, the cars run north, passing the Grand Trunk Railroad station and county fair grounds, through a choice fruit and farming country, whose changing landscapes are a constant delight.

Three miles from the city the railroad leaves the highway in order to skirt the very shores of a half dozen lakes and take the delighted passengers through a most enchanting wilderness. Flint, Long, Canada, Wahub and Deep Lakes, reflecting in their placid depths a beauty which cannot be surpassed, in turn feast the eye. Then, leaving the lakes behind, the cars enter a region of dells—great ravines, whose wooded depths the passengers long to explore; groves of noble trees and grassy glades, full of quiet charm, and inviting nooks. Swinging back into the highway near Woodville, the sand dunes of Lake Michigan become visible in the distance, across the valley, and the landscapes between present a panorama of beauty never to be forgotten.

The Valparaiso & Northern Railway is a part of the far-famed "Air Line" system, which contemplates nothing less than a trunk line electric railroad connecting, in a direct route, the great cities of Chicago and New York. With that ultimate purpose in view, an interurban system is being built up in Northern Indiana as a beginning, which, when com-



View Along Interurban on the Way to LaPorte

pleted as laid out, will have no superior in the country. It will give Valparaiso electric car service to Woodville, Chesterton, Porter and the intervening lakes; to Westville and La Porte; by connection, to South Bend, Mishawaka, Southern Michigan, Elkhart, Goshen and Indianapolis; to Gary, Hammond and other important cities of the Calumet district, and to Chicago.

At present the "main line," superbly constructed on a private right-of-way one hundred feet wide, reaches from La Porte to Goodrum, where it connects with the line to Valparaiso. An extension west to Gary is under construction and its completion is expected before the close of 1911. Operating the street railway system in Gary and an interurban line to Hammond, on the edge of Chicago, is a very closely affiliated company, which has made operating agreements that will give Valparaiso a frequent car service to all parts of the Calumet district and will carry our people to the very gates of the great steel mills and allied industries.

The value of the "Air Line" system to Valparaiso, however, cannot be measured by its passenger service alone. The interurban railway means more than convenient access to our lake resorts and to neighboring communities; more than a means of transportation that will lead thousands of Gary workers to make their homes in this city and vicinity. It means a constant stream of wealth flowing into this famous fruit and farming county.

A few miles to the west of our fertile fields is the most remarkable industrial district on the continent. In that wilderness of sand is Gary—the magic city—a second Pittsburg, planned in advance for a population of three hundred thousand people. Those increasing thousands must be fed, and they will be fed largely from the soil of Porter and La Porte counties. The electric railway will be the connecting link between our gardens, orchards and dairies, and the nearest market. Its cars will groan with the burden of traffic that will bring increased wealth and prosperity to all our people.



Sheridan Beach Hotel, Flint Lake

## Valparaiso's Lakes

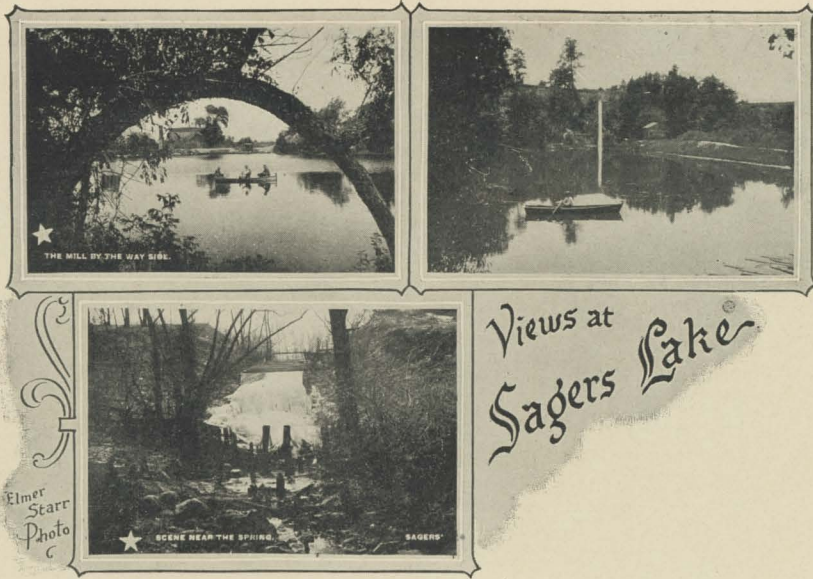
The illustrations in this volume give only a faint idea of the beauty and attractiveness of the lakes that surround Valparaiso. They are well-known and are becoming famous summer resorts.

**Flint Lake** Sigmund Freund, a retired manufacturer of Chicago, came to Valparaiso a few years ago, and was very much impressed with the natural beauty of Flint Lake. He at once purchased 47 acres on the east shore of the lake and called it Sheridan Beach, and made a beautiful park for picnic parties. He built a number of cottages and a hotel with 50 rooms. He installed his own lighting plant and uses running water for a water supply.



Dancing Pavilion and Boathouse at Sheridan Beach, Flint Lake





He interested parties in an interurban line which runs regularly from Valparaiso to the grounds. The demand for cottages continues, and a new sub-division has been opened. Flint Lake is becoming one of the largest and most popular summer resorts in Indiana.

Railroad fares to and from Chicago have been reduced for summer visitors, and the cities of Lake County that are rapidly developing find this resort most convenient and a delightful recreation grounds.

The lake is one-half mile wide and three-fourths of a mile long, and is connected with two smaller lakes by channels. The beach is a gentle sandy slope.

Farmers deliver supplies to the cottages; and amid the quiet of the woods, or on the placid waters with rod and line, or on the beach, clad in bathing suits, the weary worker finds rest and enjoyment.

**Sager's Lake** This lake derives its name from the family name of those who have owned this property for more than half a century. It is only a mile from the center of the city, and has always maintained the reputation of being the prettiest lake in the state, winding like a silver thread among the high wooded hills that surround it—they in turn overlooking the beautiful country in all directions. It is fed by sparkling springs, some of which have medicinal qualities good for dyspeptics. It is in every respect an ideal place for fishing, boating and camping.



*Sagers Lake*



Residence of H. B. Brown



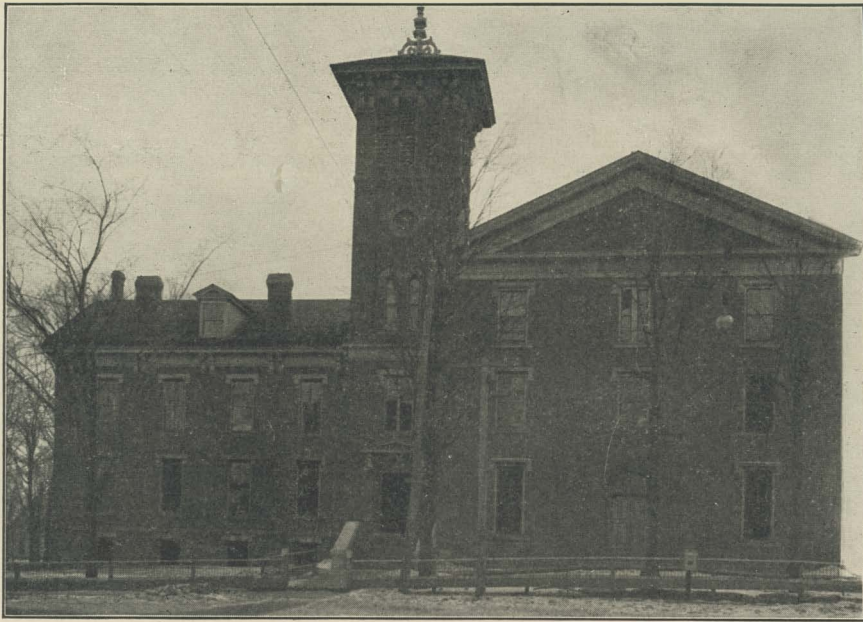
H. B. Brown, President of Valparaiso University



Residence of O. P. Kinsey



O. P. Kinsey, Vice-President of Valparaiso University



Old College Building, 1873

This and six small dwelling houses were all the buildings on College Hill (practically the Fourth Ward of the city) in 1873, when the school was established. The entire ward is now covered with college buildings, dormitories and hundreds of private residences, all used by the school.

**V**ALPARAISO University has given this city a world wide reputation as a great educational center. Her students come from every state in the Union, and from every nation upon earth. Its alumni grace every trade and profession, and their children are "sent to Valparaiso University." Scattered far and wide may be found those who have made their mark in the world because this university gave them the opportunity and then the inspiration. It has always been a school for the masses, and as such wields an influence more far-reaching than many another institution of national reputation and fame. Beginning modestly 38 years ago, in buildings deserted by a denominational school, with only 35 pupils, it has grown into a university with 25 distinct departments and an enrollment for the year just closed of 5,551.

Entirely separate and apart from mere figures this institution is an illustration of the elements that enter into the making of a successful school, and it stands as an example to the educational world of what good business judgment, singleness of purpose and consecration can accomplish. It has never



Old College Building as it Now Appears

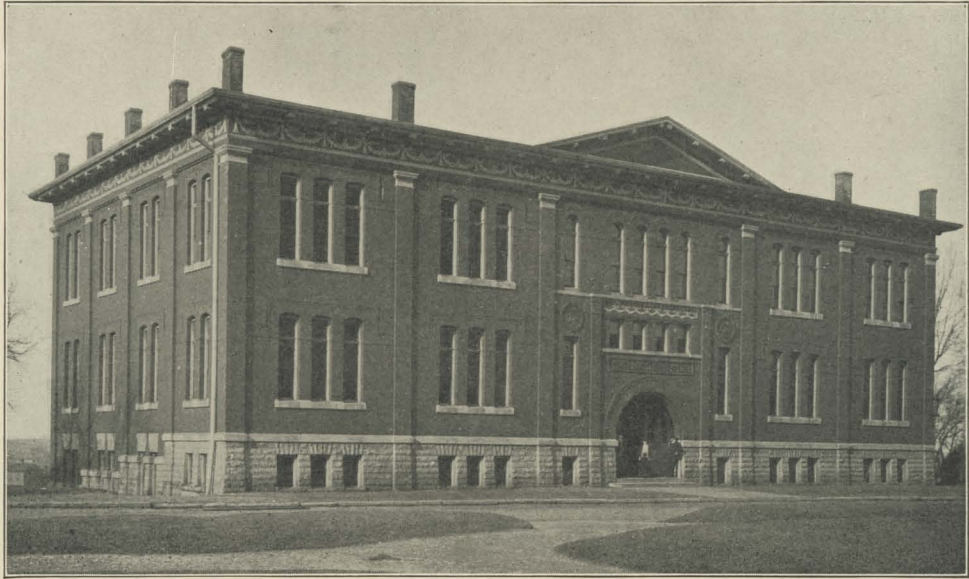
been an imitator, but a creator of ideas and methods. It has solved many an educational problem and established educational precedents of untold value. It is not our purpose to discuss these topics in this brief reference to Valparaiso's leading enterprise. It is enough for us to point to this great university with pride, and give some illustrations of its buildings, and remind those who study these pages that on College Hill are the material evidences and all over this continent are the moral and intellectual evidences of *the power of a life's work*—a splendid monument to those who through all these years have devoted their talents and their time to the development of an idea and given it this practical illustration. It shows what can be done when men conceive what the masses need, and then can bring it within their reach. While maintaining a high standard of scholarship and providing the best of instructors, it has worked out successfully the problem of economy in living—cheapening the cost without cheapening the literary facilities—giving a practical education that could hold out the hand of welcome to the pupil who could only spend a single term within its walls, sending him or her back better equipped for life, and continuing that work indefinitely for those who by strict economy could see their way clear to take a complete course. An institution well known because it has served well; worthy of honor because of work accomplished; unique in its success because unique in its method.



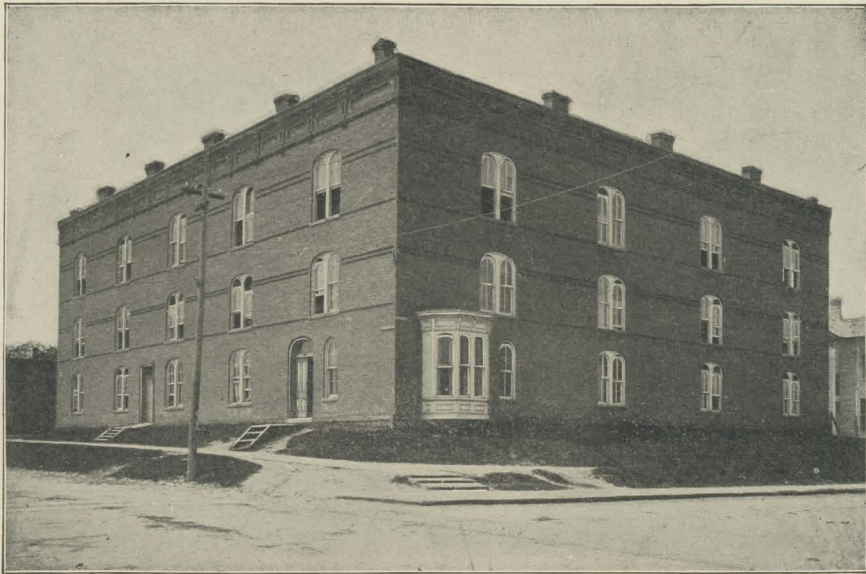
Music Hall



Medical Building (Valparaiso)



Science Building



Commercial Hall

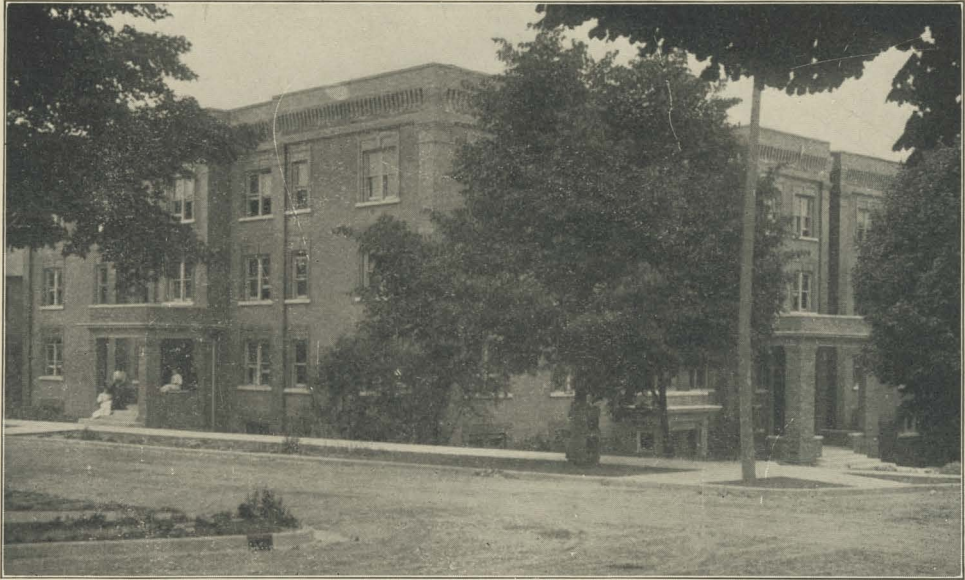


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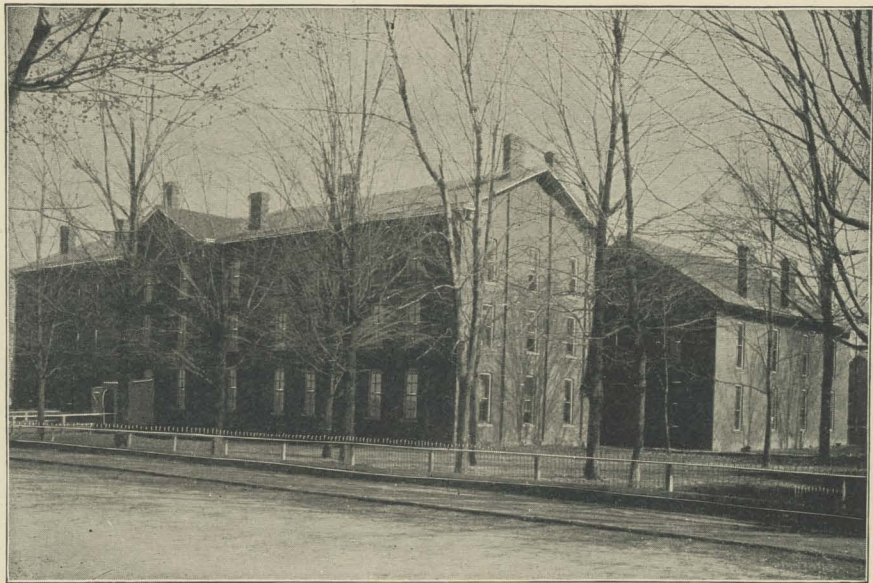


College Auditorium





Altruria Hall



East and South Halls



Chicago College of Dental Surgery



Chicago College of Medicine and Surgery



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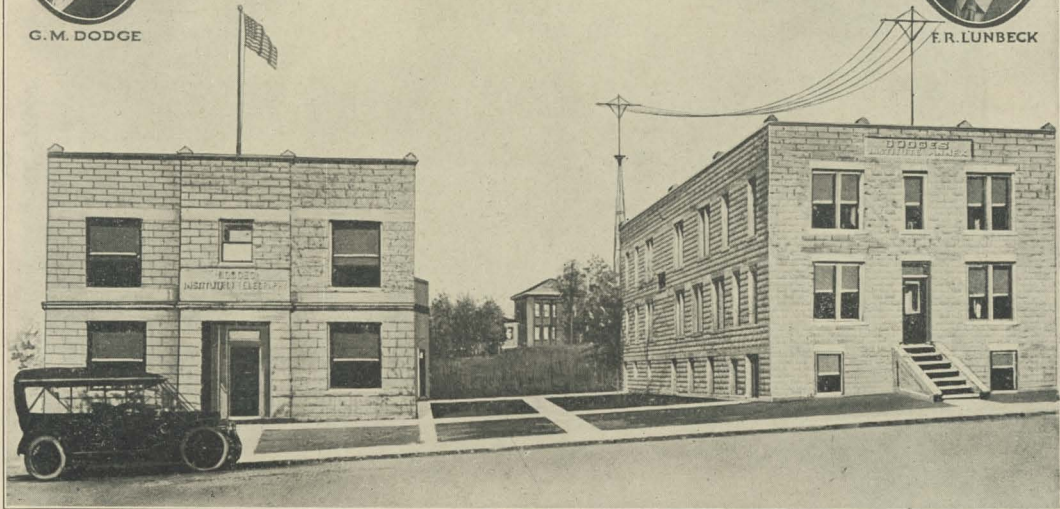
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G. M. DODGE



F. R. LUNBECK



**A**NOTHER institution to which our city points with pride is Dodge's Telegraph and Railway Institute, whose buildings are situated on Monroe Street at the corner of Locust. The institution was established in 1874 as a department of the Northern Indiana Normal School by G. A. Dodge, now deceased, while he was in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad. In 1891 the department was reorganized under its present management—Mr. G. M. Dodge—and it has grown continuously until now it is the largest telegraph and railway instruction school in the country.

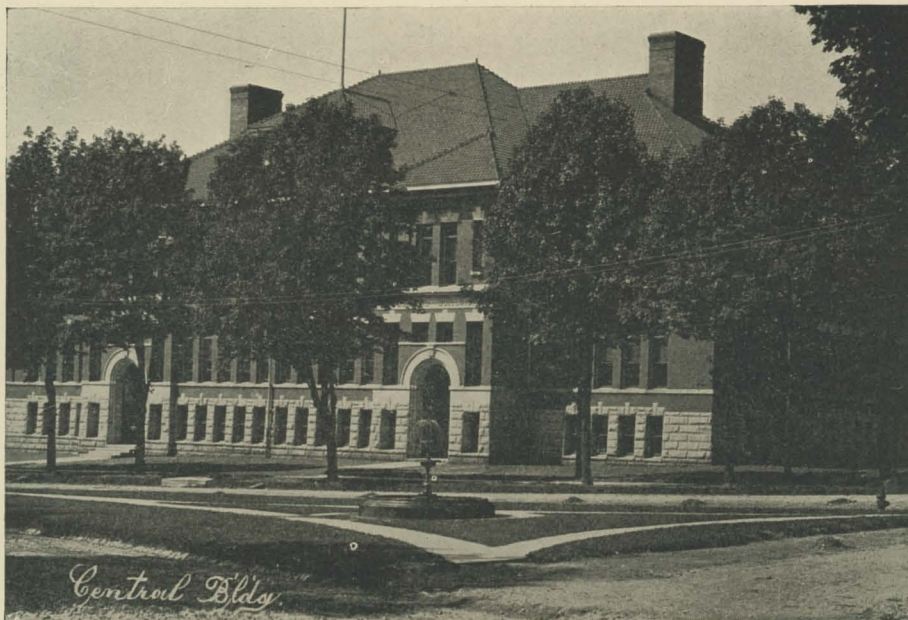
The enrollment this year will exceed six hundred students, with nearly every state in the Union represented as well as not a few from foreign countries. There are ten members of the faculty, all of whom are experienced in their respective lines.

The President and Vice-President are Messrs. G. M. Dodge and F. R. Lunbeck; the Dean of the Railway and Commercial Telegraph Department is Mr. Edson F. Rainier; the Dean of the Railway Accounting Department (station agency work) is Mr. P. H. Swain; and the Dean of the Wireless Department is Mr. Clayton I. Hoppough. The curriculum embraces the study of Railway and Commercial Telegraphy, Railway Accounting as applied to station agency work, and Wireless Telegraphy and Engineering.

The school is recognized by railway, telegraph and wireless officials as the leading one of its kind. It is the only institution of the kind in which a student may become a qualified Morse or wireless telegrapher or station agent. The school receives more calls for its graduates than it can fill.

Perhaps the most interesting feature of this institution to the layman is the wireless department, where a complete laboratory and high power wireless station obtain. Aero-grams have been received from points nearly 2,000 miles distant, including stations on the Atlantic Coast from Quebec to Cuba and Porto Rico and the Gulf Coast from Key West to Galveston, and from ships in Southern Pacific waters, as well as from innumerable intervening stations.

The officers of the school are always glad to have citizens and strangers pay them a visit and the hours set aside for this purpose are from 3 to 5 p. m.



Central High School



Prof. A. A. Hughart

## The Public Schools

**T**HE schools of Valparaiso are the pride of its citizens, and justly so. The high school is one of the accredited schools of the state. They are in the hands of a very able corps of teachers under the superintendency of Prof. A. A. Hughart, a progressive educator, who has been in charge since 1901.

We use the word "progressive" designedly, for those who are familiar with the work of the schools witness progress in methods and scope every year—working toward higher ideals of efficiency.

The schools of Valparaiso stand at the head of the schools of the state in their general course of instruction from the kindergarten to the high school. The work of the grades is so thorough that more pupils that have completed the grades pass each year into the high school to continue their studies. The health of the pupils is cared for by a regularly appointed medical inspector, so that there may be a healthy mind in a healthy body.

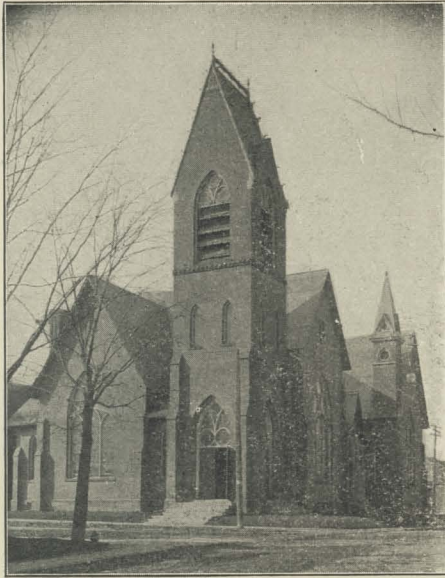
With few changes in the faculty it is possible to work toward a given purpose and to accomplish that purpose. And the results are manifest in the tone and atmosphere of the schools—abreast of the times, progressive in method, efficient in administration.



Columbia School



Gardner School



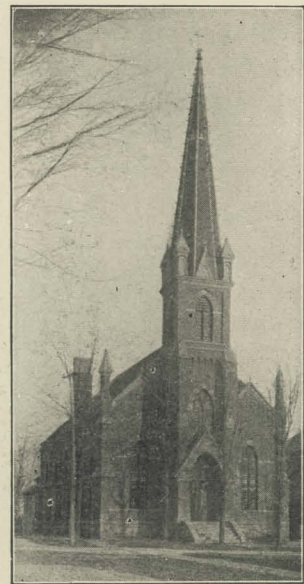
Presbyterian Church



Methodist Church

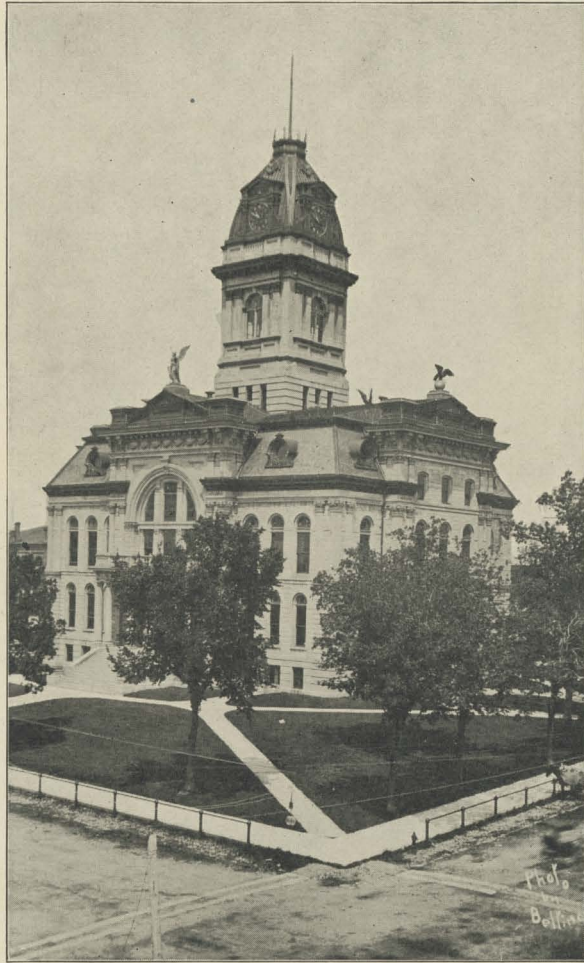


Episcopal Church

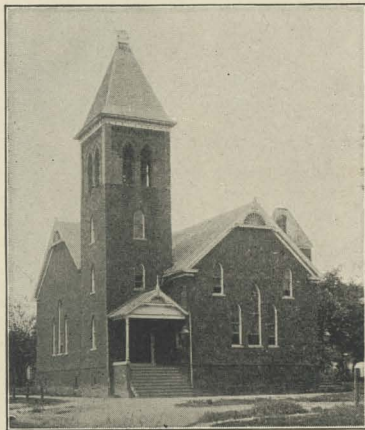


German Lutheran Church





New Porter County Court House



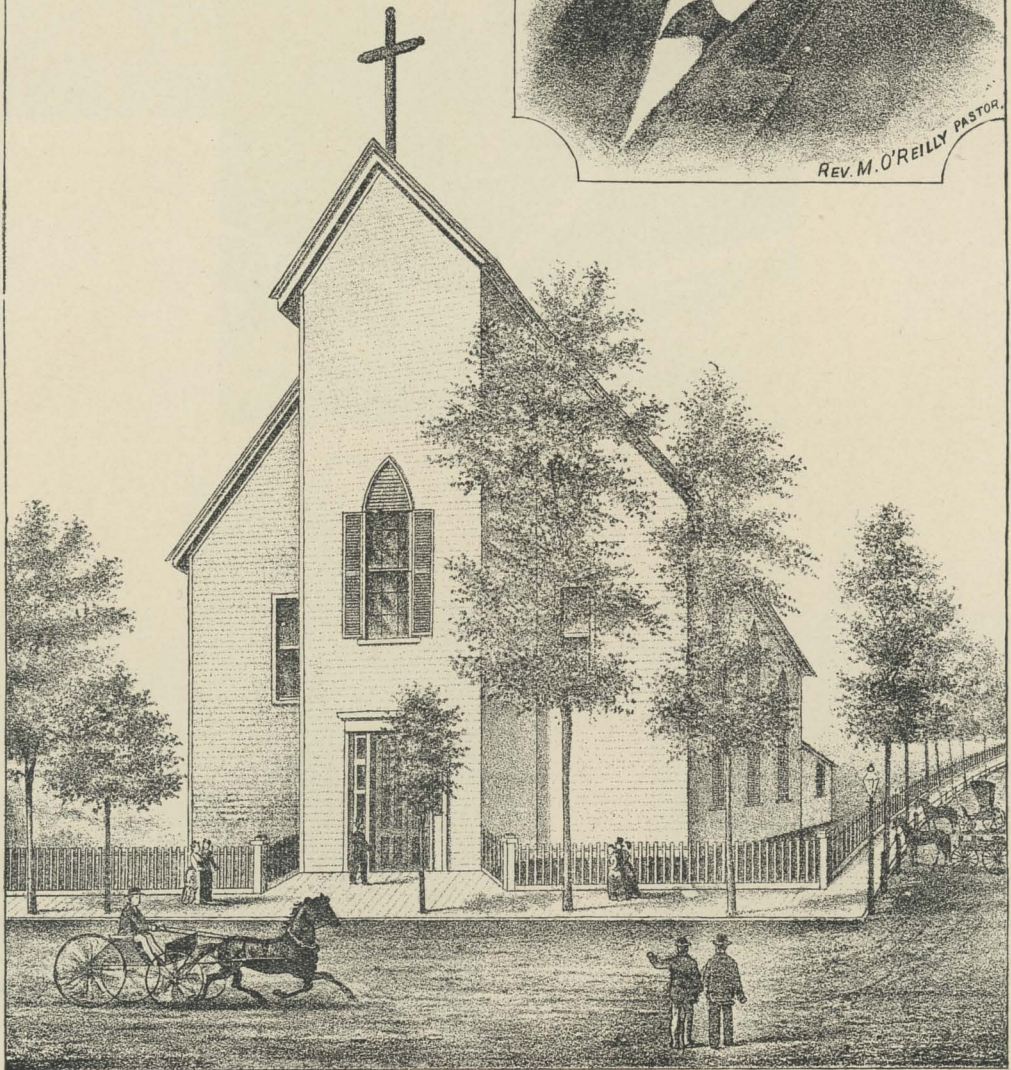
Baptist Church



Christian Church



REV. M. O'REILLY PASTOR.

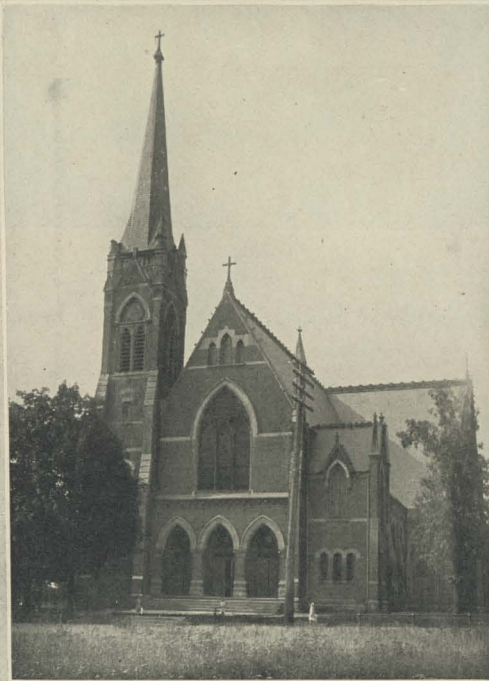




*Residence*



*Rev. W. S. Hogan.*



*St. Paul Church.*



*School.*

**T**HE picture on the opposite page is that of the old Catholic Church and Father O'Reilly, representing the work of the Church in the early days. Father O'Reilly was the first resident priest-in-charge and came to Valparaiso in 1863. Through the many years of his incumbency he won his way to the hearts of his people and laid the foundations for the permanent life of the parish. It was he who secured the valuable land now held by the Church, and established the School.

Father Hogan is the present incumbent, coming to the charge in 1903, and every department of the work feels the influence of his energy and good judgment.



Valparaiso Band, 1858

Newton Arvin

Reason Bell

M. L. DeMotte

Aaron Parks

Don Salyer

Thomas Jewell

Octave Benney



Valparaiso Band, 1911



## The Salisbury Family

A family of musicians of national reputation, born and reared in Valparaiso



Residence of M. F. Parker

**C**HARLES H. PARKER, Sr., began in 1871 the manufacture of Varnishes, Paint Dryers, Japans, Black Iron Enamels and Paint Specialties. He has brought into use his natural ability to produce a superior product that has found recognition in the trade. Seconded by the energy of his three sons the business has steadily developed until this factory has become one of the largest producers of Asphaltum Blacks in the United States.

The business was incorporated in 1895. The officers at the present time are: Chas. H. Parker, Sr., President and Treasurer; M. F. Parker, General Manager and Secretary; Chas. H. Parker, Jr., Superintendent; E. M. Parker, Sales Manager.

The Senior member of the firm has served efficiently in the Common Council, and all four families are well known in Valparaiso's business and social life.



The Parker Varnish Factory



Residence of Chas. E. Foster

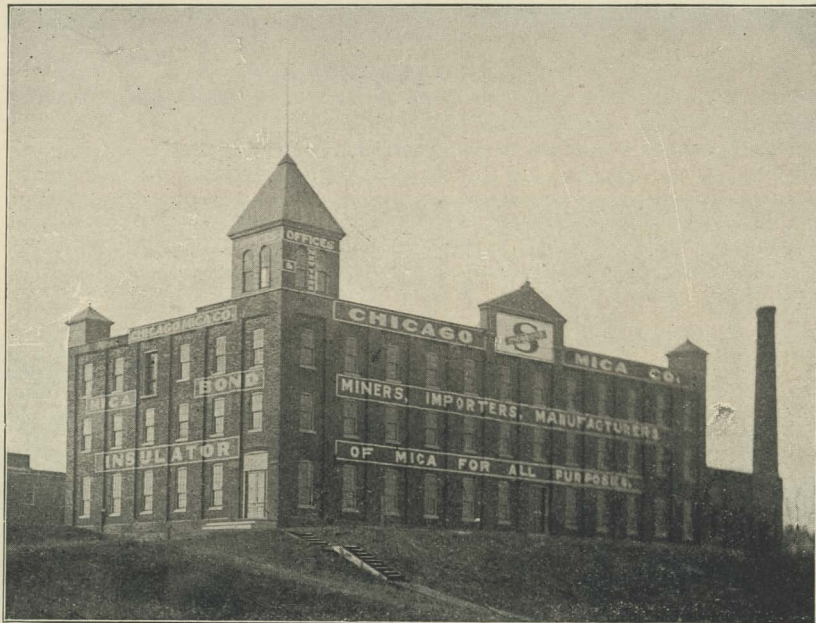


Foster Lumber and Coal Company



Chautauqua Manufacturing Company, Educational Specialties  
Chautauqua Park

The Chautauqua Industrial Art Desk, the Royal Scroll, Challenge Safety Swing, Loose Leaf Photo and Post Card Albums, Nature Study School Charts, Loose Leaf Catalog Binders.



Chicago Mica Company

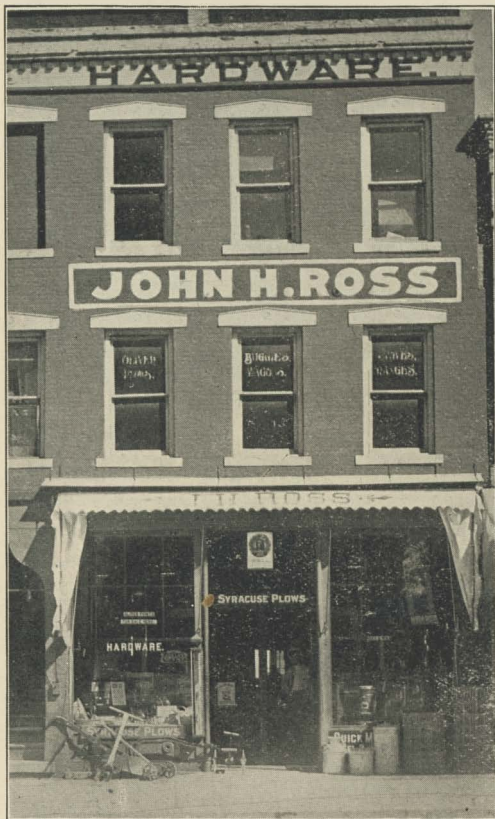
This is Valparaiso's largest and most prominent manufacturing industry. The company was organized in 1898 and moved to this city in 1899. It is one of the largest of its kind in the United States and manufactures electrical insulating materials exclusively. The company employs on an average of about 100 people.





The McGill Manufacturing Company

This business was established in 1905 and has had a remarkable growth, the number of employes increasing almost ten times in five years. Their new building will enable them to more than double the output of their plant.

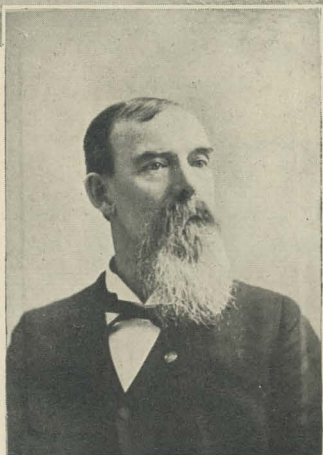
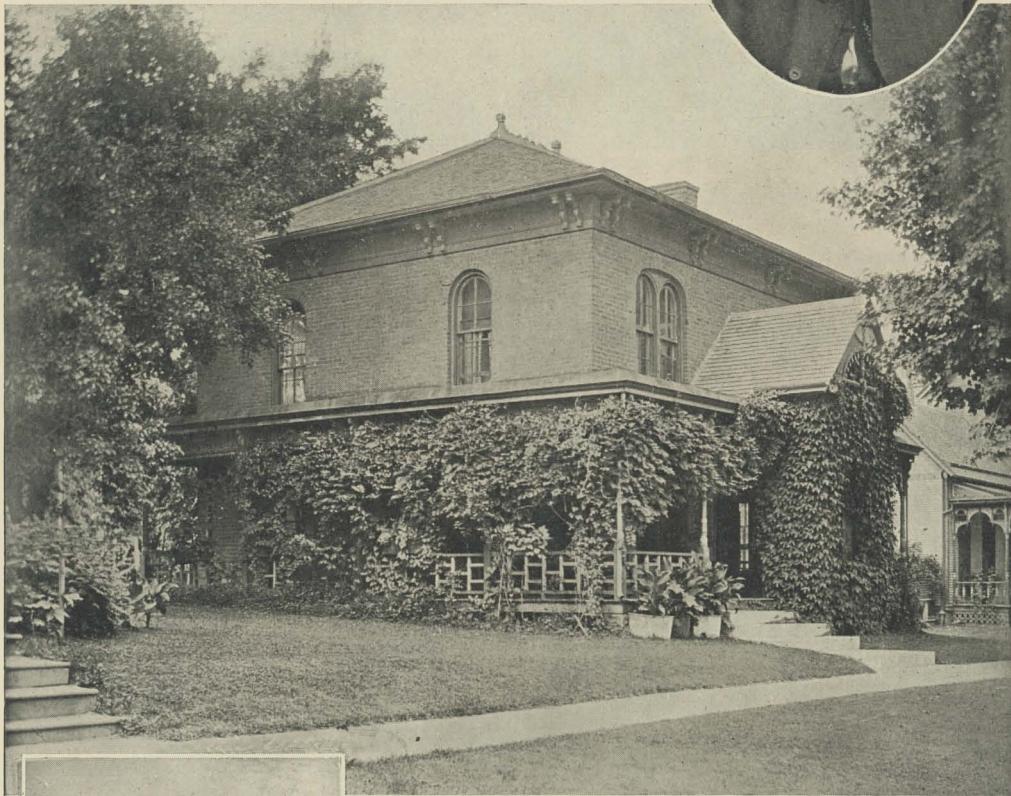
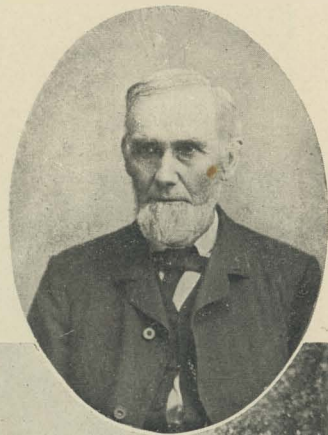


## The Chronology of a Progressive Firm

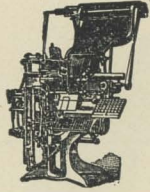
Established 1856 by Hiram Bickford  
 1861-1870, Freeman & Hawkins  
 1870-1877, Hawkins, Haste & Co.  
 1877-1892, Haste & Hollett  
 1892-1902, Geo. S. Haste  
 1902-1903, Cain & Ross  
 1903-1911, Ross & Wilson  
 1911, John H. Ross

The oldest hardware store in Porter County. The present proprietor, Mr. John H. Ross, is one of Valparaiso's most prominent and successful business men. Under his management the business has grown steadily until it is one of the largest of its kind in the county.

**T**HERON C. WHITE was born December 10, 1815, in Goshen, Mass., and was married to Salina Horton the 15th day of December, 1837. On the 1st day of February, 1855, he and his family arrived at Porter Station over the Michigan Central Railroad and drove over to Valparaiso in bob-sleds. He was Surveyor of Porter County for a term of years, and with his brother Daniel established the lumber yards at the Pennsylvania station and was a member of the firm now known as the McFetrich Lumber Company at the time of his death, which occurred October 20, 1888.



**J**OHN W. ELAM was born in Fulton County, Indiana, May 29, 1840. In 1862 he enlisted in Company D. 87th Regiment, Indiana Volunteers, as a private, and was honorably discharged at Washington on June 10, 1865. In 1866 Mr. Elam married Frelove White, and the following year moved to Valparaiso, Indiana. Capt. Elam served as postal mail clerk 11 years; as Auditor of Porter County 8 years; as Department Revenue Collector 10 years, and in 1906 he was appointed Postmaster of the city of Valparaiso, and was serving his second term of office in this capacity when he passed out of this life. Capt. Elam was an enthusiastic and loyal Republican, an honest and trustworthy public officer, and a warm friend.



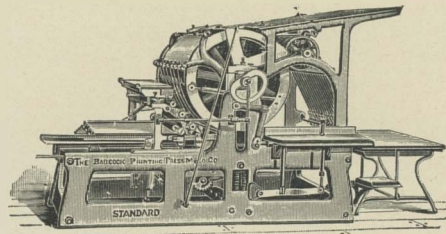
**I**N the year 1843 the first printing press was brought to Porter County by William C. Talcott and the first newspaper of the county was launched. The outfit was leased to James H. Castle. "Judge" Talcott, as he was afterward familiarly called, however drifted back to the printing business and the most of the time for fifty years was connected in some manner with the newspaper that he had founded. This original newspaper venture, with the usual vicissitudes of the business in a new county, evolved into the plant now known as the Vidette office. The second proprietor of the Vidette in length of time was Capt. Edward Welty, who was connected with the paper for eighteen years. In August, 1903, Mr. Welty sold the plant to Achison & Jones, who after six weeks of ownership disposed of their holdings to the present owner, John M. Mavity.

Some twenty years ago a daily edition was added and now both daily and weekly editions are published regularly, the weekly issue, known as the Porter County Vidette, being dated on Wednesdays.

Since passing into its present ownership the mechanical equipment of the office has been modernized and is now fitted with all the improvements necessary to an office of its size. A No. 3 standard linotype machine, a No. 7 standard Babcock press and an Eclipse newspaper folder are among the most important machines of the equipment.

The Porter County Vidette has among its subscribers a large number who have taken the paper for 25 or 30 years, and quite a few who have belonged to its family for 40 years.

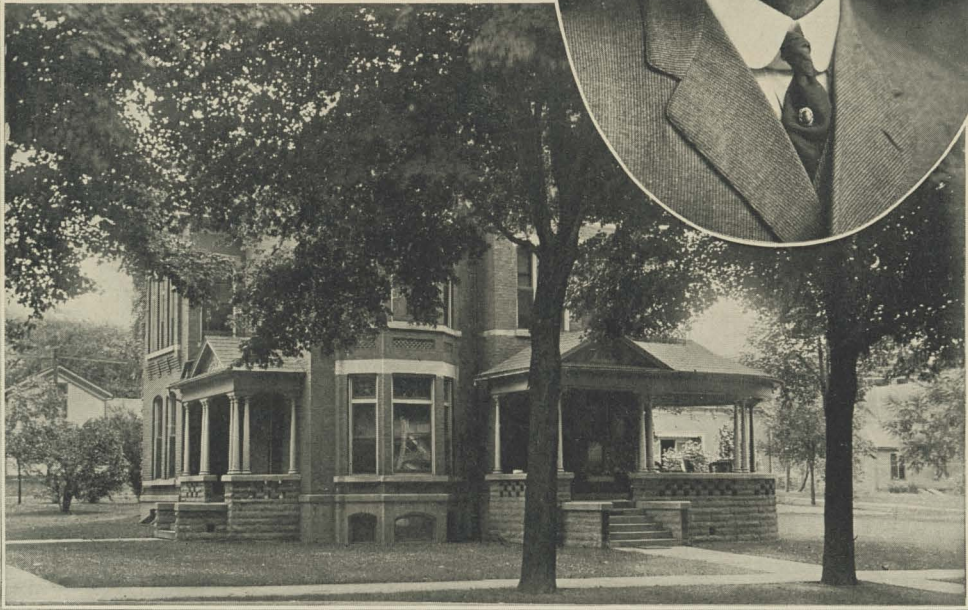
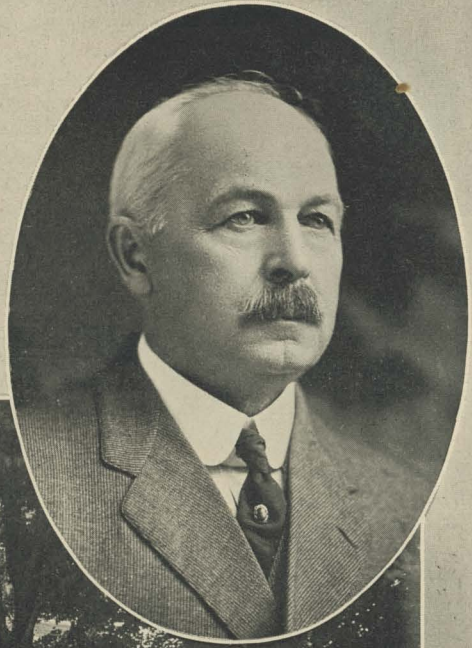
The files of the paper from its origin up to the year 1900 were placed by the present owner in the care of the librarian at the Valparaiso Public Library, where anyone so minded can pass a very enjoyable time reading of the incidents of Valparaiso and Porter County life fifty and sixty years ago.



McGillicuddy Building

Residence of

Hon. E. D. Crumpacker.



West Main Street, 1867

**H**ON. Edgar D. Crumpacker, son of Theophilus and Harriet Crumpacker, was born in La Porte County, Indiana, and was reared on a farm. He was educated in the common schools and at the Valparaiso Male and Female College. He is a lawyer and was a member of the Indiana Appellate Court from March 17, 1891, to January 1, 1893. He is a member of Congress for the Tenth District of Indiana, and has represented that district continuously since March 4, 1897. He is a Republican in politics and is now the only Republican Congressman from Indiana. He was married to Charlotte Ann Lucas at Westville, Indiana, in April, 1879. He is the father of three sons, Owen H., Fred C. and Maurice E. He is a member of the Christian Church and of the Masonic Order.



**T**HE Specht-Finney-Skinner Co. began business March 1, 1899, succeeding the well known firm of Specht & Finney.

Their new building—a cut of which appears above—was completed November 22, 1899.

Since the completion of the new building the store occupies a prominent place among the leading “department stores” of Northern Indiana.

The officers of the company are as follows: Claus F. Specht, President; S. L. Finney, Vice-President; L. R. Skinner, Secretary and Treasurer; all active in the business. Over fifty people are employed by this company.



Academy Block

Lower Floor occupied by Heineman & Sievers Drug Store and Farmers' National Bank; Second Floor by Offices; Third Floor by Masonic Lodge and Order of Eastern Star.

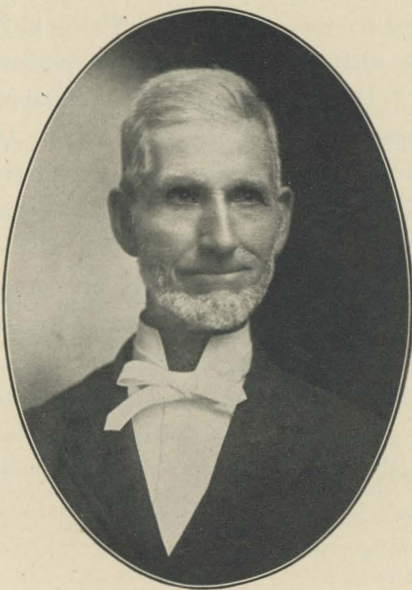
**H** EINEMAN & SIEVERS Drug Company occupies two rooms on the first floor of this building. This firm was established in October, 1900. Mr. Heineman, the senior member of the firm, started his business career in this store in 1879, while Mr. Sievers commenced his business career with the Letherman Drug Store and was connected with that store for over twelve years. Both members of the firm are natives of Valparaiso.

When this firm took possession of the present store it occupied only one room. They immediately opened, by an arch opening, a space adjoining the drug store of about 8x24 feet, which is the space under the main hall of the building, and conveniently accommodating 24 people, which the firm established as their soda water annex and fitted it out in an elegant manner—mirrored walls, mahogany furniture, dome light and lantern side lights. The decorating was done by their interior decorating department and this annex is the most popular place in the city.

The old drug store carried wall paper, paints, glass, etc., in the one room, which the new firm continued for about two years. But as their business grew and needed more space, this enterprising firm leased the south room adjoining exclusively for their wall paper, paints, mouldings, etc., which department is the leading one in the city; entering the same through an arch opening opposite the arch opening leading into their soda water annex. The firm now occupies two-thirds of the first floor and basement of this building.



## Farmers' National Bank



The Late Joseph Gardner

• Founder of The Farmers' National Bank

**T**HE Farmers' National Bank was organized in 1878, being a successor to the Valparaiso Deposit Bank owned by the late Joseph Gardner. The first business place was the room now occupied by the hat shop on North Washington Street. Twenty five years ago the bank was moved to its present location on the corner of Washington and Main Streets.

Of the original board of directors, composed of the founder, Joseph Gardner, A. V. Bartholomew, W. P. Wilcox, J. M. Felton and H. B. Brown, Professor Brown, president of the Valparaiso University, is the only one living at the present time who has been identified with the institution since its organization.

The principles which were so carefully considered by its late president have been consistently carried out by its present officers and to-day it is considered one of Porter County's leading and most substantial institutions.

Mr. W. H. Gardner, the present president, has been connected with the bank since 1880 and has practically grown up with the institution. E. J. Gardner, a nephew of the late president, has been connected with the bank for the past nineteen years and has been its cashier since 1896. The present board of directors is composed of W. H. Gardner, president, W. G. Windle and P. W. Clifford, vice-presidents, James McPetrich and H. B. Brown. Additional stockholders are: P. J. Horn, L. G. Horn, Mrs. Jno. Wark and Mrs. W. H. Gardner.

Capital, surplus and undivided profits of this institution amount to \$120,000.00. It is carrying deposits approximating close to \$600,000.00.



WHEN S. C. Billings started in business in 1891 he occupied a small rear bakery shop at 16 North Washington Street, with only ten feet of front window space. He soon outgrew these cramped quarters and leased the building at 18 North Washington Street. Six years later he bought as his permanent business home 22 North Washington Street. But during his business career Mr. Billings left out of account two things:—His ability to draw trade and the steady growth of Valparaiso. So he was compelled three years ago to move again into much larger quarters at 13 East Main Street. He is one of Valparaiso's leading business men, and loyal to her best interests.





**I**T IS interesting to note what a tremendous factor is individual ambition and personal worth when it comes to catering to the public in a general business way. This firm—Lilienthal & Szold—was entirely unknown in this community a few short years ago, while to-day they rank as one of the prominent business establishments of the county. In fact, one of the largest, carrying an immense assortment of general merchandise, comprising foreign and domestic products in the many lines they carry and represent, from the smallest “notion” in the “every-day-needs” to the substantial stocks of dry goods, clothing, shoes, furnishings, carpets, rugs and ready-to-wear.

A brief summary of this accomplishment, all in a short period of time, reads much like one of the “fairy tales.” Mr. Leo Lilienthal came to Valparaiso March 27, 1905, and bought the small notion stock owned by F. R. Gallagher at 53 West Main Street, and operated it as a 5 and 10-cent store until July of the same year, when he moved his small stock to the Fishburn Building at 17 East Main Street, enlarged it and increased the variety, and conducted it as a “racket store” for a period of two and one-half years, until February, 1908, when he again changed locations and went into the large storeroom at 3 East Main Street. Here he began the systematic increase of his stock until on the first of October, 1909, he was joined by Mr. Louis Szold, who entered into full partnership. With greater resources and improved facilities, they rented and remodeled the upper floors of the building and increased their stocks largely. When the corner room adjoining their store became vacant they at once secured a long term lease thereon, remodeled it and stocked it with men’s “ready-to-wear,” thereby catering in an up-to-date manner to the wants of men and boys. They now occupy a floor space of more than 7500 square feet.

This summary proves the fallacy of the argument that “opportunities are not as good as they used to be,” and sustains the principle that “Honesty, affability and square dealing is the key to success” at all times and in all places.



## Stinchfield & Fehrman Co.

**T**HIS firm was incorporated in 1903, succeeding to the business of Wm. LePell, one of the pioneer merchants of Porter County.

Leading dealers in furniture and pianos, with undertaking parlors attached, this company does a very large business. The members of the firm are life-long residents in the County, thoroughly identified with its interests, and understand how to meet the needs of the public.

The officers of the company are: M. J. Stinchfield, President; A. J. Fehrman, Vice-President; A. W. Fehrman, Secretary-Treasurer.



**G**EORGE F. BEACH, watch and diamond merchant, and an interior view of his store at 9 Main Street. This business was established 37 years ago and for 34 years occupied 30 feet in one side of the Letherman drug store at 1 Main Street.

Mr. Beach took over the business in 1893, purchasing from Jas. A. Walker, and continued in the above location until 1909, when the present site was purchased by Mr. Beach and fitted up for a permanent location for his business.



Established 1885

Incorporated 1909

# J. Lowenstine & Sons

## Department Store

Valparaiso, Indiana

**T**HE Valparaiso National Bank is a half-century old. The bank is located on the west side of the Public Square where the First National Bank of Valparaiso was located. At the expiration of its charter, the First National Bank of Porter County was organized and at the expiration of its charter in 1902, it was succeeded by the Valparaiso National Bank.

With fifty years of steady growth back of this bank it now stands in the front rank among the leading financial institutions of Northern Indiana.

Officers: Charles W. Benton, President; Horace M. Evans, Vice-President; A. J. Louderback, Cashier; T. L. Applegate, Assistant Cashier; A. W. Cowdrey, Teller.

Directors: Charles W. Benton, Horace M. Evans, A. D. Bartholomew, Fletcher D. White, Geo. W. Neet, L. M. Pierce, Dan'l E. Kelly.



SURPLUS \$30,000.00

CAPITAL \$100,000.00

The First Trust Company is affiliated with the above bank. It was organized in 1906 with a capital of \$25,000.00. The growth of this new institution has been remarkable, the combined resources of both institutions being more than \$1,000,000.00.

Charles W. Benton, President; Horace M. Evans, Vice-President; A. W. Cowdrey, Secretary-Treasurer.

# Northwestern Indiana Telephone Company

*Exclusively Owned by Local Capital*



Operated in Porter  
and Lake Counties  
and connected with  
universal  
“Bell System”  
of telephones



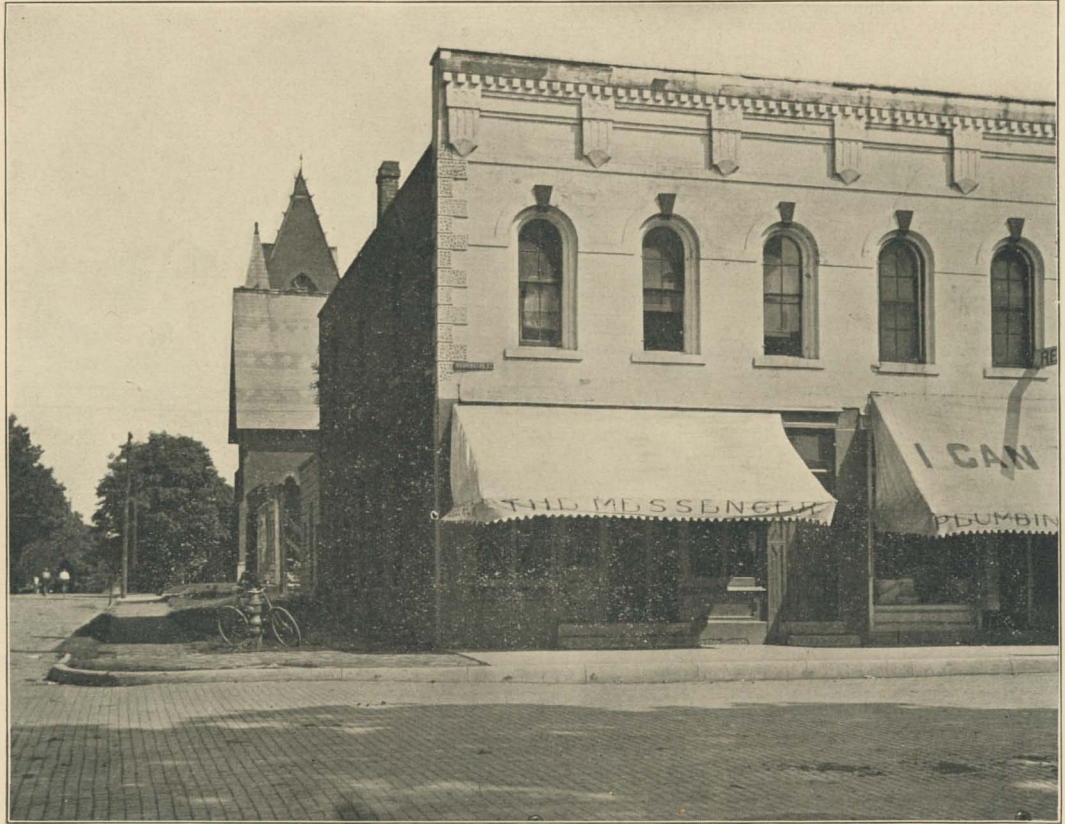
Valparaiso Creamery



Elks' Home No. 500



Hotel Spindler, J. M. Sheldon, Proprietor



The Messenger Office



Memorial Opera House, A. F. Heineman, Lessee and Manager





L. D. Bondy Block



Albe's Restaurant

**E**STABLISHED in 1897, this restaurant has been before the public for the past 14 years and has enjoyed a good business. It has served the people well and at the present time is doing the largest business in its history. The prices are the same now as they were the day it opened up to serve the public. It is centrally located, just one block west of the Court House. The lunch room is on one side and the dining room on the other. Both rooms are handsomely decorated in water colors and this restaurant is classed as one of the best in Northern Indiana. While this place has always done a large business, the proprietor has never taken advantage of the people by charging any more for his meals; the prices have remained the same. Our motto has always been: "If you don't get enough to eat please tell us."

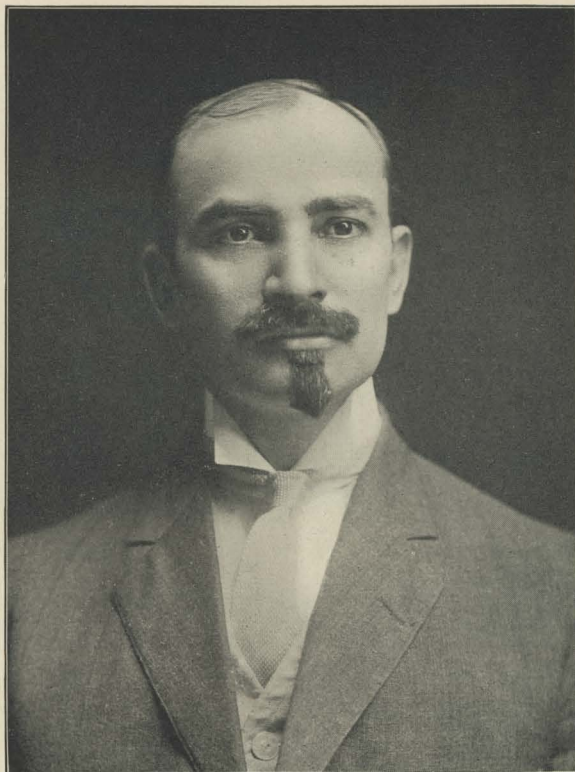


Horn Block

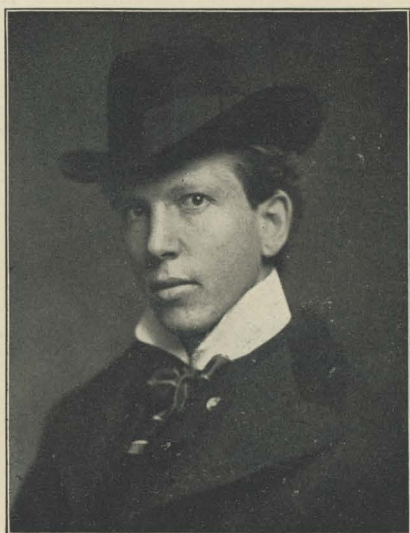


Windle Block

**F**REDERICK W. MITCHELL, Ph. G., M. D., is a native of Ohio, a graduate of Valparaiso University Pharmacy and Medical Departments, and for two years Professor of Therapeutics of a Chicago College of Medicine. After two years of hospital work in Chicago and one year abroad in European hospitals, he located in Valparaiso over three years ago in the practice of medicine, limited to Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat.



Dr. F. W. Mitchell



A. H. Reading, Proprietor

**T**HE pictorial excellence of this book is due to the photographic output of The Reading Studio, for thirteen years the "Picture Place" of Northern Indiana.



Pennsylvania Station



Nickle Plate Station



Grand Trunk Station



Skinner Homestead,  
Home of Four Generations.  
Now occupied by L.R. Skinner  
and family.

THE picture to the right shows a part of Main Street as it was in the early sixties. Looking east on Main Street is the old historic Tremont House, located where now stands the modern Specht-Finney-Skinner Co. department store.

During the early days of this hotel Col. Mark L. DeMotte, Chas. W. Dickover and DeForest L. Skinner were listed among the boarders; and at this old hotel the courtship began which resulted in the marriage of DeForest Leslie Skinner to Rachel Ann Maxwell, daughter of James Maxwell, who was at that time the proprietor.



East Main Street, 1856



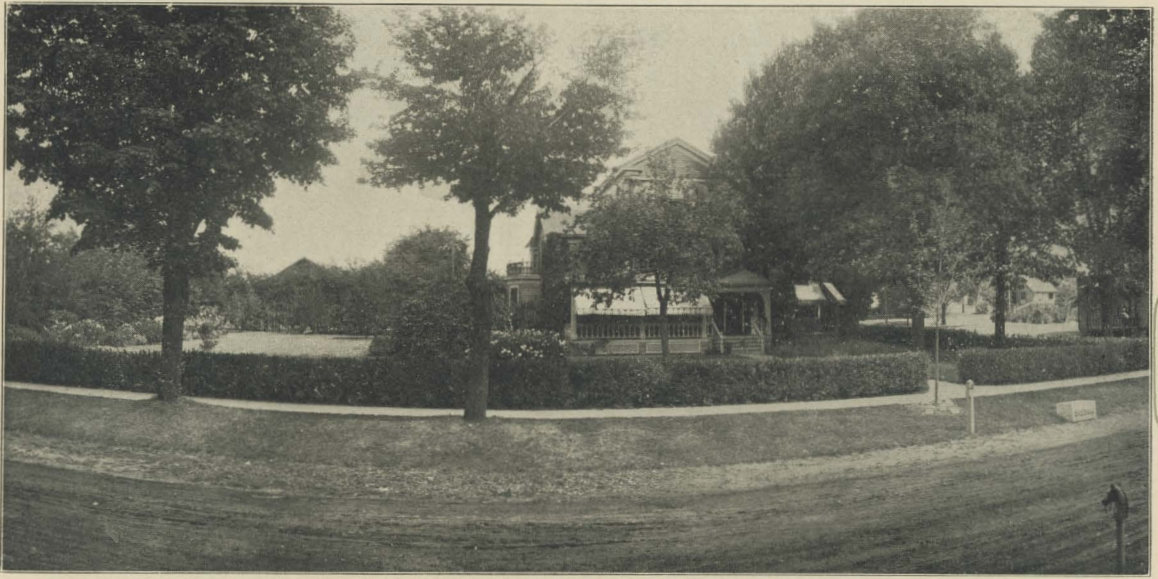
Corner of Franklin Avenue and Chicago Street

**R**EMEMBERED by the elder residents as the "Old Marks' Corner." Improved in the early days of Valparaiso by Joseph Marks, one of the town's most eccentric pioneers, and used by him as a place of business and residence until his death in 1905. The Pioneer Apartments now occupy this site.

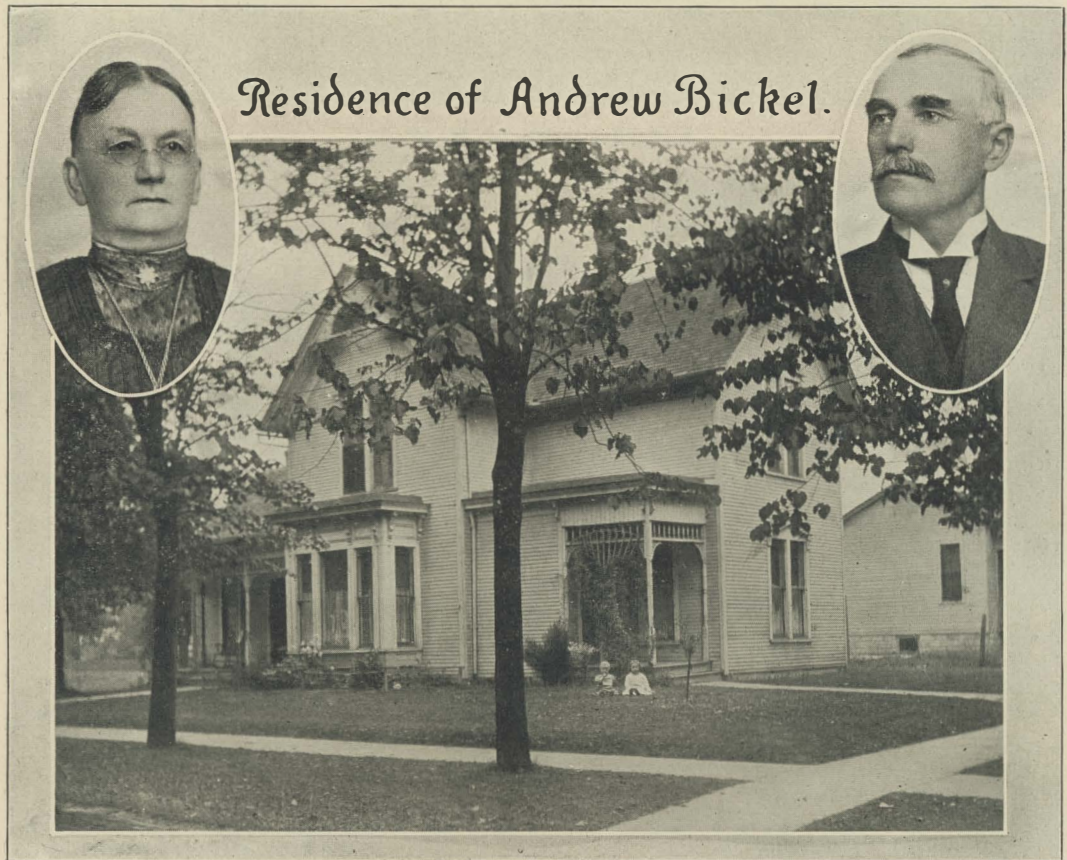


Pioneer Apartment Building

Erected by Perry L. Sisson on the old Marks corner in 1908



Residence of Perry L. Sisson, 702 North Franklin Avenue



Residence of Andrew Bickel.

Commissioner of Porter County



Residence of Dr. H. M. Evans



North Washington Street

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Residence of Grant Crumpacker, Attorney



Residence of J H. McGill



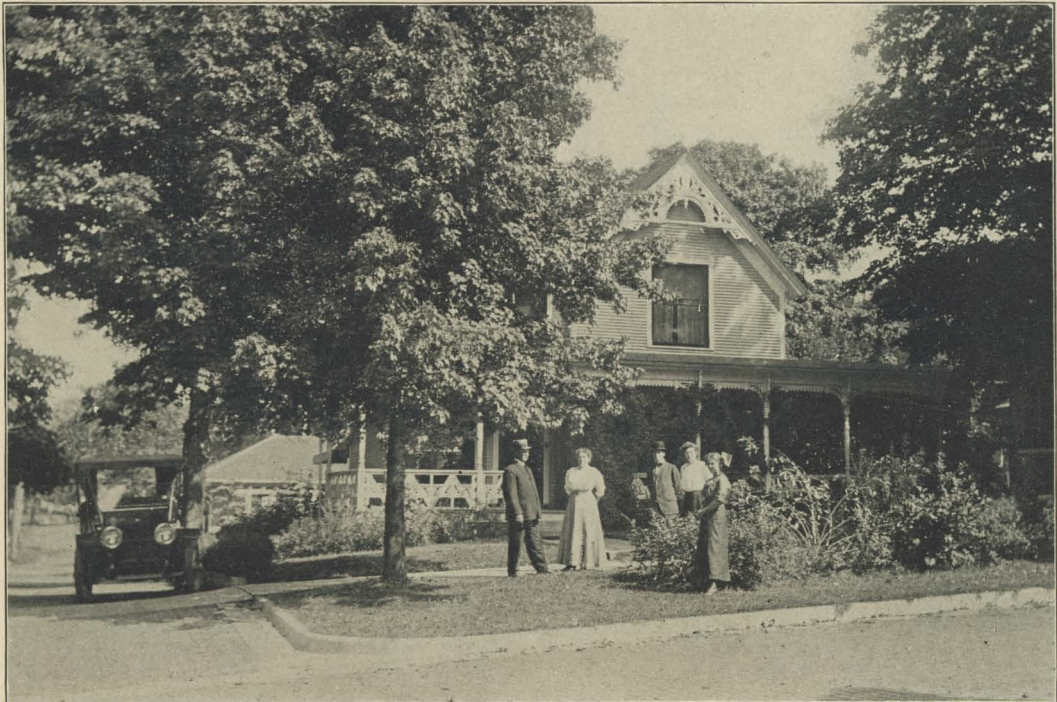
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College Avenue



Residence of S. L. Finney



Residence of L. M. Pierce, Insurance



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Residence of Chas. F. Lembke, Architect



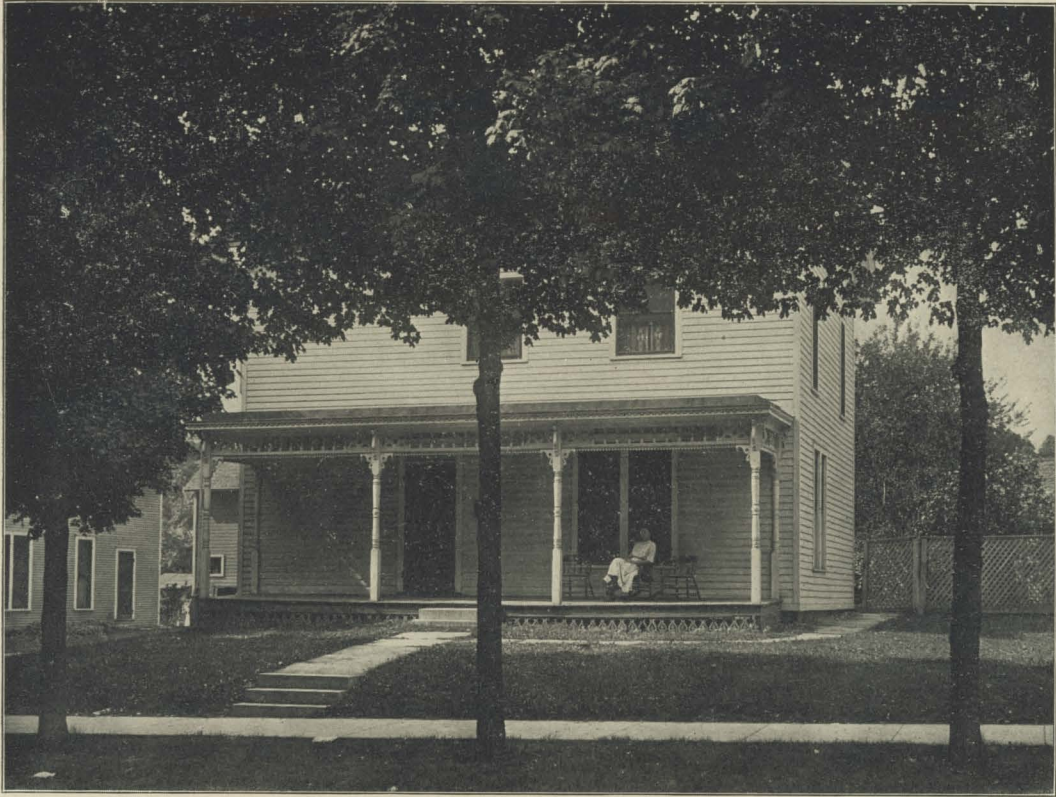
Residence of H. H. Loring, Attorney



Residence and Office of Drs. A. W. Vincent and O. B. Nesbit



Michigan Avenue



Residence of S. J. Summers



Residence of L. H. Coplin, County Treasurer



Residence of Dr. J. A. Ryan



Residence of James M. McFetrich





Residence of C. F. Specht



Residence of E. A. Bell



Residence of J. L. Conover, Contractor



Residence of Mayor W. F. Spooner



Residence of M. A. McNiece



Residence of R. D. Ross

The Christian Hospital first opened its doors to receive patients in March, 1906, with seven beds. Inside of a year the number of beds increased to seventeen. The institution grew in usefulness and popularity. It now has beds to accommodate twenty-five patients, and this number must soon be increased, as it is quite inadequate at times to accommodate all who seek admission.

The hospital is the property of the National Benevolent Association of the Christian Church. It is operated along lines of broad charity and philanthropy. Though it belongs to the Christian Church, it does not discriminate in the care of patients. No worthy applicant is ever denied admission.

A Training School for Nurses is operated in connection with the hospital, and under the instruction of the superintendent and visiting physicians a corps of competent nurses is always on duty, from which graduates go out each two years to engage in the profession of nursing.

The present high standard of efficiency maintained is due largely to the efforts of the superintendent, Mrs. Nora L. Woodruff.

The Hospital and Training School is regularly chartered under the laws of Indiana. It is operated by a board of local trustees, acting for the National Benevolent Association and serving without pay. The first board of trustees consisted of the following: H. B. Brown, President; Simon J. Young, M. D., Vice-President; John E. Roessler, Secretary; George F. Beach, Treasurer; John L.

Jones, Grant Crumpacker, J. A. Stevenson, R. D. Blount, M. D., and E. W. Agar.

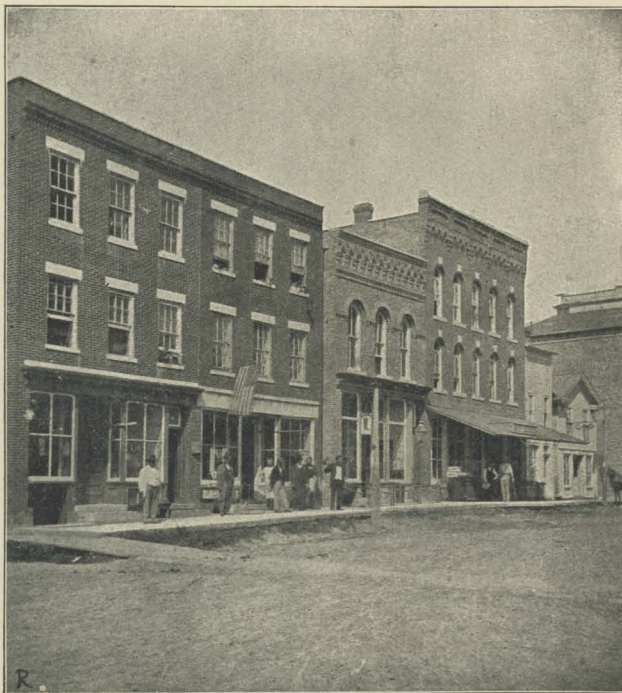
Eight of the nine original trustees are still members of the board. John L. Jones having moved away, N. R. McNiece was elected to fill his place.

The hospital board is ably seconded by the Ladies' Auxiliary, an organization of Valparaiso women who give freely of their time in the interest of the hospital, and whose labors have been most fruitful in financial results. The first officers of this board were as follows: President, Mrs. H. B. Brown; Vice-President, Mrs. S. J. Young; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Peter Horn; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Clara Altemiller; Treasurer, Mrs. W. H. Williams.

The citizens of Valparaiso have been generously loyal to the hospital. They gave \$6,500.00 toward the original purchase price, and each year they contribute many hundreds of dollars towards its support.

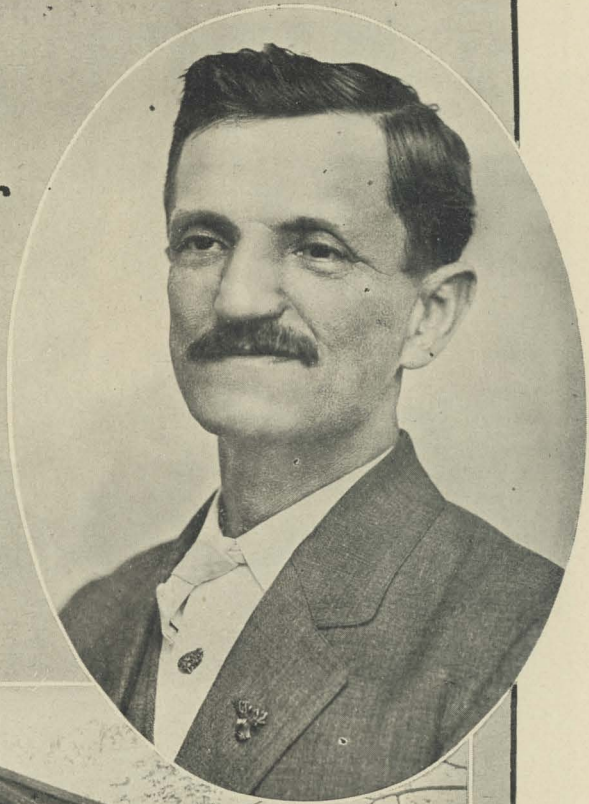


The Christian Hospital and Training School for Nurses

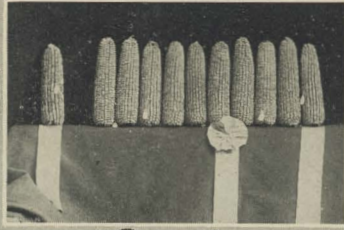


South Washington Street, 1864

Joseph Decker  
Publisher.



The home of Joseph Decker, a resident of Valparaiso since 1870



Prize Corn.



Corn July 4, 1911.

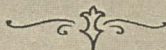
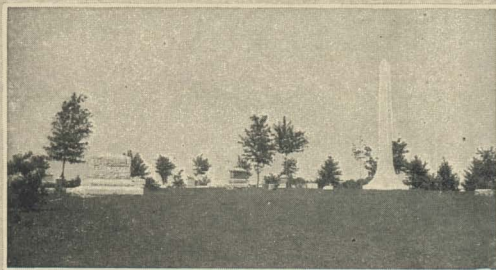
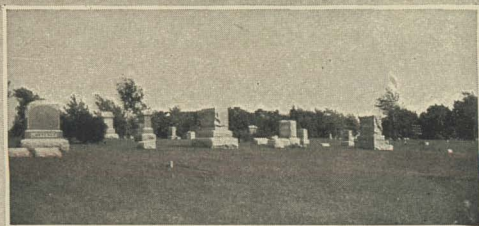


Farm Scenes  
near Valparaiso,  
Farm of  
L. R. Skinner.



The above scenes were taken on the farm of L. R. Skinner July 4, 1911, showing the splendid condition of the 1911 corn crop. Farm operated by Wm. Pennington and Marion Muchler.

## Graceland Cemetery.



**L**ITTLE would a stranger dream as he journeyed out to the beautiful Graceland Cemetery that on these grounds seven years ago the plow boy whistled amid the corn and the reaper sang his song. And we who have lived here all our lives, how little do we realize the change until we stop to think. Now among the grasses and gardens stands many a monument to mark the resting place of the dead.

Mr. L. R. Skinner and Mr. J. W. Sieb, two prominent men of this city, noting the crowded and unkept burial grounds of Valparaiso and Porter County, wondered why something could not be done to better the condition of things, and so went about to devise a way. After looking around and talking the matter over with others they formed a company and selected the present site of fifty-five acres for Graceland Cemetery, of which twenty acres have been improved.

The change was quickly brought about; lots were surveyed and a landscape gardener was employed to lay out the grounds. Over a thousand trees were set out and more than three thousand shrubs were planted, giving the place after due time the aspect of a beautiful park.

Noting the beautiful slope of the ground and the charming landscape setting, people became interested and saw that the much needed cemetery was now a reality. The sale of the lots was remarkable. Not only did Valparaiso people buy, but well-to-do farmers from all parts of the county purchased lots, knowing that the same would be given proper care.

A perpetual care fund has been instituted, of which the Thrift Trust Company is trustee. This fund receives a portion of the proceeds derived from the sale of the lots, which will in the future take care of the grounds and graves. The balance of the money goes to pay the expenses involved in taking care of the cemetery. Some people have entertained the impression that the cemetery has been and is a source of profit for Mr. Skinner and Mr. Sieb. This is indeed false, as it has not been the purpose of the two gentlemen to make it such. On the other hand, much credit is due them for stepping aside from their regular interests to give Valparaiso and Porter County a cemetery that will be a source of pride for years to come. This year a \$25,000 mausoleum has been erected on the grounds. Vaults have been purchased by men all over the county, many of whom will unearth their dead in other burial grounds and place their remains in this beautiful structure. Lots sell as low as \$25.00 and as high as \$600.00, according to location.

Much credit is due Mr. John Thatcher, the superintendent, who has worked faithfully and successfully in making Graceland Cemetery one of the finest burial grounds in Indiana.











