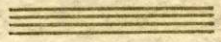


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MORGANTOWN celebrated her hundredth anniversary in 1885. Since that time the town has grown from a village of a little less than one thousand to a city with a little less than ten thousand inhabitants. The history of the growth and achievement in that time would read like a romance but it would be frozen facts and hard figures.

The town had always been an important center. It was for many years the distributing point for the central part of the State and wagons were sent from here to many places a hundred miles or more distant. Then came the B. & O. through the State. Instantly Morgantown began to retrograde. Other towns became points of importance and only the completion of slackwater to this point, and later the building of the B. & O. from Fairmont, started the town on a new era of progress.

The railroad was finally extended into Pennsylvania, connecting the town with Pittsburg and giving it a northern outlet. Then came factories and manufacturing establishments, slowly at first, then faster and faster, until today there are no less than six big plants, each of which employs over 200 hands, besides the scores of establishments which had already begun to pour out their golden stream of wages to thousands of skilled workmen.

No less than five workable veins of coal are to be found in the confines of the county. They have as yet been practically untouched. But the miner's pick is to get into activity soon, and free them from the fetters of mother earth.

The county now stands sixteenth in the production of coal in the State, but when the drifts are opened, and the coal is coming out as it should, the county will go far toward the top among the coal producers of the commonwealth.

Among the substantial factors of the growth and prosperity of Morgantown is the University. It has increased with the town, and from a couple of hundred students has attained an enrollment of over one thousand. There are ten buildings, and nearly one hundred professors and teachers. West Virginia is not the only state represented, but many other states, and some foreign countries have students here.

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Special attention is given to education in the town. This has been a source of particular pride since the first founding of the place. The public schools are excellent, and the finest school buildings in the state is at the disposition of the citizens. Courses of study lead through the University without a break. It costs absolutely nothing to get a first class education, with any one of a dozen degrees and professions, starting at the very lowest round of the ladder. The whole tone of the town is one of education and progress.

It is a clean town. There are no saloons and no other forms of vice. The jail stands empty for weeks at a time, and in fact, it is a rarity that there are prisoners in it. Seldom is there a criminal case to be tried before the local courts. There is very little crime of any kind in or about Morgantown, and the people are prosperous and contented.

Four building associations, with large capital, are engaged in the commendable work of building up the city. They have added scores of houses to the list here, and are building many more.

More people own their own homes in Morgantown than in any other town of its size in the state. The houses are all substantial. There are no cabins or huts in this city. The first thing that a stranger notices when he reaches here is the fact that the houses, without exception, look good and substantial.

And this calls to mind that Morgantown is a home town. Whether a man wants to engage in business, to educate his children, or retire and live in a city where he can get all the conveniences of modern life without any of the drawbacks usually associated with and resulting from their possession, he should come to Morgantown.

There are paved streets, excellent schools, the University, water, gas, electric light, trolley system, churches of all the lead-

ing denominations, many manufacturing enterprises and taken as a whole the best, cleanest and most progressive town in West Virginia.

All around Morgantown lie vast beds of coal. A score of companies to develop this have been formed, and several of them are actively at work now. Others will start soon. Morgantown will be used as the location of the principal offices, and will be the distributing point for all the mines, and their officers will live here. They will add wealth and standing to the town.

The trolley company has projected four lines running out of town. Some of them will be built during the coming year.

To show the possibilities of the town an instance may be mentioned. E. M. Grant and others offered the B. & O. ten thousand dollars to build a bridge across the river to the west side. They agreed to guarantee the erection of factories at once to employ two thousand men. The railroad has not acted, but whenever it does the guarantee will be more than made good by these gentleman.

There is slackwater navigation to Pittsbnrg and two daily lines of packets ply between that city and this one. Locks and dams have been built between here and Fairmont and boats are running to Fairmont daily.

Several railroads are projected from this place to a junction with the various systems in the valley below the state line in Pennsylvania. The Cheat river railroad is to be built within a year and this will develop the eastern end of the county materially. With all the development that has already taken place there is only a beginning yet made. Our great natural resources are hardly known as yet.

During the past ten years no sale of real estate has been made in the town in which the seller received less than he paid for the piece of property in the transaction. The value of real estate has advanced steadily during that time and many of our citizens have made substantial fortunes through their foresight in this direction, and investments which they made in consequence of this foresight. Others will do as well in the future

The town is acting under a city charter granted by the legislature of 1901. Under its provisions the city council cannot grant license to sell liquor. There are eight members of council

besides the mayor, recorder and city collector. J. J. Wharton is at present the mayor.

Morgantown has everything in the way of cheap gas, cheap sites, cheap water, transportation rates, and every other material factor that any town can offer and besides that has the advantage of being the best town in the country in which to live.

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It is growing at the rate of several thousand a year. More than three hundred residences were erected during the past two years besides all the factories which are under course of erection or have been built.

The town is destined to be one of the leading towns of the Monongahela valley. Within ten years it will be a city of twenty-five thousand. This is a prediction made by one of the most conservative men in town.

There has been no boom during the time that Morgantown has been growing. All the time the growth has been steady and permanent. At no time during the last ten years have there been business places and houses enough to meet the demands being made for them.

No brass band campaign has been waged and many people even in the nearby towns who have not visited the place do not know what has been accomplished and is under way.



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Architects

Jacobs, Elmer F
3rd floor P O Bdg

Banks

Bank of the Monongahela Valley
High Street

Citizens National Bank
High Street

Federal Savings & Trust Co
High Street

Farmers & Merchants Bank
High St

Second National Bank
High Street

Bakeries

Morgantown Bakery 327 High St

New England Bakery
Cor Walnut & Front Sts

Dry Goods

Chadwick, D 278 High St

John, G W & Co 348 High St

Price, A R & Co 183 Walnut St

Kellar, J U & Co
Cor High & Walnut Sts

Ridgway & Co 222 High St

Barbers

Brightman, Guy
Court House Square

Bowers, Ed M 318 High St

Brown & Garner 205 Walnut St

Maple, Theodore 157-161 Walnut St

Sanitary Barber Shop
Hotel Madera Bdg

Wells, U G
Basement St Clair House

Corporations, Manufacturers

Deckers Creek Stone & Sand Co
Frank P Corbin Sec.

Great Scott Coal & Coke Co
W G Tait Sec

Lough Bros Carriage Factory
Beechurst Ave

Morgantown Cement Building
Block Company
Miller Block, McLane St

Union Utility Co
Cor High St & Bumbo Lane

West Va. Mercantile Co
Richard and Bretz, W Va

West Va. Coal Company

Clothiers

Jacobs, Clyde E 175 Walnut St

The Truefit High St 2 doors N P O

Union Clothing Store 320 High St

Wolf, J P 819 High St

Candy and Ice Cream

Gloss, V A 230 High St

Cigars and Tobacco

Davis, George W 326 High St

Dentists

Boyer, A L
2d floor, Brown Building

Conn, C S
2d floor, Odd Fellows Bdg

Druggists

Evans Pharmacy 186 Pleasants St

McVicker, J C 216 High St

Ream W A
Cor High & Walnut Sts

Reed, J M
Cor High & Pleasants Sts

Draymen

Pride, Frank 2d floor
Cor High & Pleasant Sts

Fruit Dealers

Finello & Co, James
182 Pleasants St

Manhattan Fruit Store High St

Poffas, Gust 426 High St

Rich, Mike 310 High St

Flour, Feed and Grain

Kincaid & Arnett 54 & 56 Clay St

Scott & Munson
87 Beverly Ave
and Court & Chestnut St

Sheets Brothers West Side

Wharf Supply Co Pleasants St

Furniture Dealers

Cohen & Lemmon Walnut St

Hennen, F A 129-131 Front St

Grocers

Coleman, T V 500 High St

Ford, Wesley 223 Pleasants St

Guseman, T J 162 Pleasants St

Hartman Bros 523 Beechurst Ave

Morrell, C 345 Beechurst Ave

Protzman, James L
Madera Hotel Bdg

Robe, J A & Son 54 Bridge St

Smith, A G 119 Walnut St

Tissue, J W 402 Front St

Tinnivell, Mike 407 Beechurst Ave

The Peoples Grocery 112 Walnut St

Wilbourn, R A 63 Beverly Ave

Wright, P J & Son 22 Bridge St

General Merchants

Hirschmans, The Big Store
High St

Pickenpaugh, T 167 Walnut St

Posten, S A 315 High St

Hotels

Delicatessen Hotel
Cor Front & Walnut Sts

Madera Hotel
Cor Walnut & Chestnut Sts

Peabody Hotel High St

St Clair Hotel High St

Walnut Street Hotel
Cor Walnut & Spruce Sts

Hardware

Barbe & Davis 231 Walnut St

Bailey, W H & Co
Odd Fellows Bdg., High St

Baker Hardware Co., H C
210 High St

Morgantown Hardware Co
532 High St

Pickenpaugh & Kern 197 Front St

Harness Makers

Dering, Fred Walnut Street

Ice Cream, Candy and Lunch

Brown, J W 125 Walnut St

Ice Cream Manufacturers

Blue, H C Chestnut St

Hunt, J H 125 Walnut St

Jewelers

Hayes, George C & Co
153 Walnut Street

Hayes, H S 344 High Street

Smith, T N 200 Pleasants St

Lumber Dealers

Whartm, J J Clay St

Livery, Sale and Feed Stables

Brown, Virgil A
487 Beechurst Ave

Gregg, Ira Bumbo Lane

Gilmore, W H
Cor Walnut & Front Sts

Millinery

Deusenberry, Mrs Ella F
180 High St

Dawson, Miss Laura 215 Walnut St

Semans, Miss Mary Walnut St

Meat Markets

Cox, W M Hotel Madera Bdg

Guseman W A 490 High St

Smith & Ramsay 173 Pleasants St

Musical Instruments, Etc

Protzman, H W & Co
225 Walnut Street

Mantel and Wood Novelties

Robe, Geo W 118 Pleasants St

News Dealers, Etc.

Acme Book Store High St

Dawson & Company
Cor High St & Bumbo Lane

Opticians

Hayes, Russel A 153 Walnut St
With George C Hayes & Co

Physicians

Hott, David 3d floor, 315 High St

Leech F 2d floor, 231 High St

Photographers

Friend, L E 221 Pleasants St

Plumbers

Brand & Gibson 129 Walnut St

Joseph, L W 243 Walnut St

Kennedy Jas H Under P O

Morgantown Plumbing Co
5 Beechurst Ave

Restaurants

Kaszer, H J 221 Pleasants St

Opera Cafe Cor Walnut & Spruce Sts

O K Lunch Room 111 Walnut St

Pleasants Corner Restaurant
Cor Pleasants & Front Sts

Real Estate & Developers

Wiles, J W
Cor High & Pleasants Sts

Real Estate and Insurance

Anderson, T W
Odd Fellows Bldg 2nd floor

Zinn, J S 213 Walnu

Shoes

Waters, Max 807 High St

Tailors

Gershman, Chas 223 Walnut St

O'Kelley, F K High Street

Smith, Alf K 181 Walnut Street

Turner, Charles W
102 Maiden Alley

Telephones

C D P & T Co. J C Decker, Mgr
Odd Fellows Bdg

Undertakers

Davidson, H A 1 Beechurst Ave

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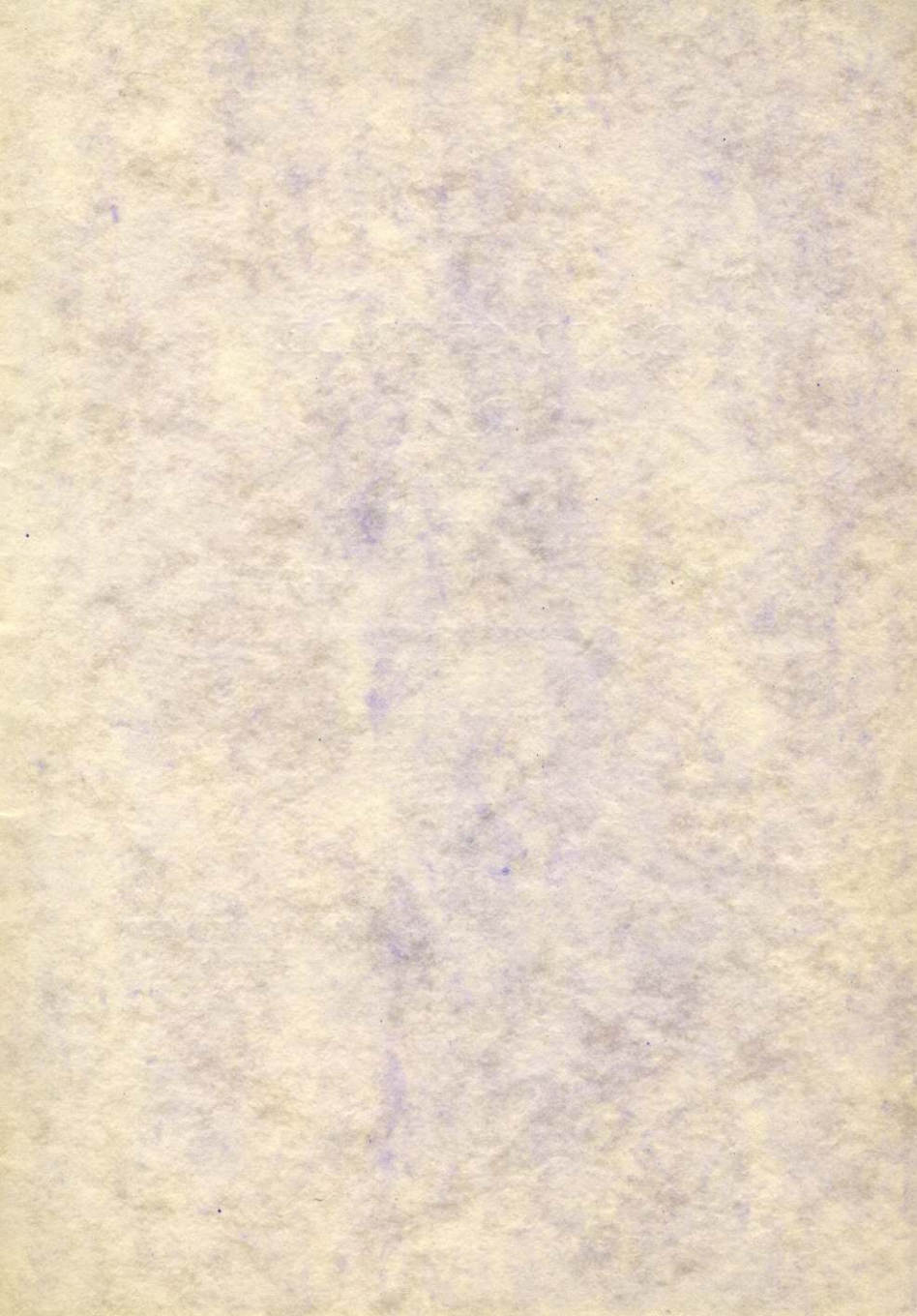
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