

FRANZ KEUNE, Cornetist of the Hermann Apostle Band, Manufacturer of Fine Havana Cigars.—Mr. Keune's factory is the largest in the town, keeping four men employed. Among his most noted brands are La Flora de Cuba, Full Havana, Silver Lining, Jose A. Ramirez, Starlight. The capacity is five hundred cigars daily with a prospect of increase soon. The

business has been established since 1888 and is growing in popularity every year. He is a native of Germany, and was in this business there previous to his arrival here. He is one of the most popular young men in Hermann and his aid is constantly in demand at social gatherings.

WASHINGTON.

Our city is named after the first and greatest American, and it can be said to the credit of our citizens that they are truly worthy of the name.

Few cities in Missouri can boast of as many praiseworthy things, both in natural advantages, and the results of the hard and well directed work of her citizens.

We are located in the garden spot of the world, and well might we say, "the Garden of Eden" was located here. We are surrounded by a perfect picture of the most beautiful hills, and the harmonious ravines at the foot of some of the grandest hills in the State, form the most fertile and picturesque valleys that a perfect country could wish for. You can station yourself at some high point, and you are at once struck by an awe-inspiring sight, such as can only be seen here.

Waving fields of wheat and rye, beautiful pastures of clover, studded with all kinds of grand trees of the forest, a rippling stream fed by nature's own spring water, lovely homes on the hillside, in short, everything that nature and human art can combine in one grand sight for the visitor to drink in.

Among our natural advantages may be mentioned the Missouri River, which furnishes us a natural outlet for all our products, and also furnishes Washington with an abundance of wholesome water.

Washington dates back to 1839. In that year the present city was platted on property owned by Lucinda Owens. One store and several stone and log houses adorned the site. Being a fine shipping point on the great river, immigration took a lively turn, and the town grew rapidly; and in 1854, when the Missouri Pacific Railway was completed and trains running into the place, the future of our present city was assured.

Washington was incorporated as a city in 1845, although there were only several hundred inhabitants within the limits. Her people began

from this time on improving and beautifying the city until to-day we have a model municipality that we can well feel proud of, we have every street macadamized and graveled, well curbed and only brick or stone sidewalks over the whole city.

All our improvements are of a substantial, lasting kind. We have better business houses, finer and better built residences, as well as fewer frame buildings than any other city in the State. Our people are in a large majority German, and as it is well known, they combine the good qualities of thrift, energy, industry and hard work which are bound to result in making our city what it is. Within the limits of our city are found the finest qualities of clay, which is used in the manufacture of stoneware and tiling for sidewalks that have a national reputation; we also furnish building stone and pressed brick for the whole country around us, while in our county, just South of us, are found all kinds of the choicest timber for manufacturing purposes, lead and copper mines are in full operation, and today Washington and Franklin Counties stand second to none in the State.

Our people are blessed with first-class educational facilities comprising the following: Public school with a faculty of seven teachers and a principal, teaching both English and German. This building is the finest of its kind in the State. High School, St. Mary's Institute, three parochial schools, and a public school for negro children.

As to Churches we are well supplied; having two Presbyterian, two German Lutheran, one Negro Methodist, one Methodist South, and the largest Catholic Church between St. Louis and Kansas City.

Among the societies that hold regular meetings may be mentioned the following: A. F. & A. M., I. O. O. F., A. O. U. W., A. O. H., C. K. of A., A. F. G. E. O. T. D. D., several benevolent societies in the churches, the build-

ing association, Turn Verein, Merchants' Exchange and last, but not least, the city council.

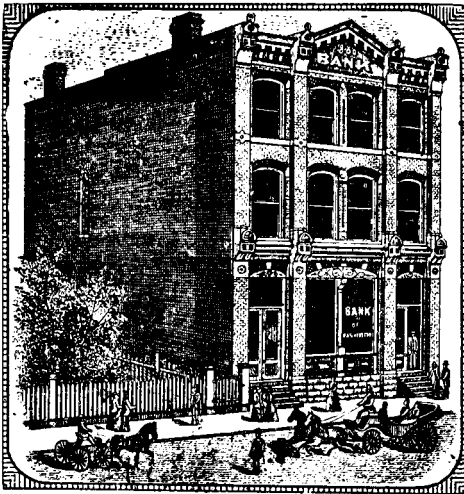
Our city has a fine system of sewerage, a first-class waterworks plant, and electric lights will shortly be put up, while coal is at present being bored for. The business men and manufacturers count up over an hundred, and a description of them can be seen in the several columns following this.

We are noted for a city of houses, nearly everyone living in their own house; we have lots of wealth, many of our citizens being rich, our city and county owe less, and are better fixed in a financial way than the people of any other section.

We offer better inducements to the settler, the manufacturer, the capitalist, the skilled artisan and to the laboring man than they can find elsewhere, and we extend a hearty invitation to the whole world to come to this place of "Peace and Plenty," and share with us the prosperity and good living of which our city knows no bounds. Population 5,000.

REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS FIRMS AND MEN OF WASHINGTON.

BANK OF WASHINGTON.—There is no other subject in the whole category of human events of such vital importance to the business



community as that of a highly perfected and reliable banking system. Of such a system is the Bank of Washington a prominent and prosperous representative. The capital is \$50,000; surplus \$50,000, deposits \$400,000. The second largest deposits in Missouri outside of St. Louis and Kansas City. It is the only bank here and since it was established in 1877 its career has

been marked by public confidence, correctness and reliability. Its officers and directors are made up from the best known men of Franklin County. The president, L. Wattenberg, was long in mercantile life in New York before he came to Missouri. F. W. Stumpe, the popular cashier, and one of the principal stockholders, is a native of Franklin County and is also city treasurer and treasurer of the Washington Building and Loan Association, he is also a director in the shoe factory. He is thoroughly versed in banking and employs a corps of smart assistants.

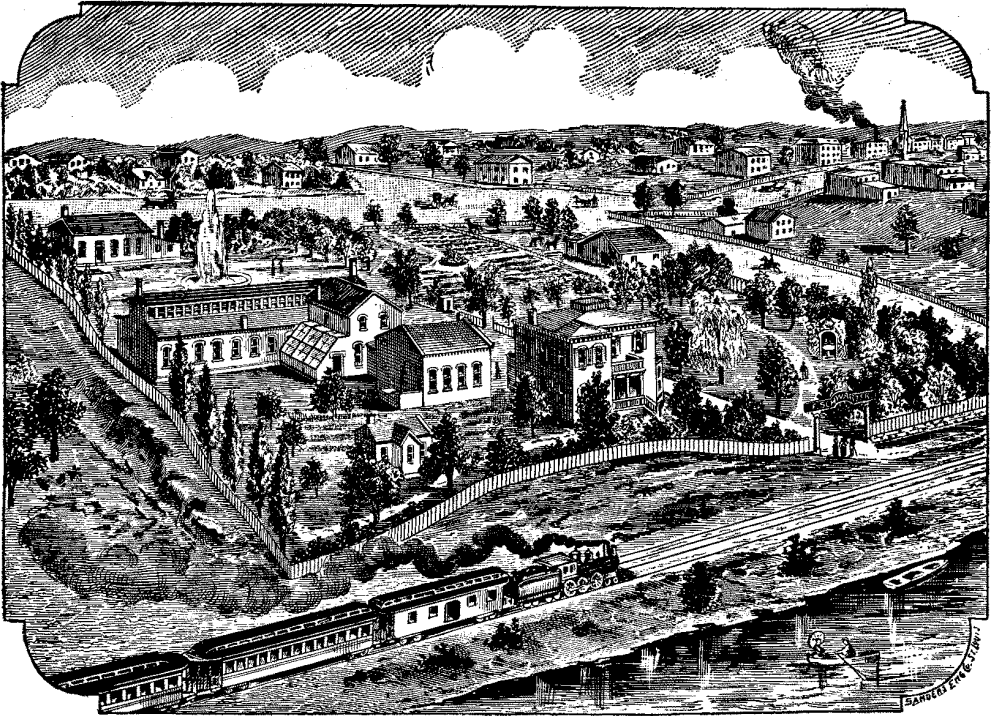
PACIFIC STAR MILLS, Fusz & Backer, Proprietors.—Besides Messrs. F. & B's. large business here, they operate the Regina mills, of St. Louis. The Pacific Star Mills have been under their management since March 27, 1890, yet in this short time, thanks to the successful methods of the enterprising manager, Mr. Fritz Backer, they are turning out as fine flour as any mills in the State. The main building is a four-story brick, 80x104 feet, with a ware room and engine room measuring 28x92½ feet, while the storage department has a capacity of 50,000 bushels. They have the Danson rolls, capacity 250 barrels per day. Their brands are "Pacific Patent," "Star" and "Pacific XXX." Eight men are employed. Mr. Backer, the manager, was born in Hanover, Germany, but has been within the borders of Missouri since 1860, and is an expert miller. These mills did not pay until he took charge of them a year ago. He formerly had a mill at Milstadt, Ill., and was for five years receiver of grain at the Regina mills.

WASHINGTON POST, Brix & Krog, Publishers.—In a city like Washington, where there are many natives of the Fatherland, it is essential that they should have a paper of their own, and thanks to Messrs. Brix & Krog, the Germans have an excellent *Zeitung* in the *Post*. The *Post* is now in its twenty-second volume; is published weekly, and is the only German paper in the city. It has a circulation of 800. Mr. Brix is the son of the founder, and has been raised in the business. Mr. Krog was also born and raised here, and became interested in the paper in August, 1888, and is city clerk. The *Post* is republican in politics, and under the able management of Messrs. Brix & Krog, fully deserves its success.

HOTEL EVARTS, C. A. Davidson, Proprietor.—If public opinion is to be taken as the criterion, the leading house of this city is the Hotel Evarts, which is centrally located at the corner of Main and Lafayette streets. The building is a four-story brick with all modern conveniences, including water and bath rooms. The neatly arranged dining hall is now situated on the first floor, in which a splendid *menu* is served. Mr. C. A. Davidson, who has had charge of the hotel for the past three years, is a young man, and a regular "rustler." He was formerly engaged in the same business at Silex, and is deserved popular. He was born in Ripley, Brown County, O, coming to Missouri, thirteen years ago, and was formerly a merchant and school teacher.

FRANZ SCHWARZER, Manufacturer of Zithers and Mandolins.—The most unique manufacturing establishment, we take pleasure in mentioning in our review of Missouri is that of Franz Schwarzer, whose instruments are sold over the entire civilized world. The writer of this brief sketch has seen Mr. Schwarzer's zithers and mandolins in cities in Australia. A short note of Mr. Schwarzer's life will here be in keeping. Born in Olmetz, Austria in 1828, at a time when that country was producing that great musical and professional talent which has since made her so prominent, he imbibed the musical fever and at an early age turned his inclination to it. He received a first-class "Gymnasium" education and then went to the

ants. He makes Arion, Arion-Harp, Harp, Concert, Prime, Concert-Violin and ladies' zithers. His catalogue will give those interested a description of his goods. He took the first prize gold medal at Vienna in 1873, and his instruments stand unrivalled and have improvements over any other zithers made. They have all his own patents. The metal stringholder he uses is vastly superior to pegs both for convenience, safety and sound. He guarantees all instruments for five years. He also carries a complete line of zither music. Mr. Schwarzer has always held the highest standing for carefulness in workmanship, material used and his honorable business conduct, and, relations opened with him will be found pleasant and profitable.



Polytechnic where he gave special attention to architecture and ornamentation. Later he received private instructions on the zither from Ludwig Ritter von Dietrich, an Austrian nobleman, whose many celebrated compositions are familiar to all zither players. He soon after commenced experimenting on his own ideas and succeeded in making improvements on the zithers then manufactured. He came to America and after two year's farming in Warren County, Mo., removed to the county seat in 1864 and established himself in business. He did some pulpit, altar and other ornamental work for a year or so, but finding out there was no one in the United States making zithers, he resolved to embark therein. His business has steadily grown and for some years has not been able to fill orders. He employs at present nineteen workmen, all skilled and grown to be experts under his own eye. He turns out about 600 zithers and 300 mandolins yearly, besides guitars and strings. He has just erected a building capable of giving work to forty assist-

JOSEPH H. SCHMIDT, Boss Jeweler.—In this, the age of "shoddy," there is nothing of more importance to a city than a first-class jewelry house such as that conducted by Mr. Joseph H. Schmidt. Mr. Schmidt was born in Baden, Germany, in 1876 opened his prosperous business, and has won the name of the "Boss Jeweler." He carries a full line of watches, clocks, jewelry, etc., all of which presents a very striking appearance with its neat and tasty arrangement, while special attention is given to all kinds of repairing. He is the efficient president of the school board, and is identified with the A. O. U. W. and other orders.

THE FRANKLIN COUNTY OBSERVER, T. A. Deffry, Editor and Proprietor. This excellent specimen of Western journalism was presented to the reading public in 1846. It now has a circulation of nearly 2,500. It is a nine column folio, issued weekly, and is democratic. Mr. J. A. Deffry is a native of Missouri and is an experienced newspaper man.