

Getting Out of Town: Morgantown's Interstate Connections



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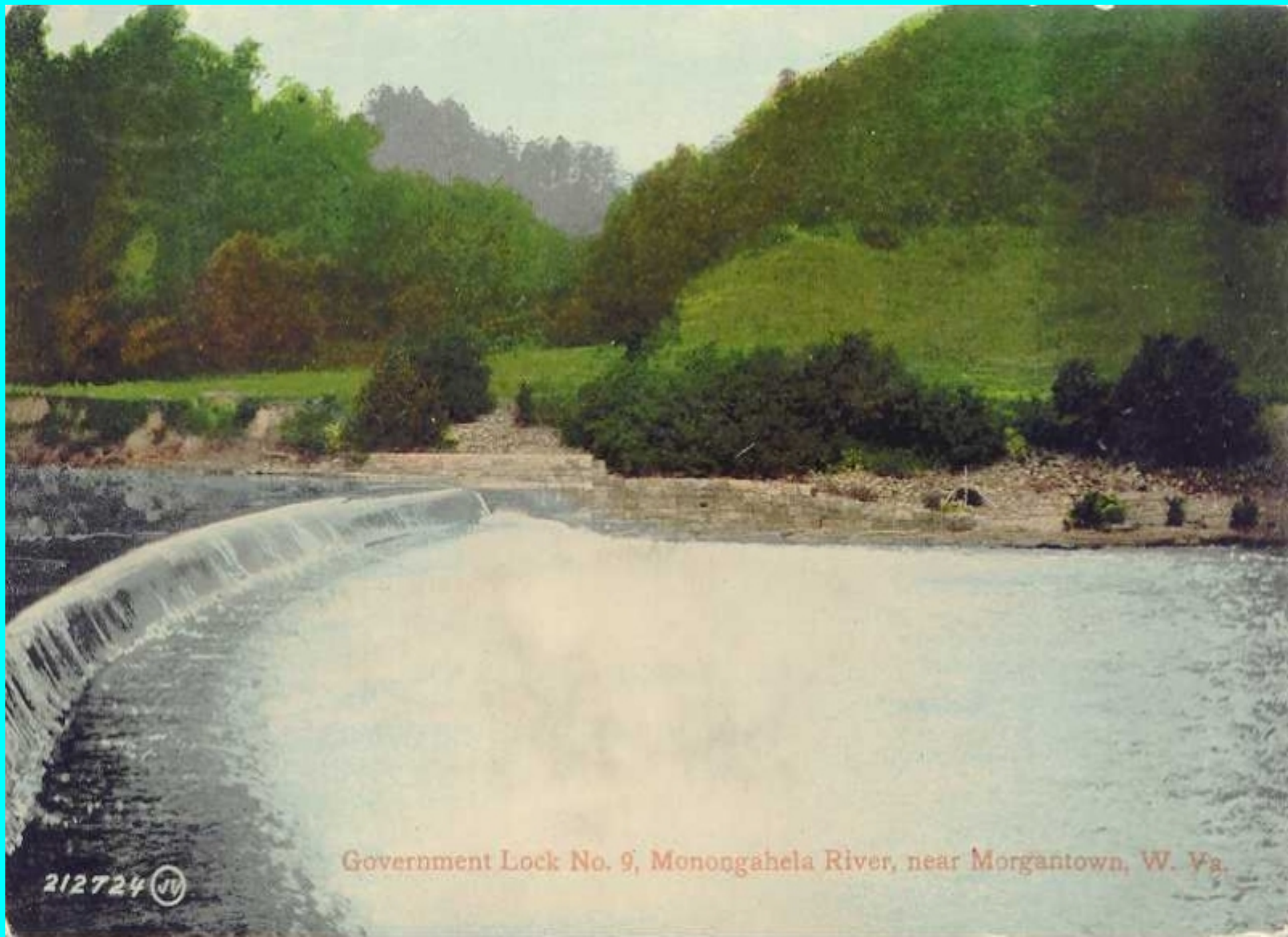
Steamboats

- ***New Orleans*** – 1811
- ***Reindeer*** - 1st to Morgantown – 29 April 1826
- ***Globe*** to Fairmont - \$1000 prize – 1850
- 1850 to 1872 steamboats reached Fairmont 10 times

River Improvements

Slackwater to Morgantown

- Federal Planning Grant – 1872
- Lock & Dam 9 – started 1873, finished 1879
- Lock & Dam 7 & 8 started 1881, finished 1889
- 8 Nov 1889 – J.G. Blain and Adam Jacobs begin regular daily service from Pittsburgh to Morgantown
- Locks 10 to 15 funded 1892, opened 1903



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Government Lock No. 9, Monongahela River, near Morgantown, W. Va.

Interior View Government Lock No. 9, near Morgantown, W. Va.



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THE Monongahela AND Ohio Packet Co.

EXCURSION STEAMERS

LEAVE *Pittsburg*

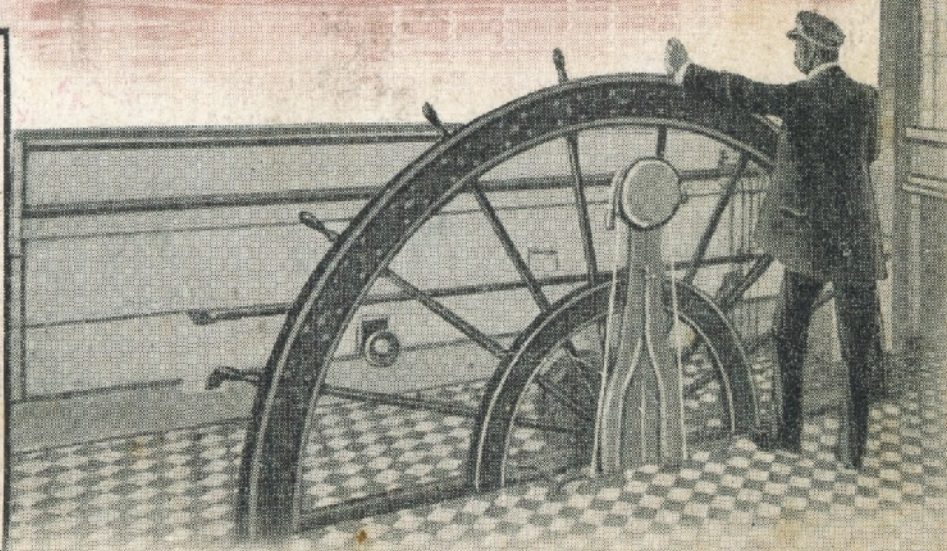
DAILY AT 3 P.M.

SUNDAYS AT 9:30 A.M.

LEAVE *Fairmont*

DAILY AT 2 P.M.

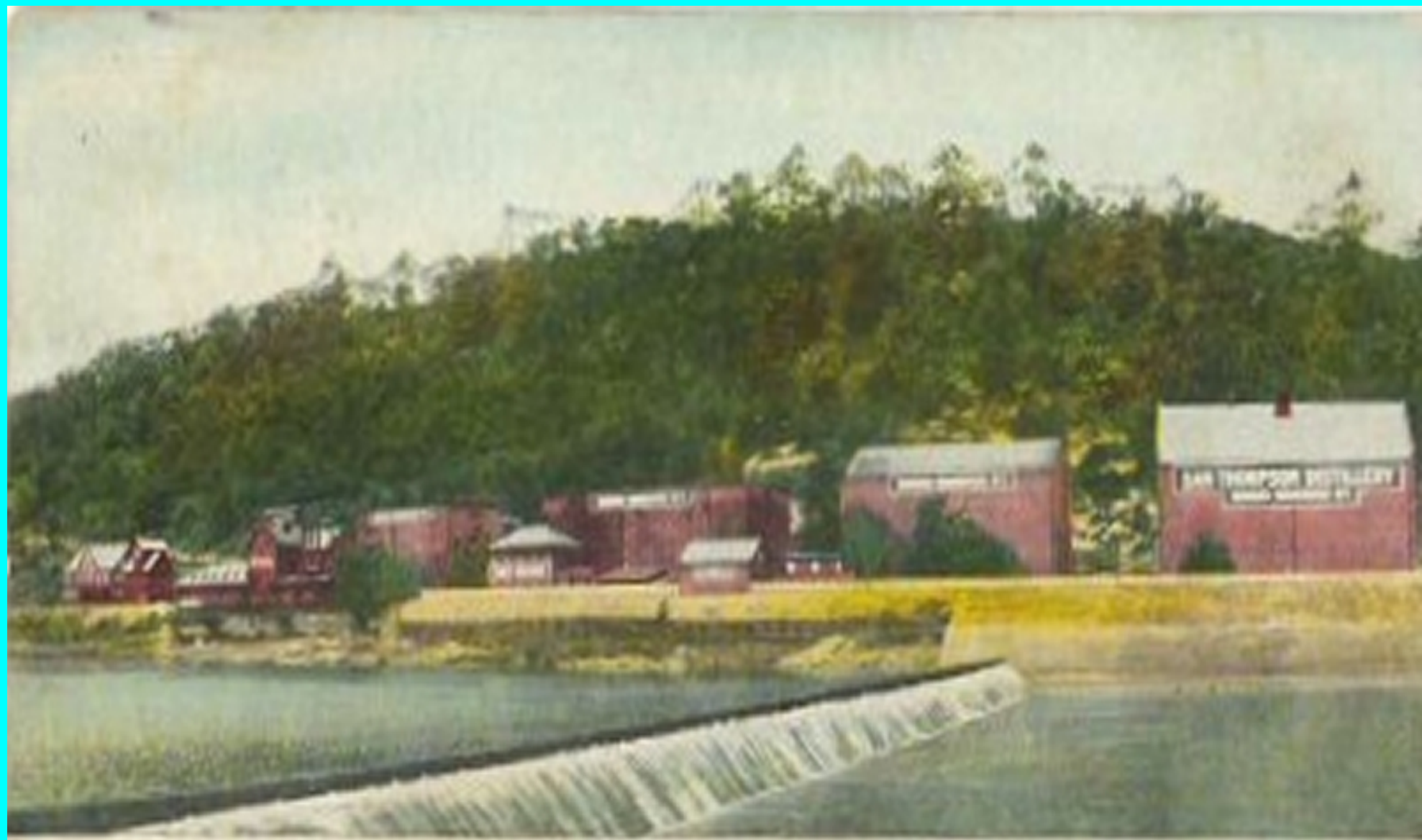
THE
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WAY



VAN LEYEN & HENSLEY
DETROIT

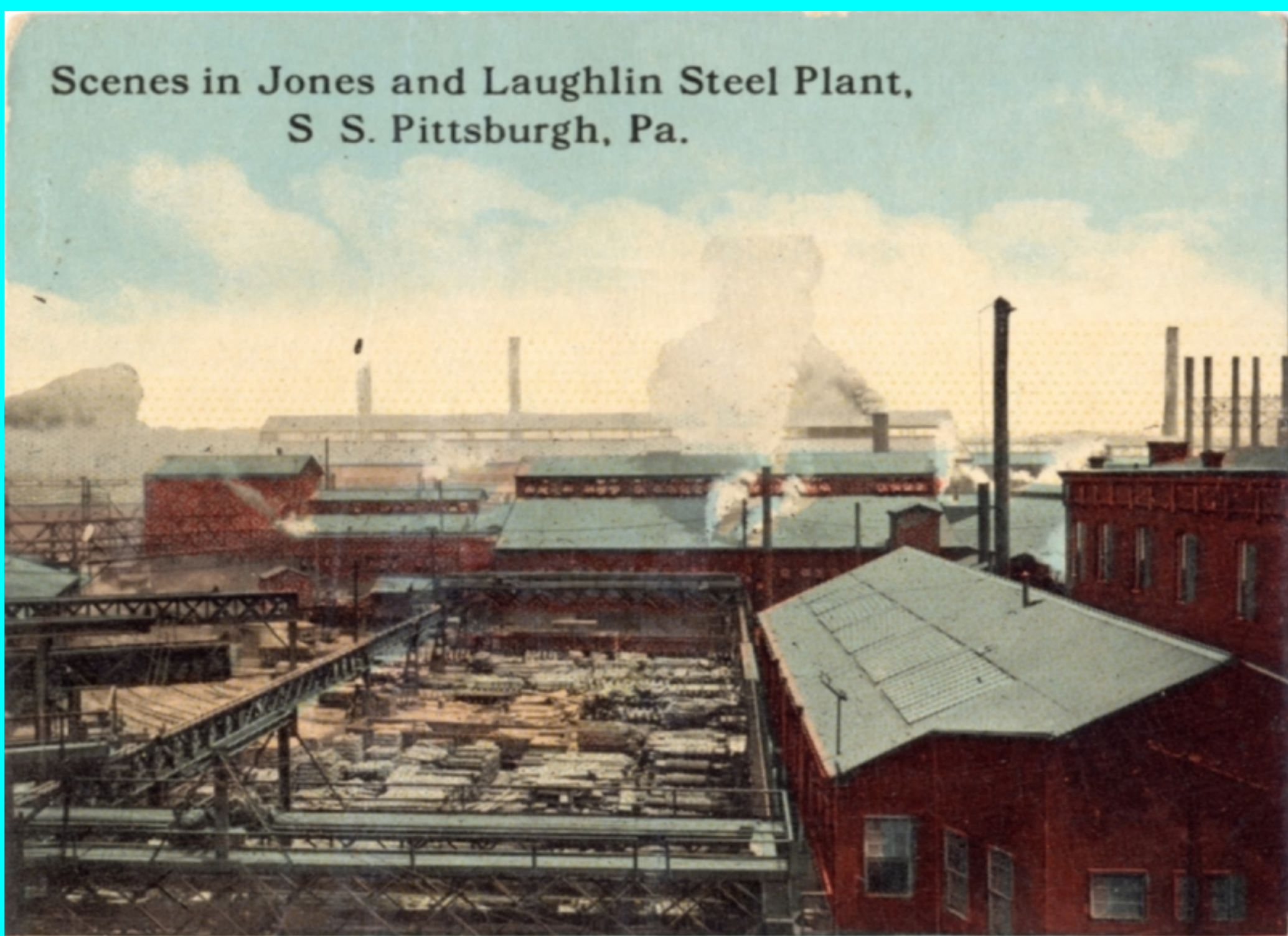
Monongahela River, Morgantown, W. Va.





SAM THOMPSON DISTILLERY
ON THE MONONGAHELA RIVER
WEST BROWNSVILLE, PENN'A.

Scenes in Jones and Laughlin Steel Plant,
S S. Pittsburgh, Pa.

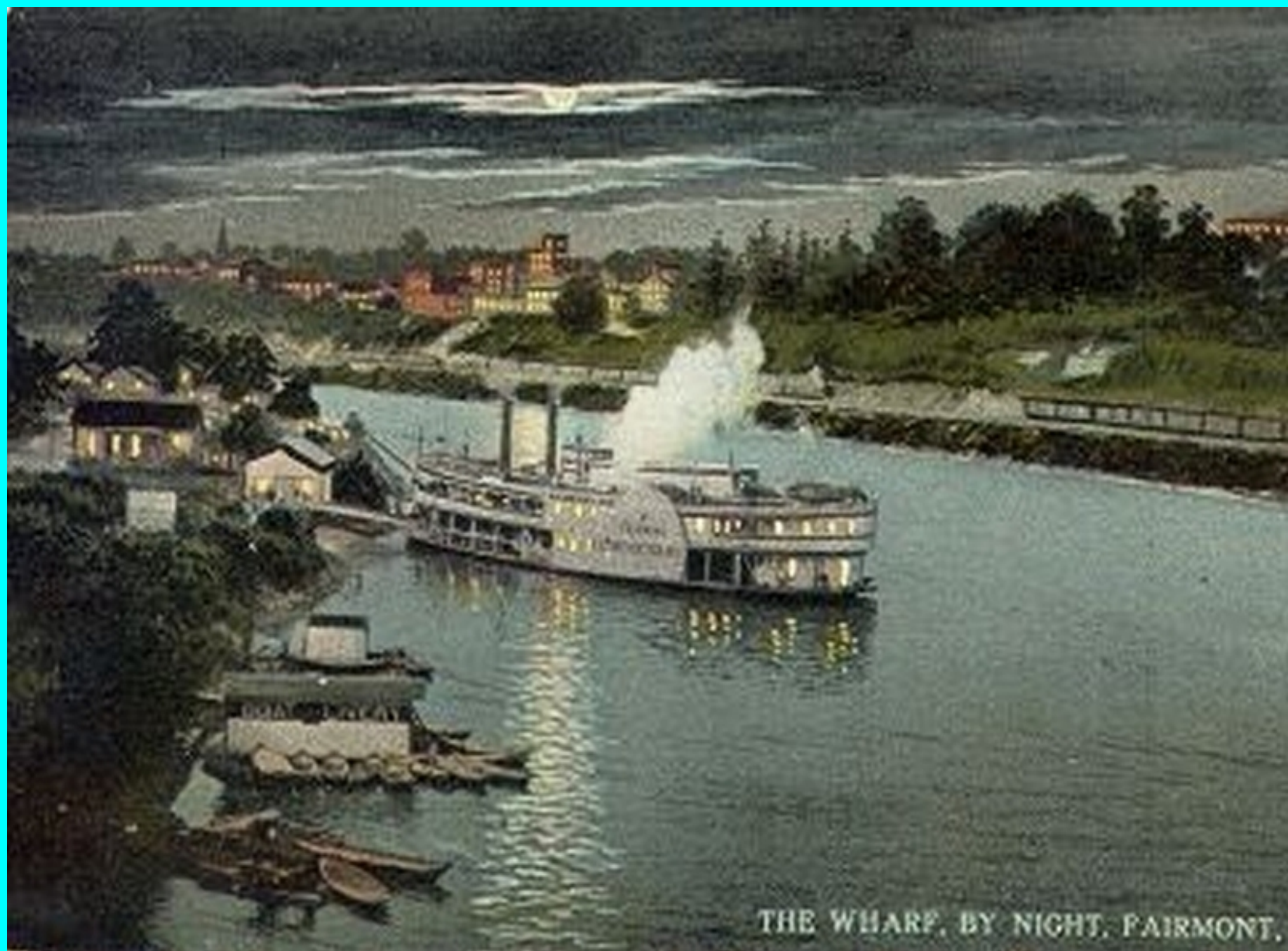




PITTSBURGH. The Point (Monongahela, Allegheny and Ohio Rivers) from Mt. Washington

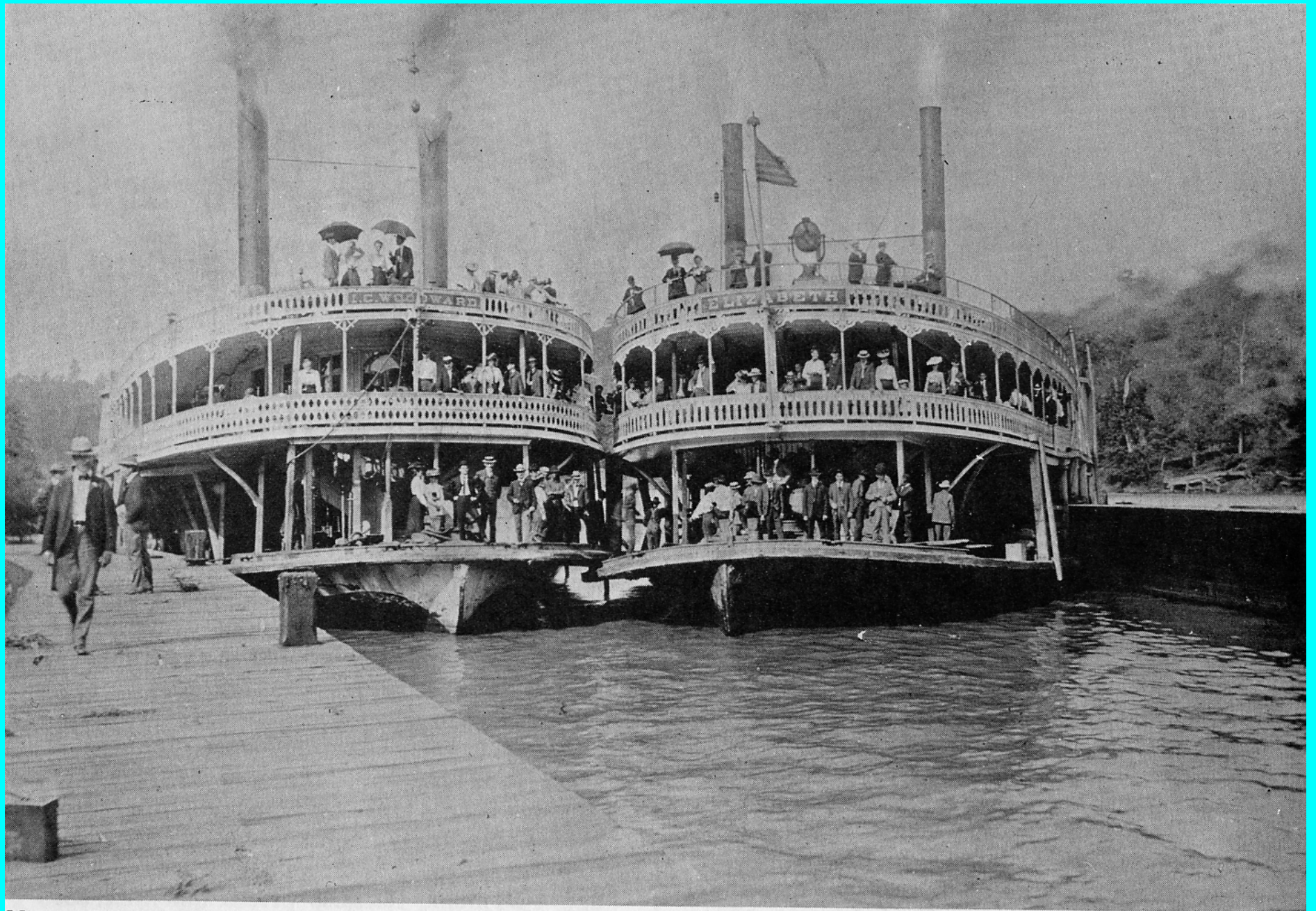


3258 MONONGAHELA WHARVES, PITTSBURGH, PA.



THE WHARF, BY NIGHT, FAIRMONT.

20 July 1902



Monongahela boat jam



Valley, Tenn.

Railroads – *At Last!*

- 1877 - Railroad still 25 miles away
- 1884 - Stage to Fairmont - 4 to 5 hours
- 1885 - Station and Deckers Creek Bridge in Morgantown - rails from Fairmont reached Little Falls
- 1886 - February – train service to Fairmont
- 2 April 1894 through service to Pittsburgh - 101 miles 4-1/2 hours

Football

- 28 November 1891 - first WVU football game vs W&J

The first schedule included one round trip daily, as follows:

Northward (Read up) P.M.		Southward (Read down) A.M.
5.20	Morgantown, Lv.	6.45
4.55	Uffington	7.10
4.22	Little Falls	7.43
3.43	Opekiska	8.22
3.18	Catawba	8.47
2.50	Houlttown	9.15
2.40	F. M. & P. Junction	9.25
2.30	Fairmont, Ar.	9.35

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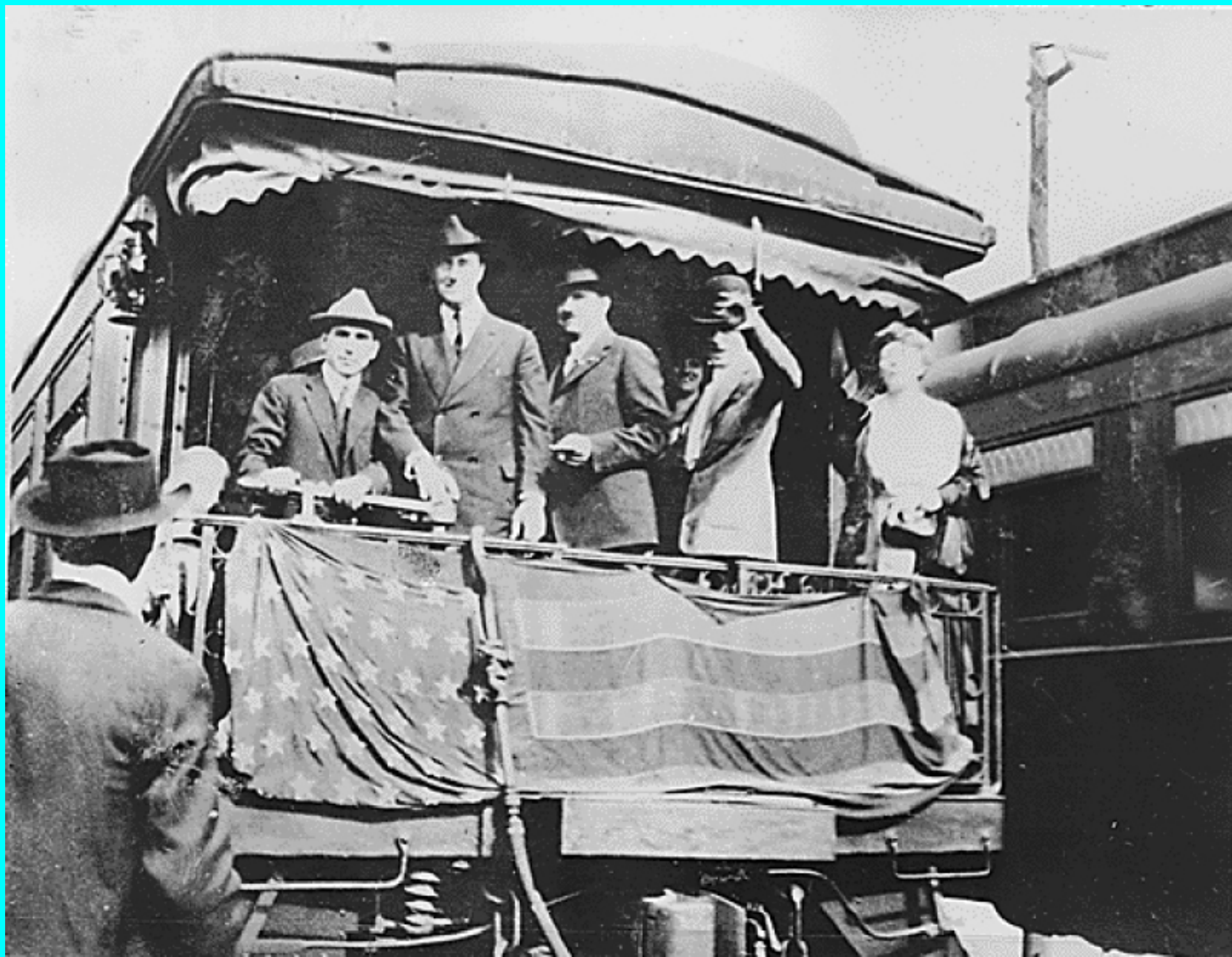
P.M.	A.M.	A.M.		P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
5.50	8.15		Pittsburgh	2.00	8.55	
7.40	10.55		Connellsville	11.35	6.25	
8.10	11.31		Uniontown	11.00	5.50	
8.32	11.52		Fairchance	10.38	5.28	
8.40	12.00		Smithfield	10.30	5.20	
9.18	12.36		Point Marion	9.54	4.44	
9.38	12.55		Van Voorhis	9.35	4.25	
10.00	1.15	5.40	MORGANTOWN	9.15	4.05	12.30
10.08	1.24	5.48	Uffington	9.07	3.57	12.21
10.20	1.35	6.01	Little Falls	8.56	3.46	12.10
10.32	1.47	6.16	Opekiska	8.44	3.34	11.55
10.37	1.52	6.20	Luther	8.39	3.29	11.50
10.41	1.57	6.25	Catawba	8.35	3.25	11.46
10.46	2.01	6.30	Montana	8.31	3.21	11.41
10.51	2.06	6.36	Hoult	8.25	3.15	11.35
10.55	2.10	6.40	F., M., & P. Junction	8.20	3.10	11.30
11.00	2.15	6.45	Fairmont	8.15	3.05	11.25





Cal. Morgantown

Wilson



Morgantown & Kingwood Railroad

- Spring of 1887 grading begun
- Morgantown to Bretz, in September, 1903
- Bretz to Kingwood in March, 1906





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Hanging Rock on M. & K. R. R., near Morgantown, W. Va.

U. S. 560 Morgantown, W. Va.
"Coon Hollow" Trestle M. & K. R. R.



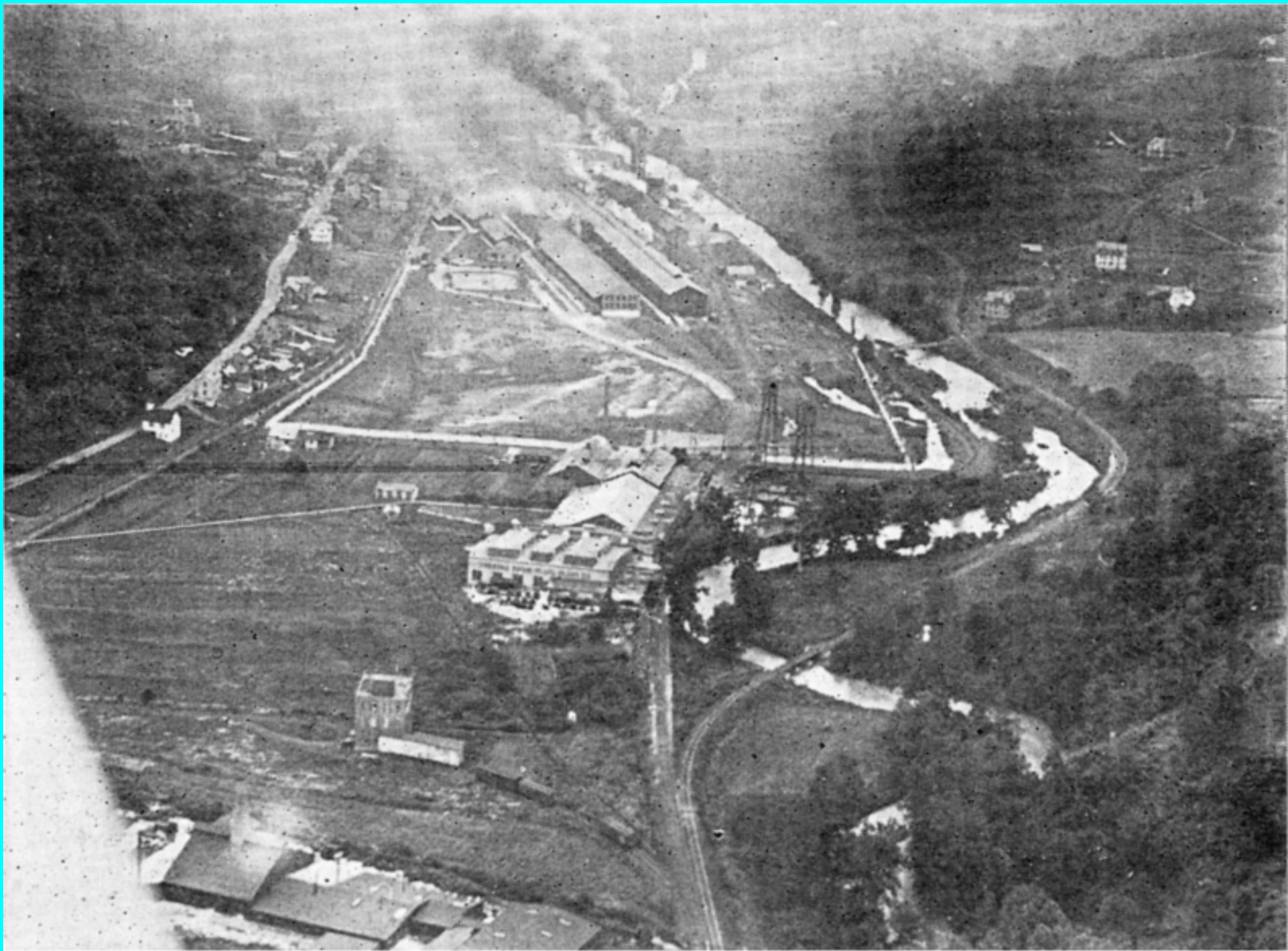


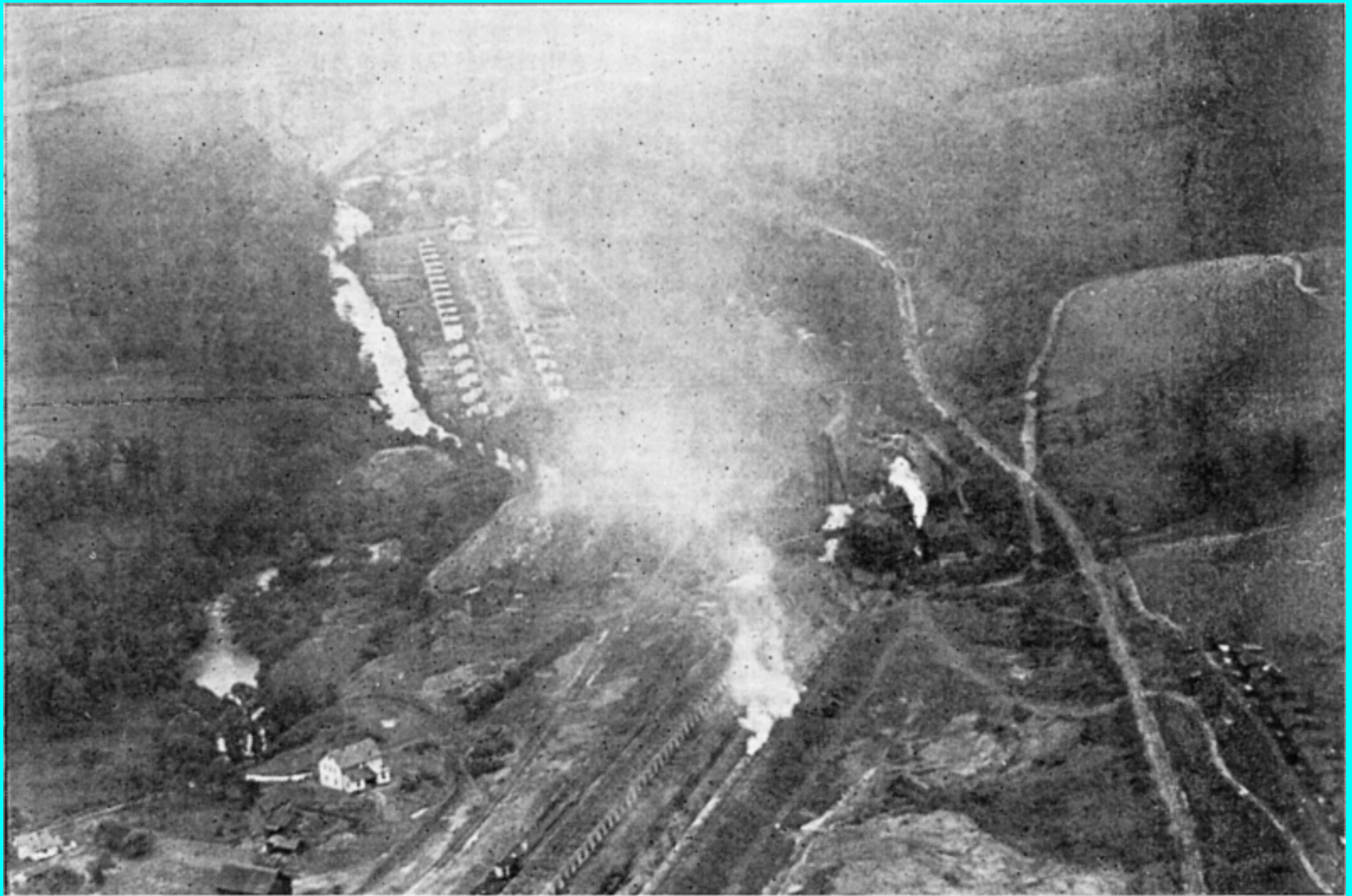
PARKSIDE OAK PARK
CH. 1000 R.R.











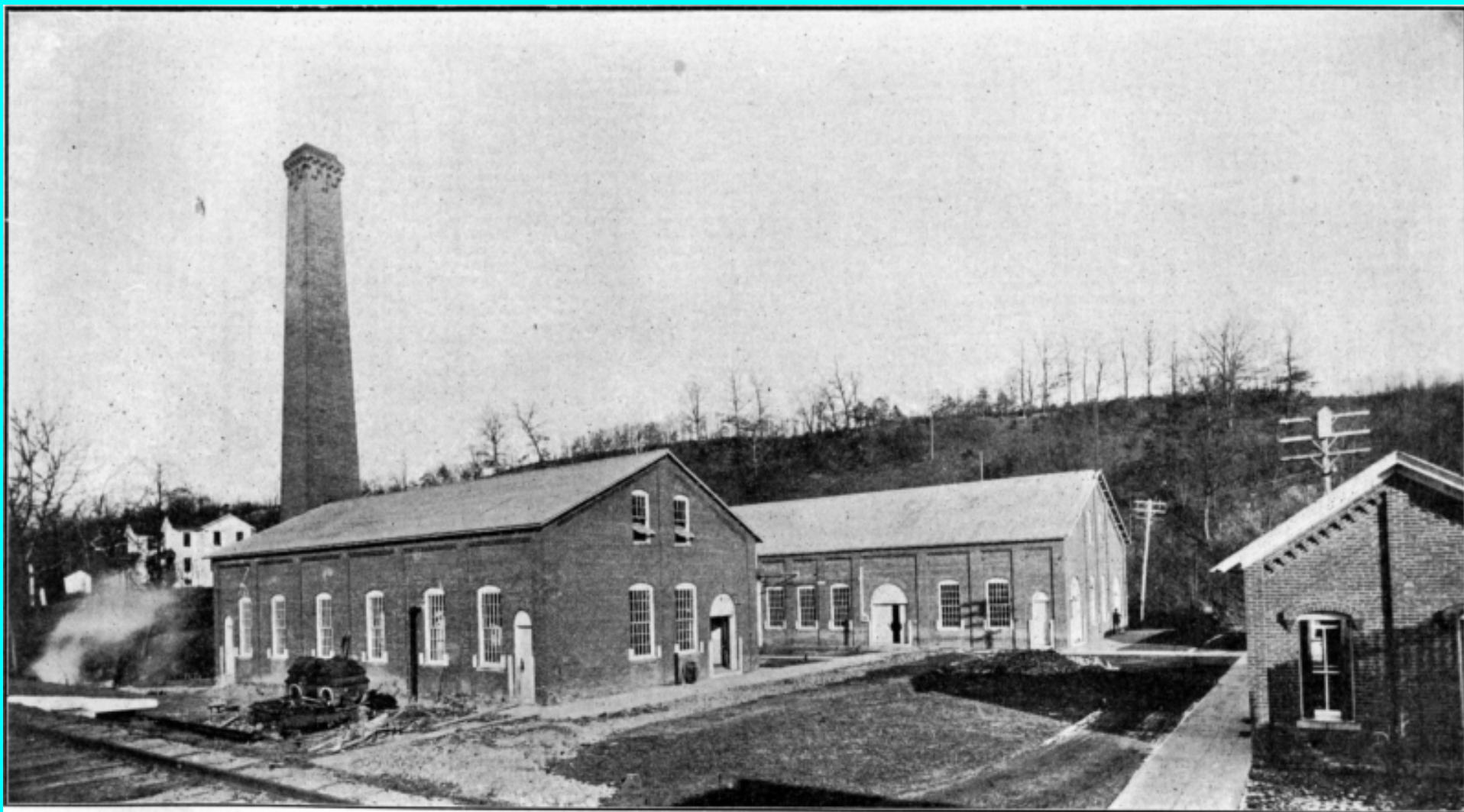
Oil & Gas

- 1889-90 discovery of oil and beginning of production
- February 1891 – Standard Oil pipeline to Philadelphia completed



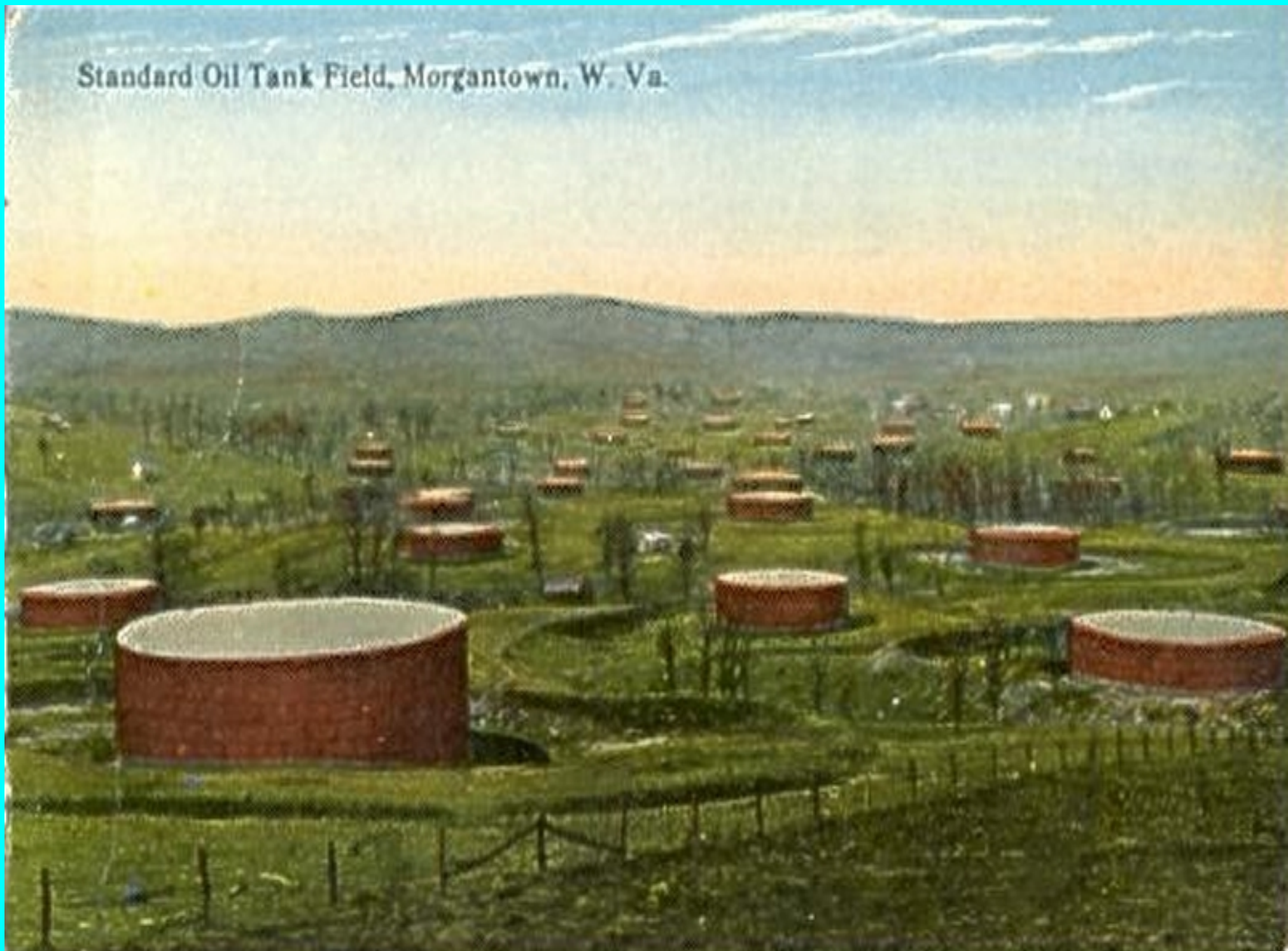
Photo by Ray Bricker.

PLATE XXVII.—Topography of the Dunkard Series and oil wells near head of Smoky Drain, 2 miles northwest of Cassville, Monongalia County.



SOUTHERN PIPE LINE
(STANDARD OIL COMPANY'S SEABOARD OIL PUMP STATION) MORGANTOWN, WEST VA.

Standard Oil Tank Field, Morgantown, W. Va.



Glass & Other Industry

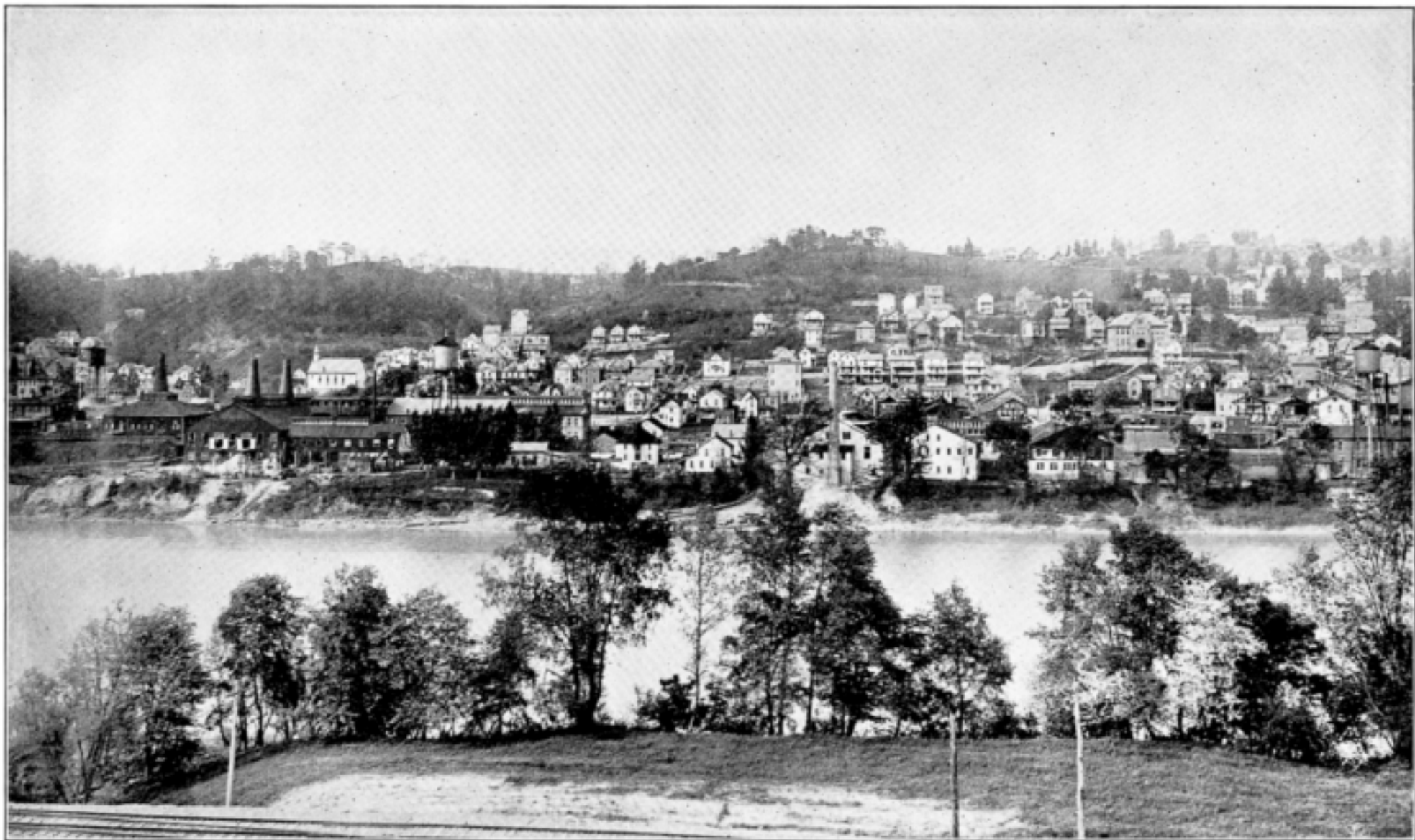
- 1891 – Seneca Glass moves to Seneca, WV



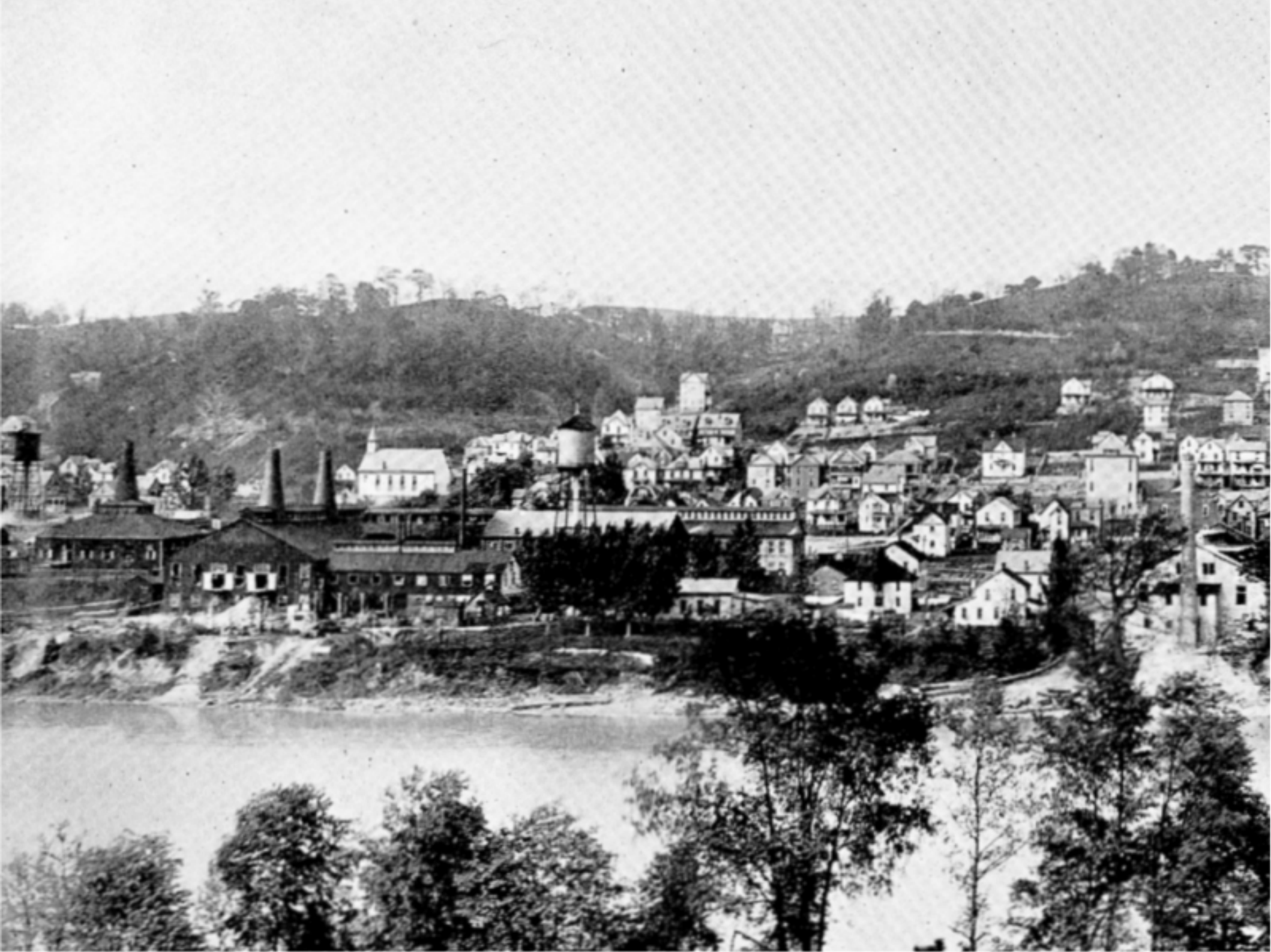
PIONEER SENECA GLASS INDUSTRY

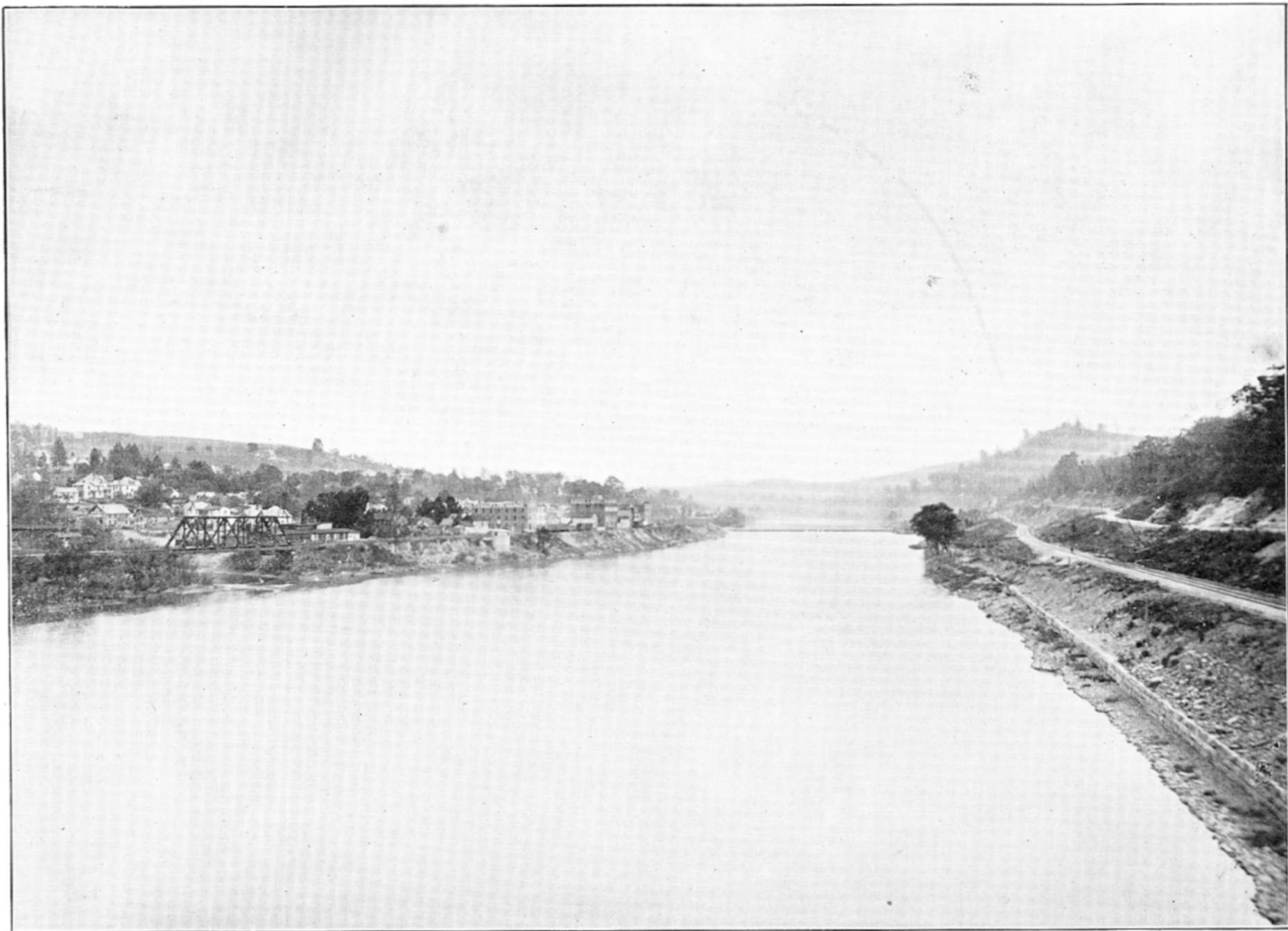


U. S. WINDOW GLASS PLANT

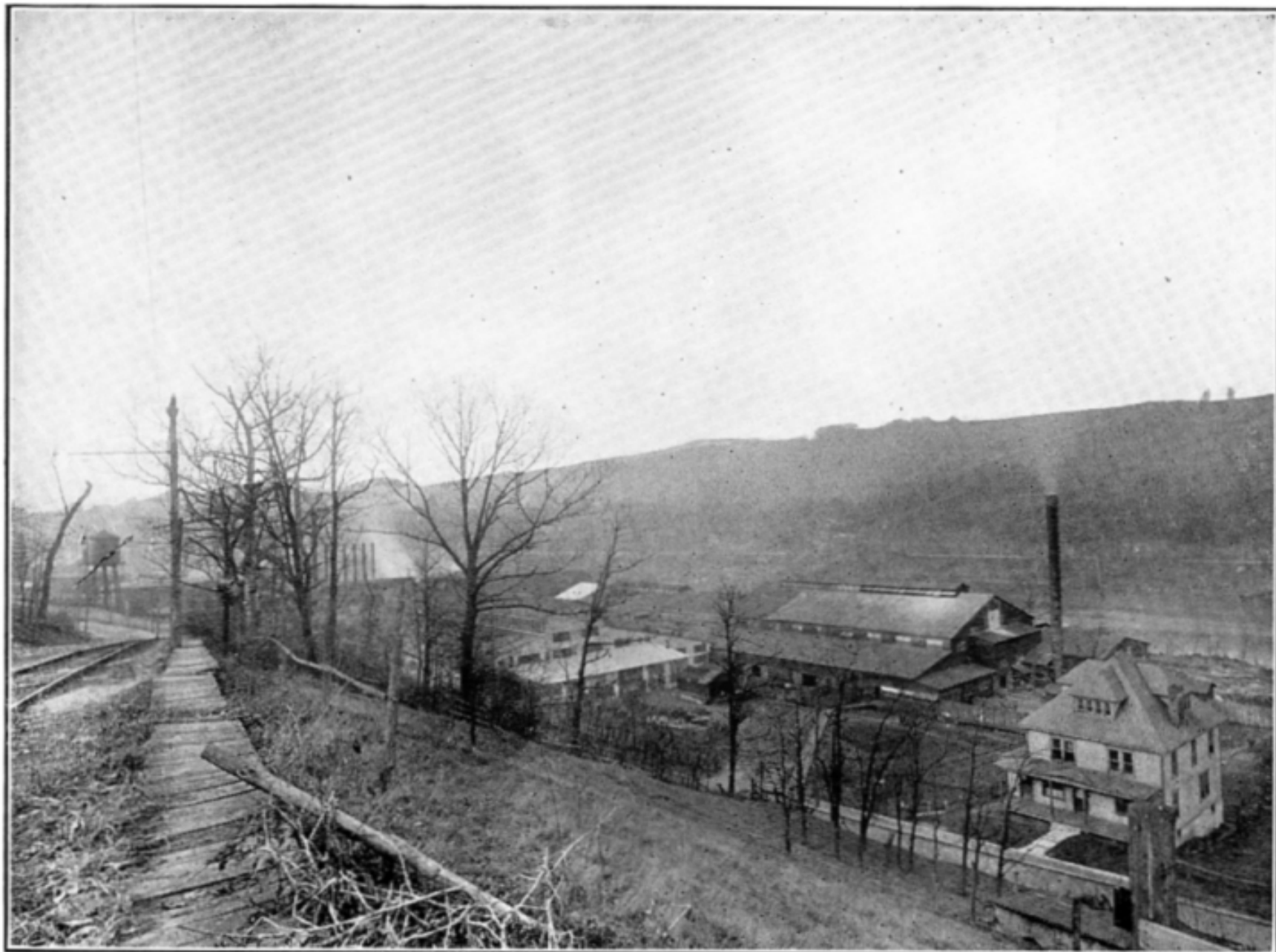


SENECA INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT





BY ALL WAYS COAL CAN GO



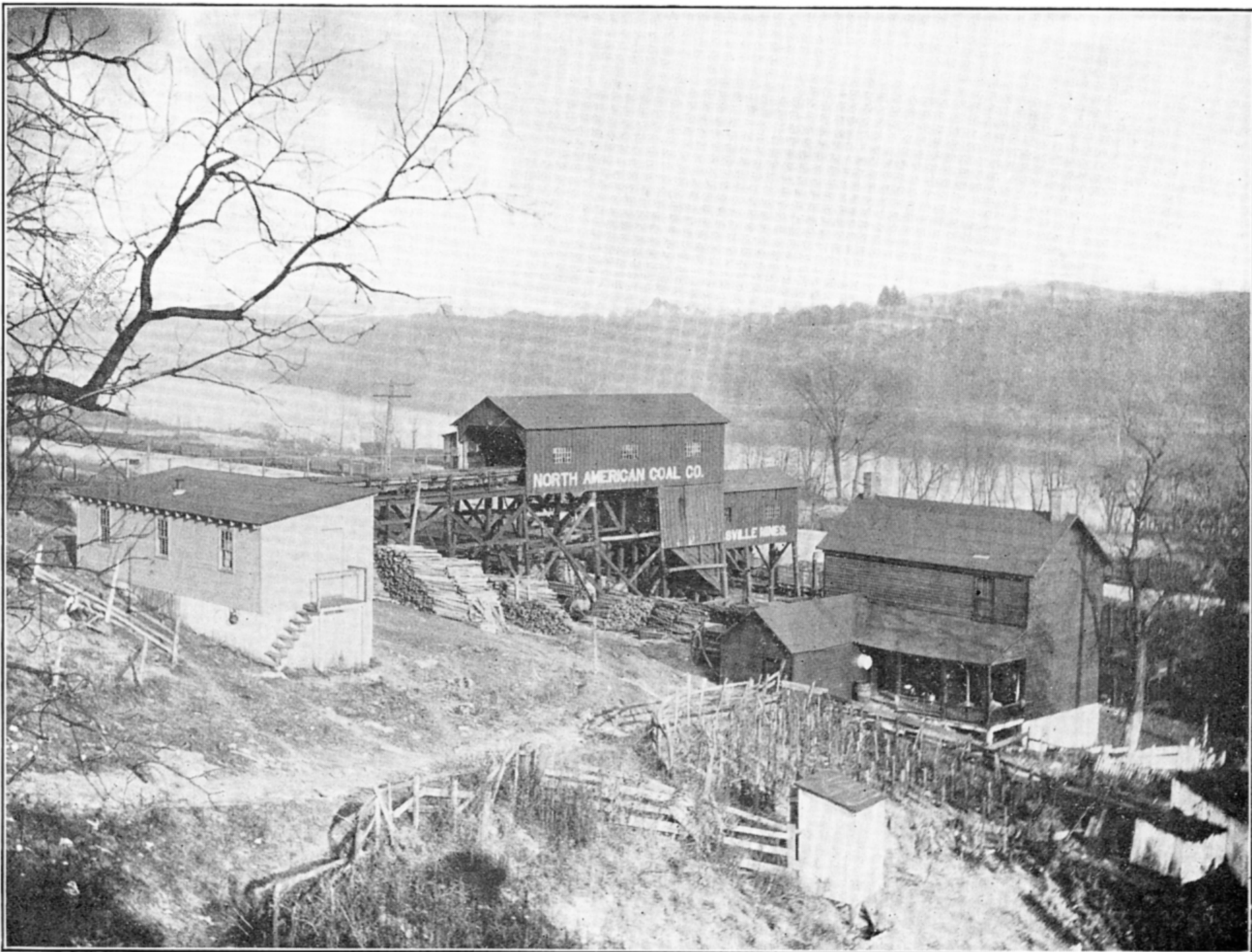
MISSISSIPPI GLASS COMPANY'S PLANT

Monongahela Railroad

- Passenger service initiated November 1, 1915
- Buffet parlor car served breakfast on morning northbound train - dinner was served on the evening southbound train.
- To meet the competition, the B.&O. changed one of its trains to an express, supplied with modern dining cars and Pullman coaches.

MONONGAHELA R. R. PASSENGER AND FREIGHT STATION, WEST SIDE, MORGANTOWN, W. VA.



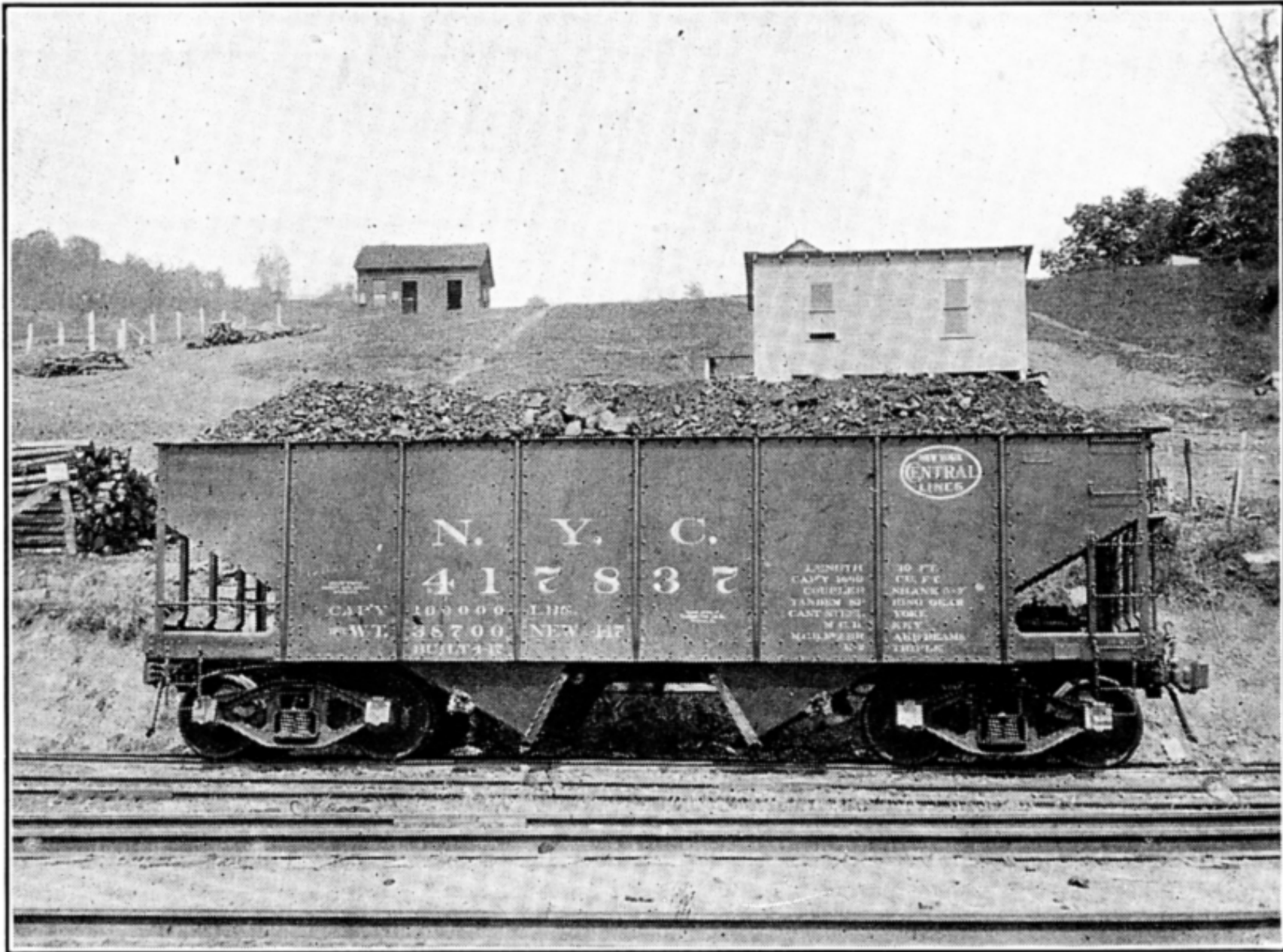


FIRST COAL WORKING ON MONONGAHELA RAILWAY

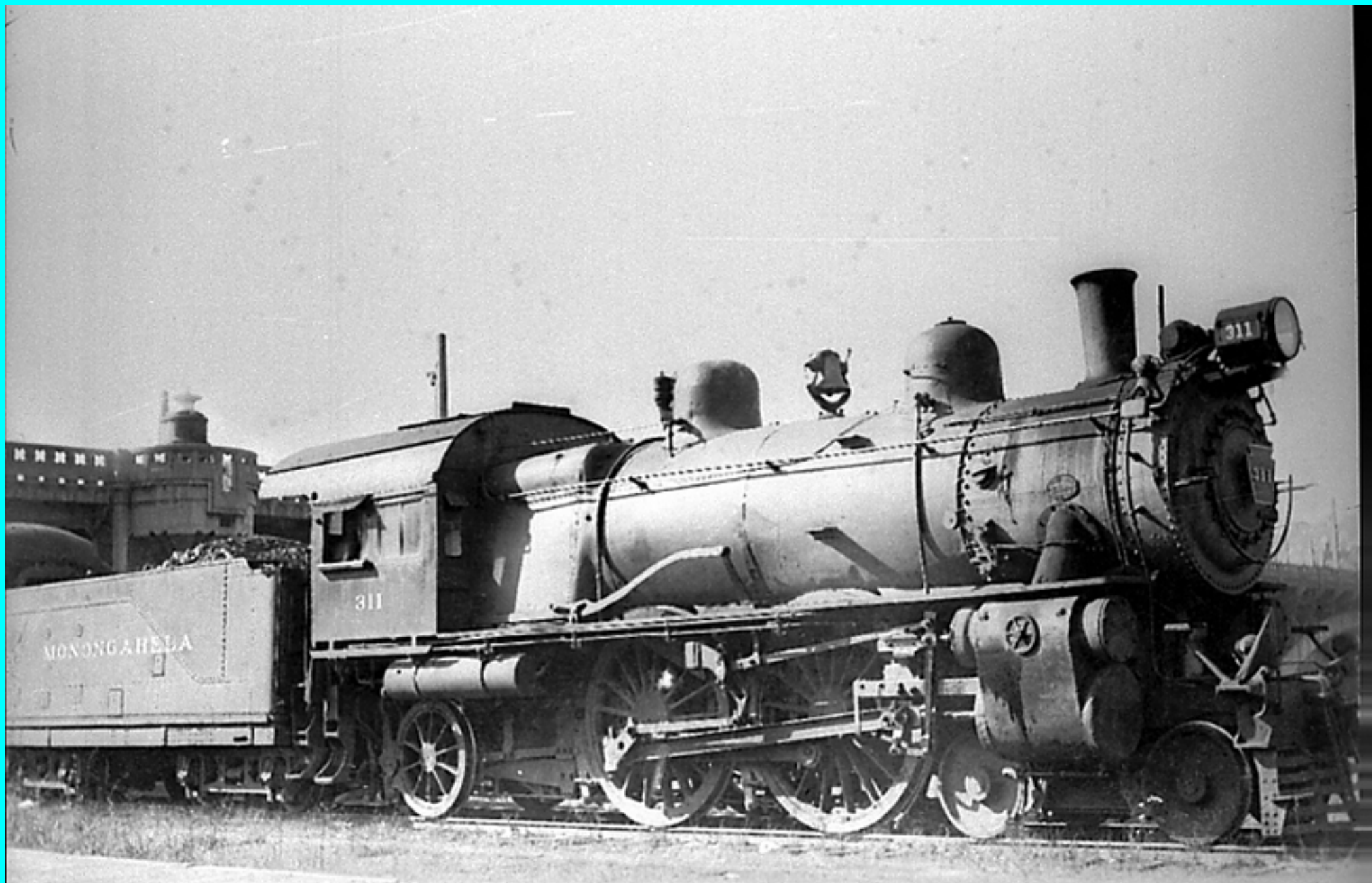
HOW MONONGALIA COAL PRODUCTION IS GAINING AS MARION COUNTY IS FALLING, SHOWN WITH FIGURES

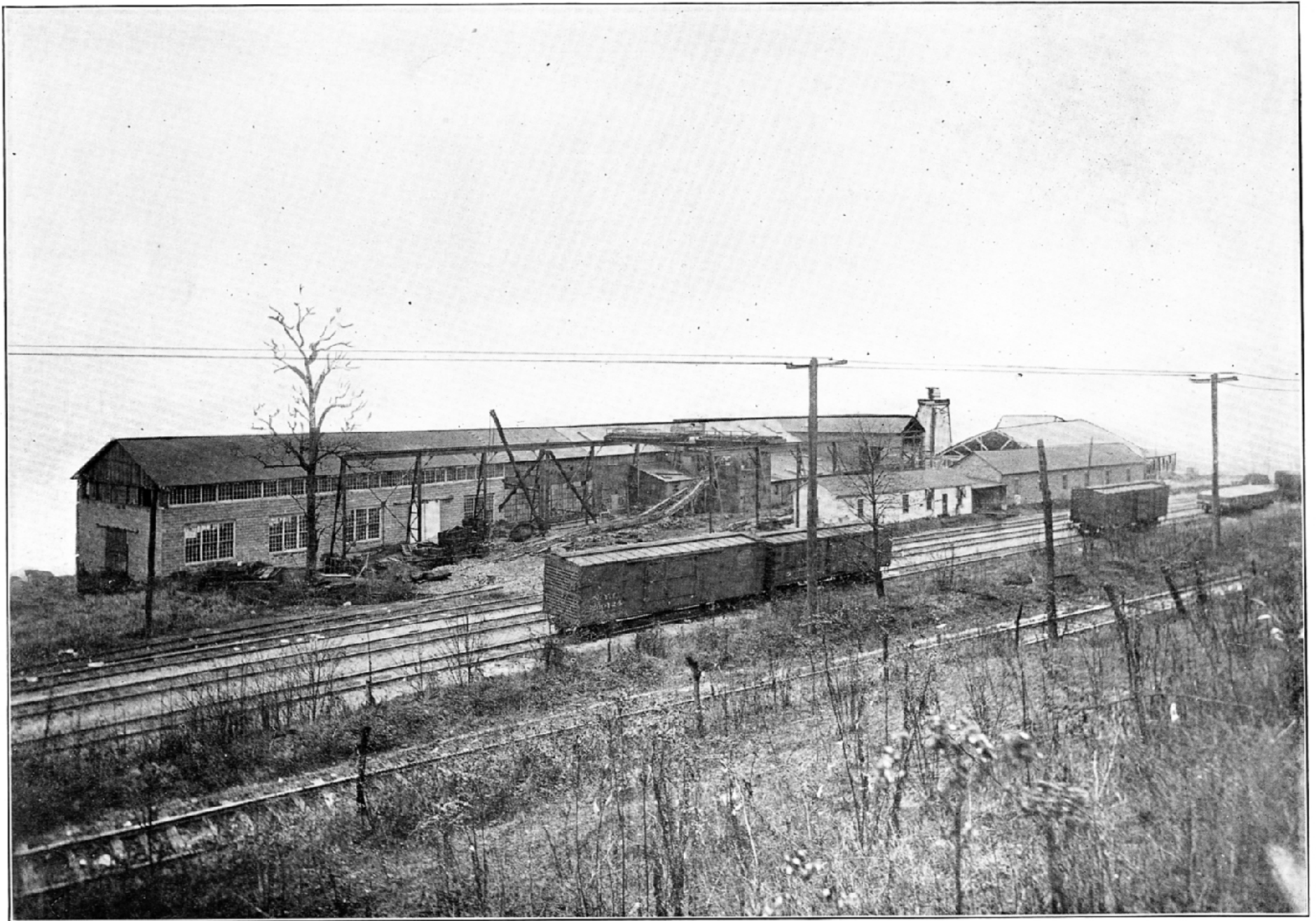
	Marion County.		Monongalia County.	
	Sewickley Coal.	Total Coal.	Sewickley Coal.	Total Coal.
1907 -----	9,438	3,619,764	-----	292,596
1908 -----	38,533	3,440,666	-----	271,843
1909 -----	25,379	3,773,765	-----	235,816
1910 -----	27,273	4,210,622	-----	414,992
1911 -----	20,224	4,084,822	-----	464,319
1912 -----	22,618	4,833,652	-----	382,164
1913 -----	30,221	5,271,441	-----	426,137
1914 -----	107,209	5,830,070	-----	400,046
1915 -----	119,942	5,988,879	-----	319,947
1916 -----	209,755	6,189,891	19,041	501,101
1917 -----	250,483	5,125,190	48,446	751,403
1918 -----	424,802	4,533,466	265,064	1,687,153
1919 -----	420,000	4,400,008	450,000	2,158,219
1920 -----	430,000	4,500,000	570,000	2,700,000

Figures indicate gross tons.



READY FOR THE LONG HAUL



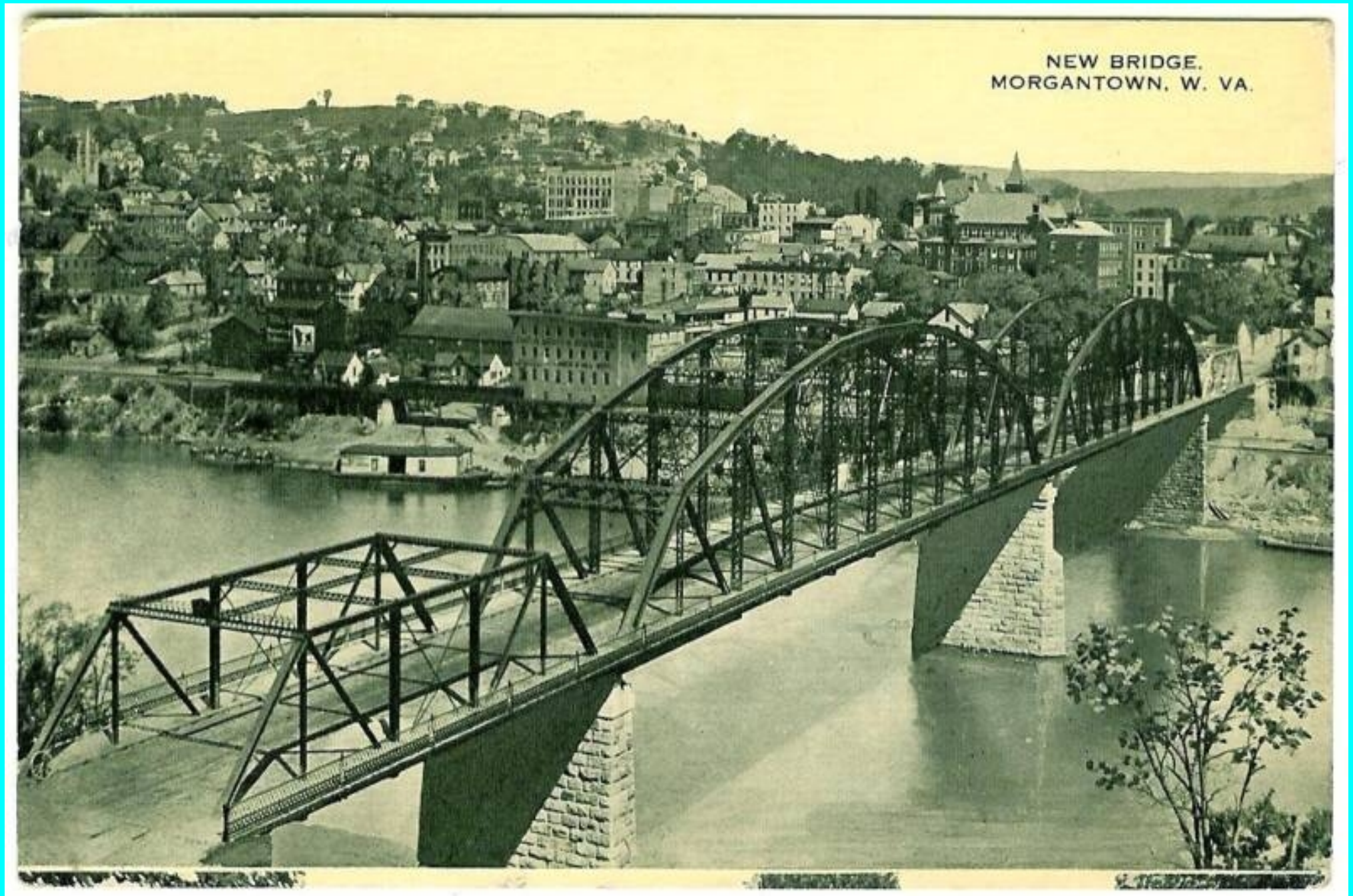


CHRISMAN FOUNDRY
Westover - "50 to 75 men" - C of C 1921

New Morgantown Bridge



New Morgantown Bridge



The Trolley Era

BRIDGE STREET BRIDGE AND PLEASANT STREET BRIDGE, MORGANTOWN, W. VA.



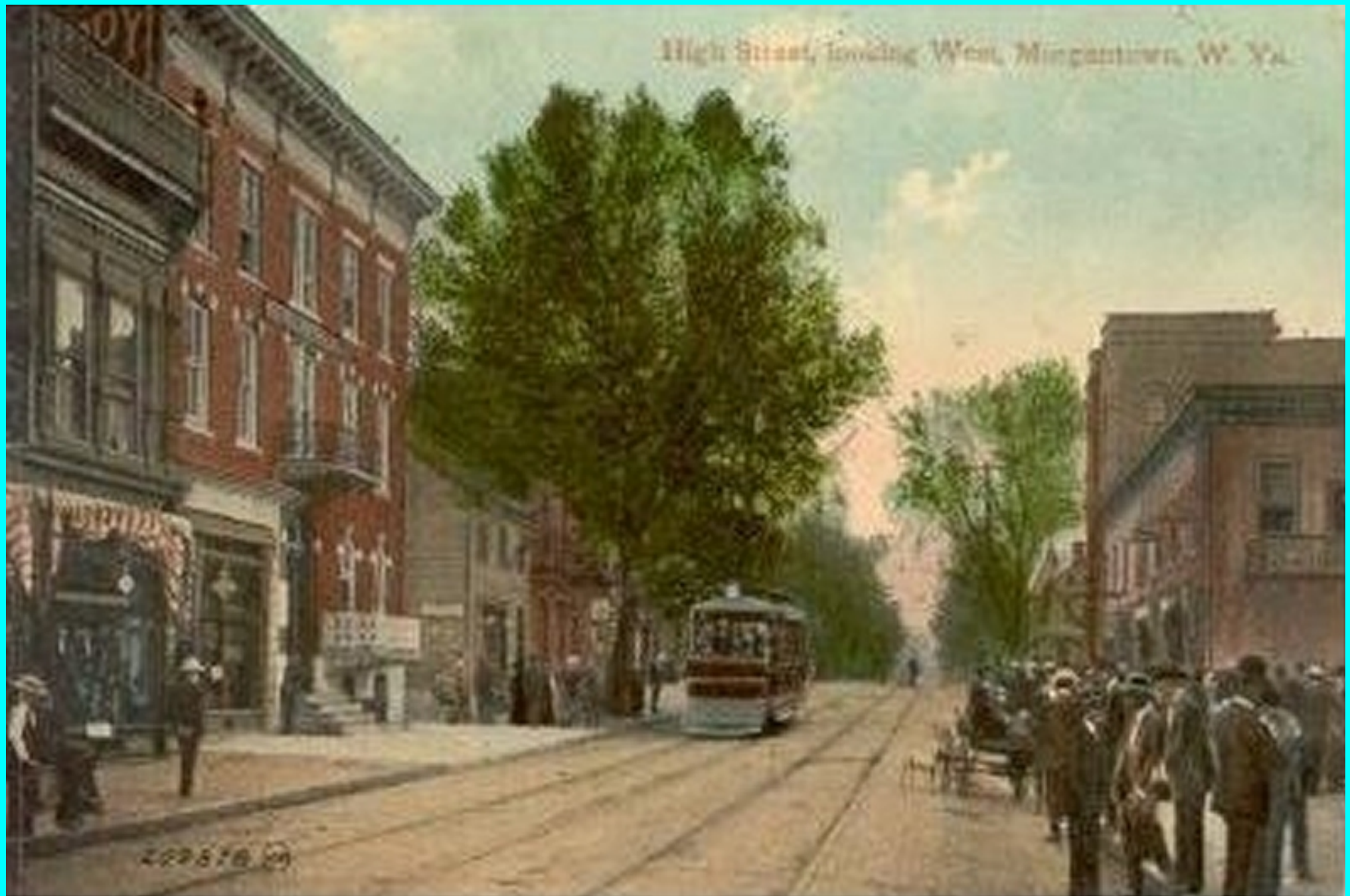
The Trolley Era

- 1892 - electric company founded – languished for lack of patrons
- 1903 - First cars ran on Circle Route
- 1905 - Sabraton Railway
- 1909 - “Morgantown & Pittsburgh”
- 1934 - Service ended

Power House and Dam W. Va. Traction and Power Co.,
Morgantown, W. Va.



High Street, Looking West, Morgantown, W. Va.



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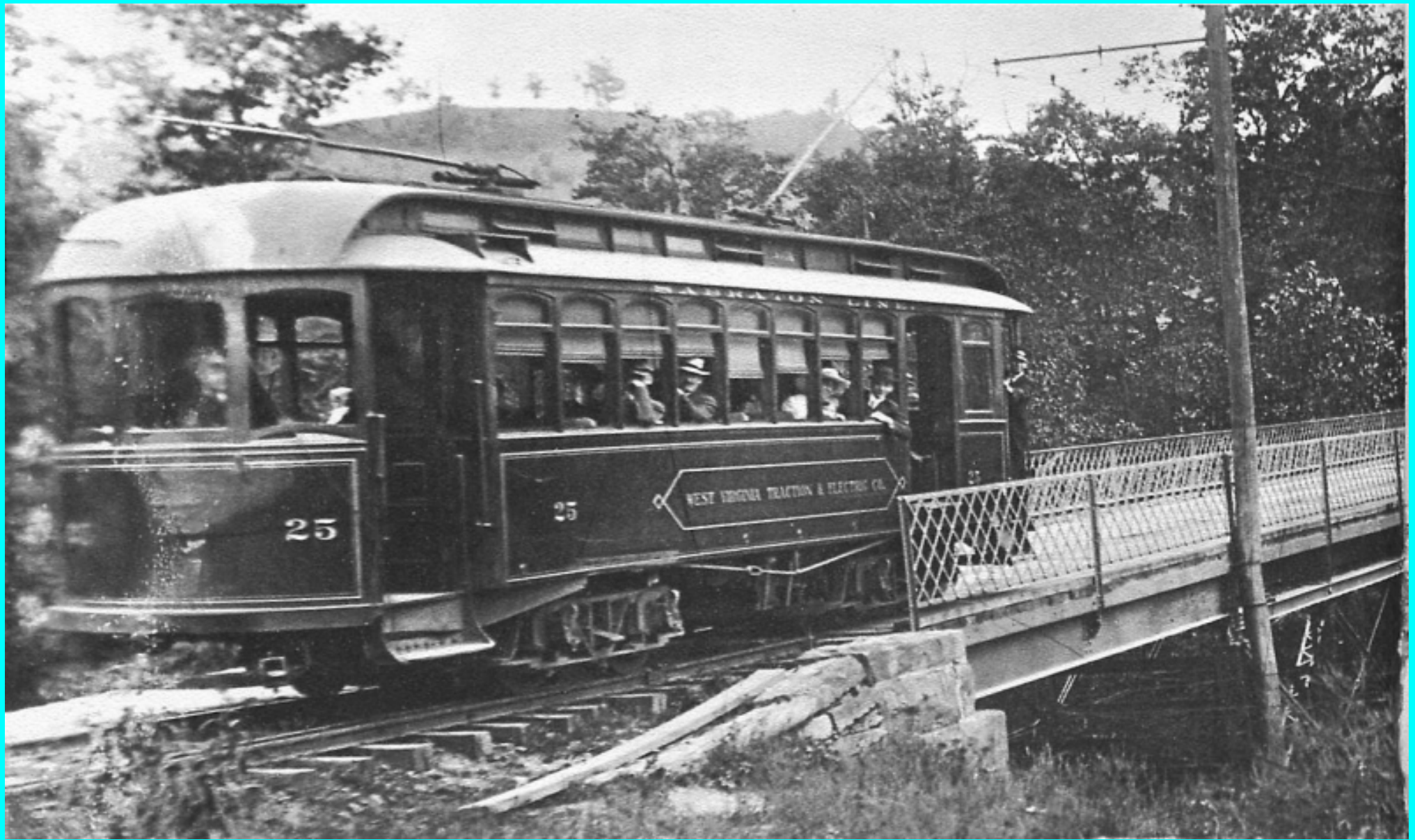
HIGH STREET, LOOKING SOUTH, MORGANTOWN, W. VA.

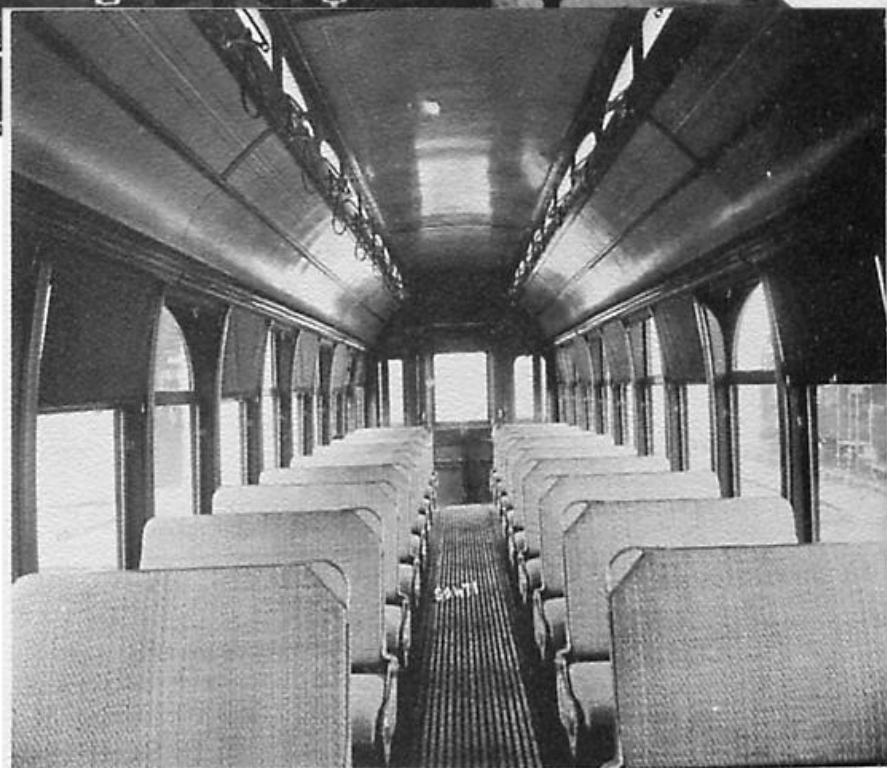


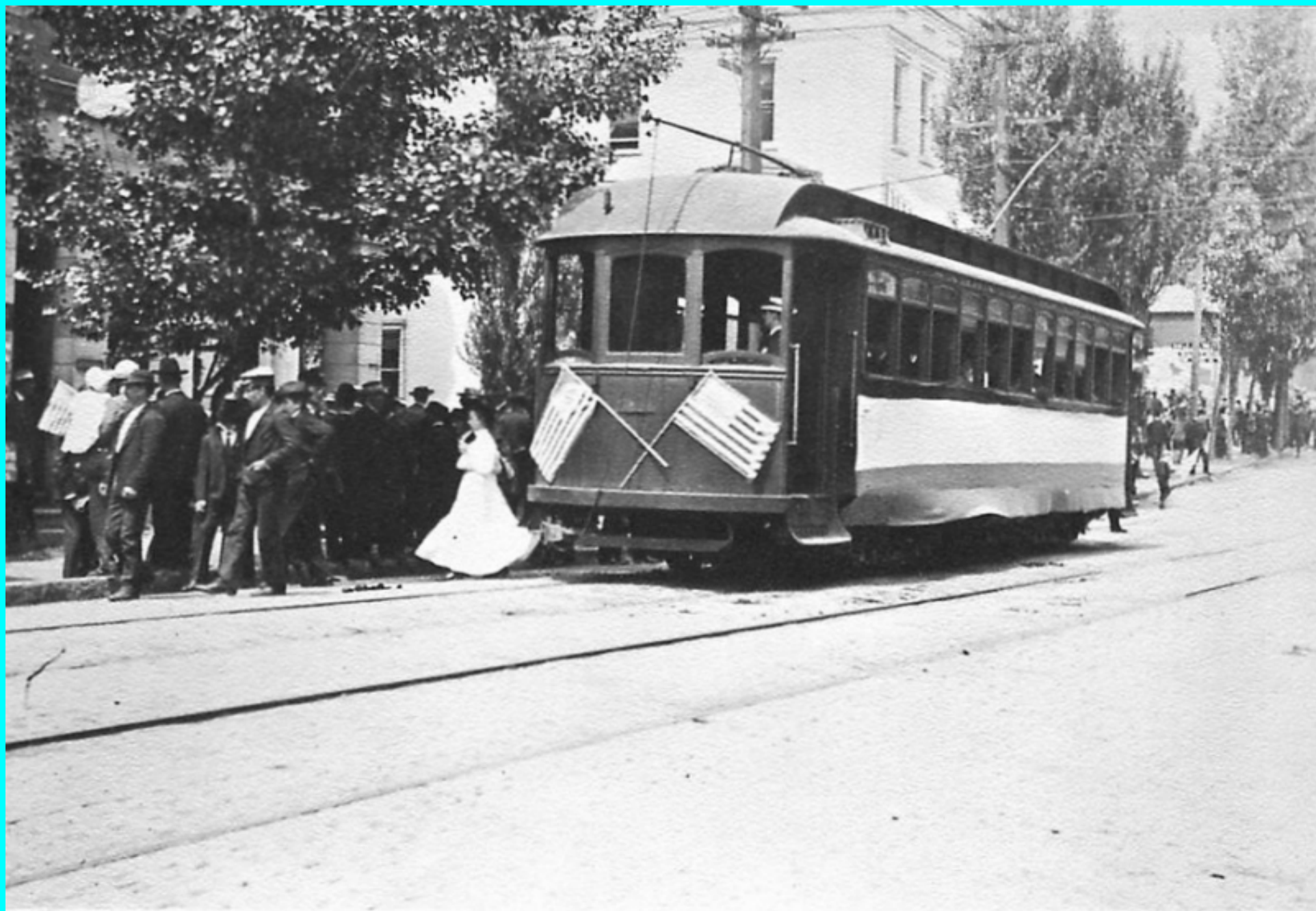


Sabraton car 26 heading west for Morgantown on Richwood Avenue about 1914.

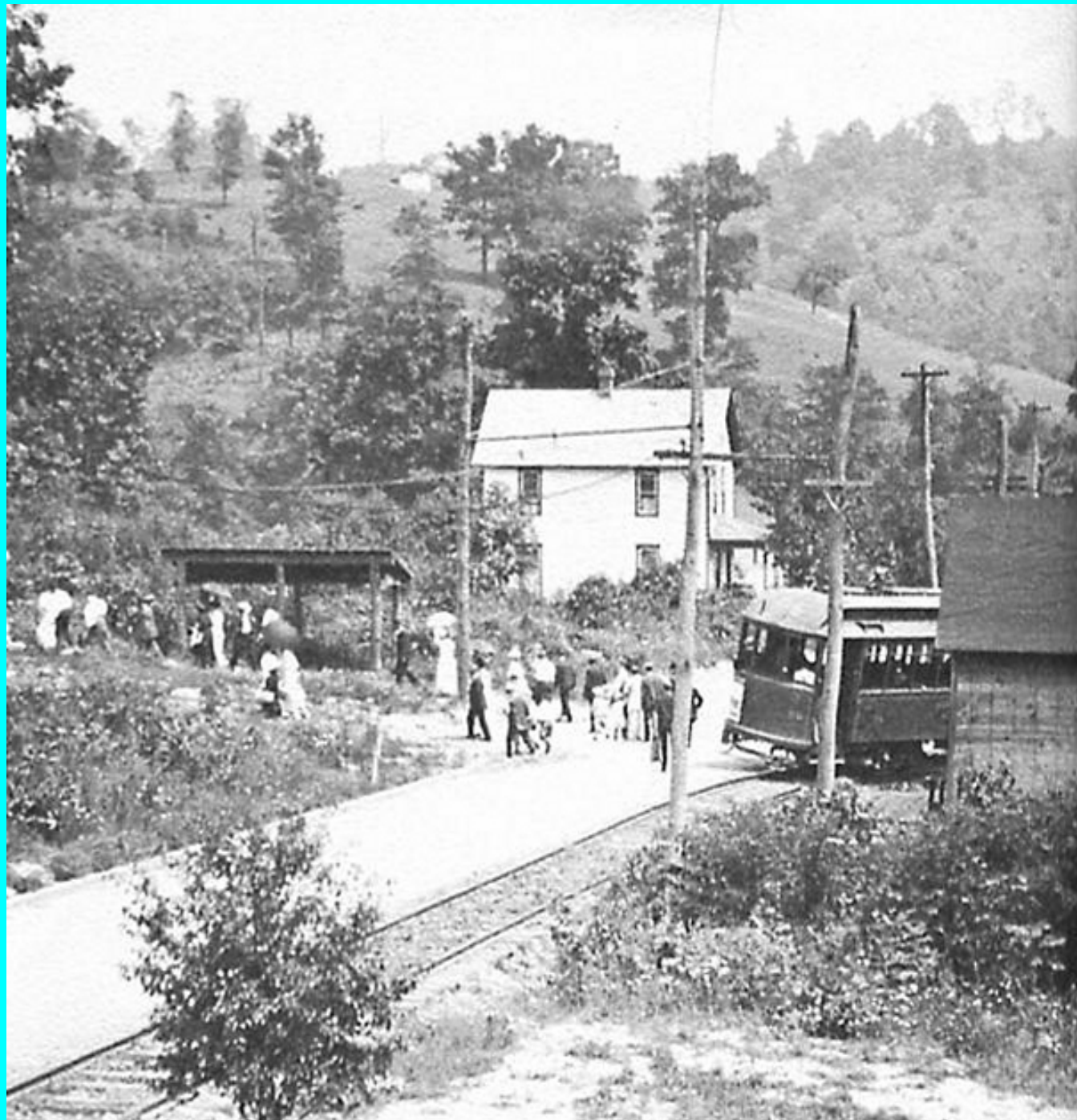


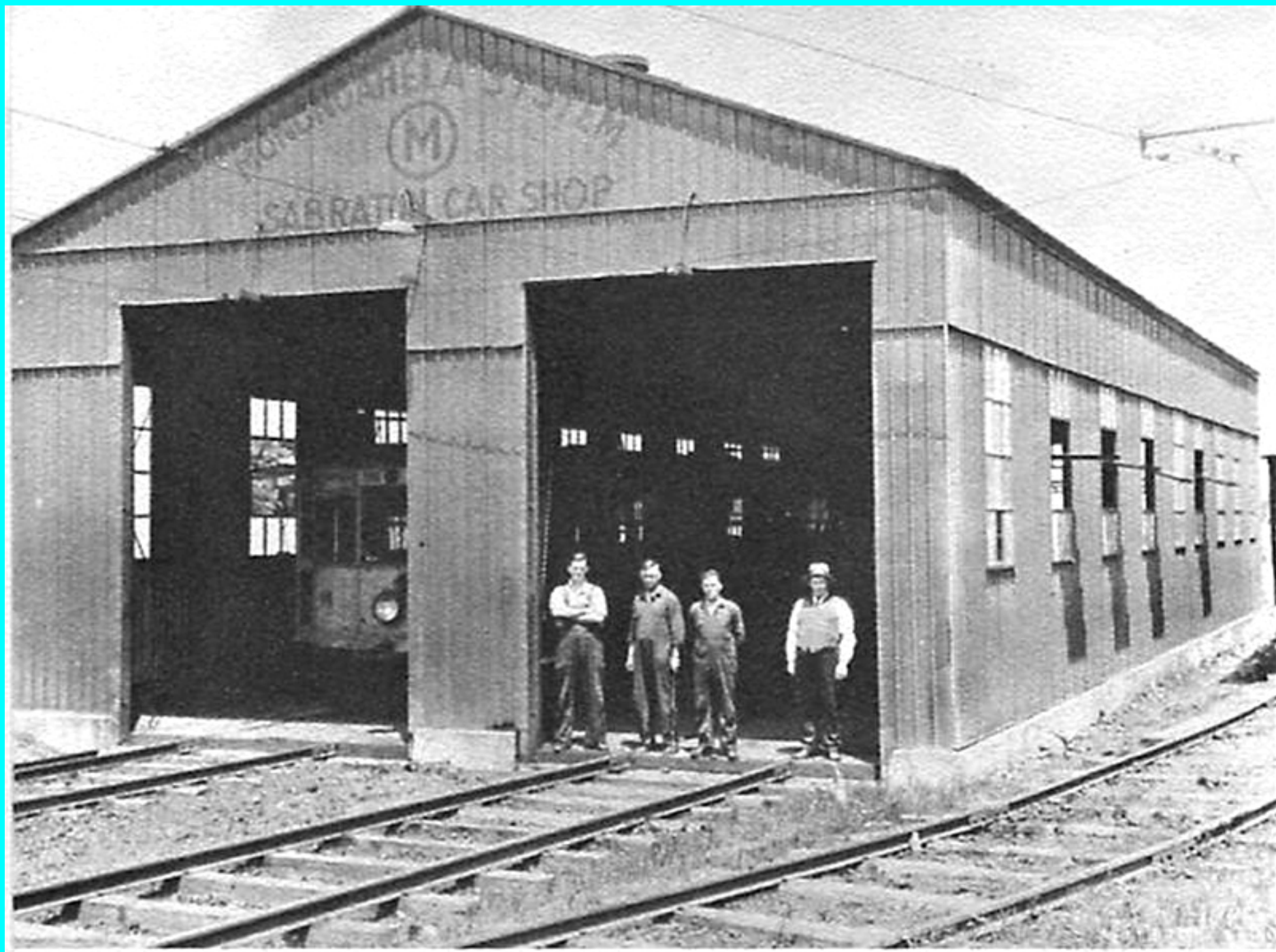


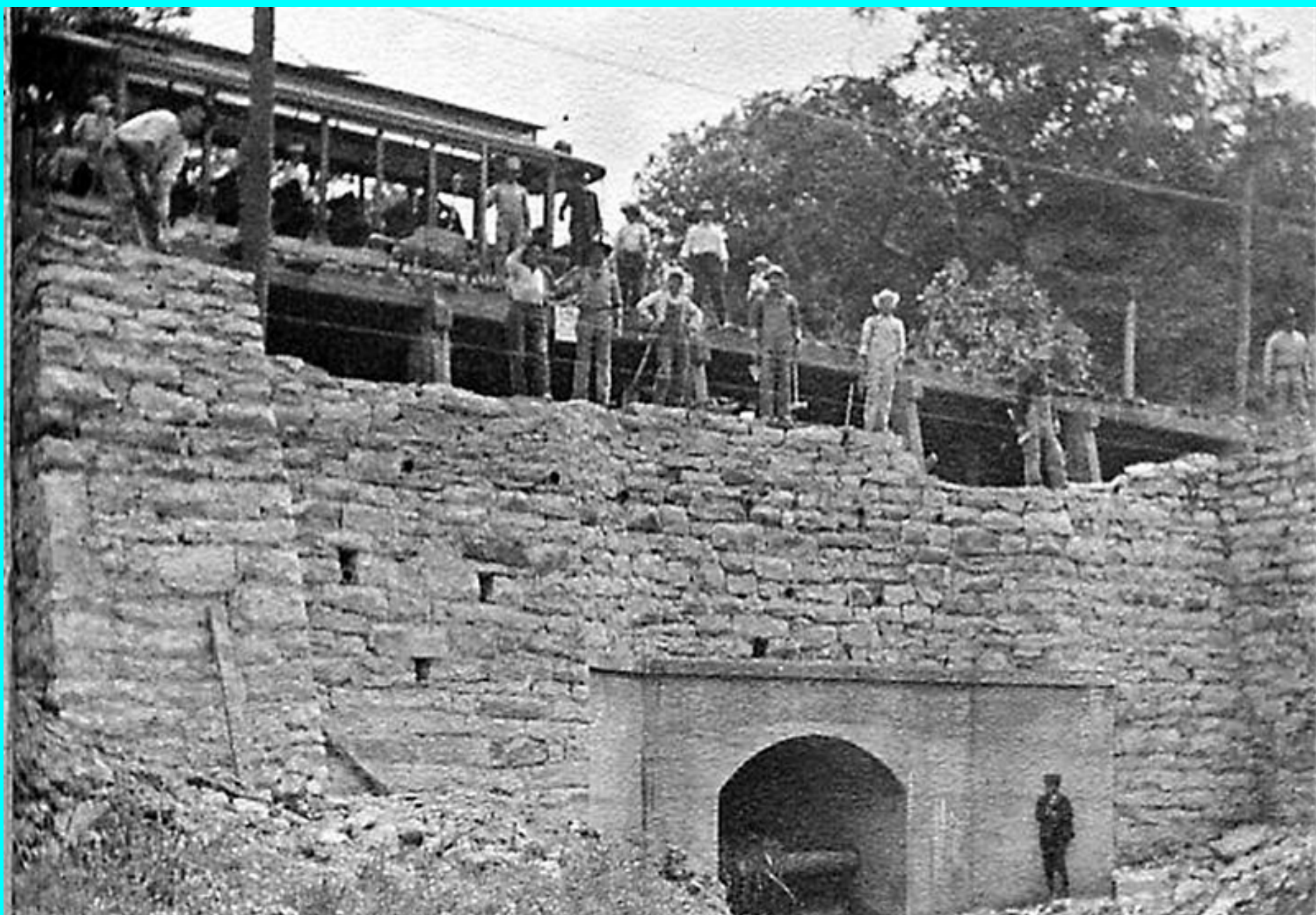


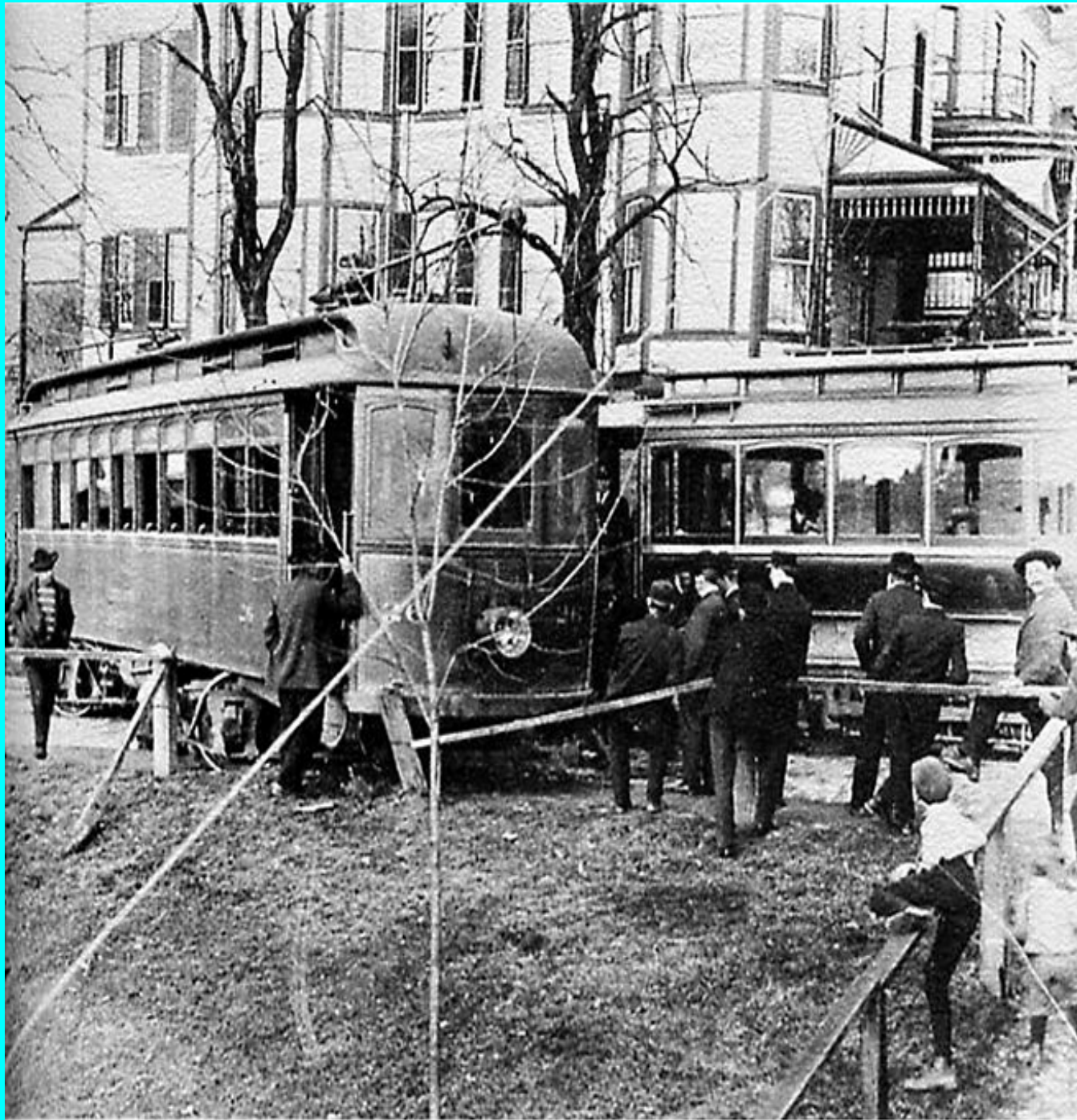


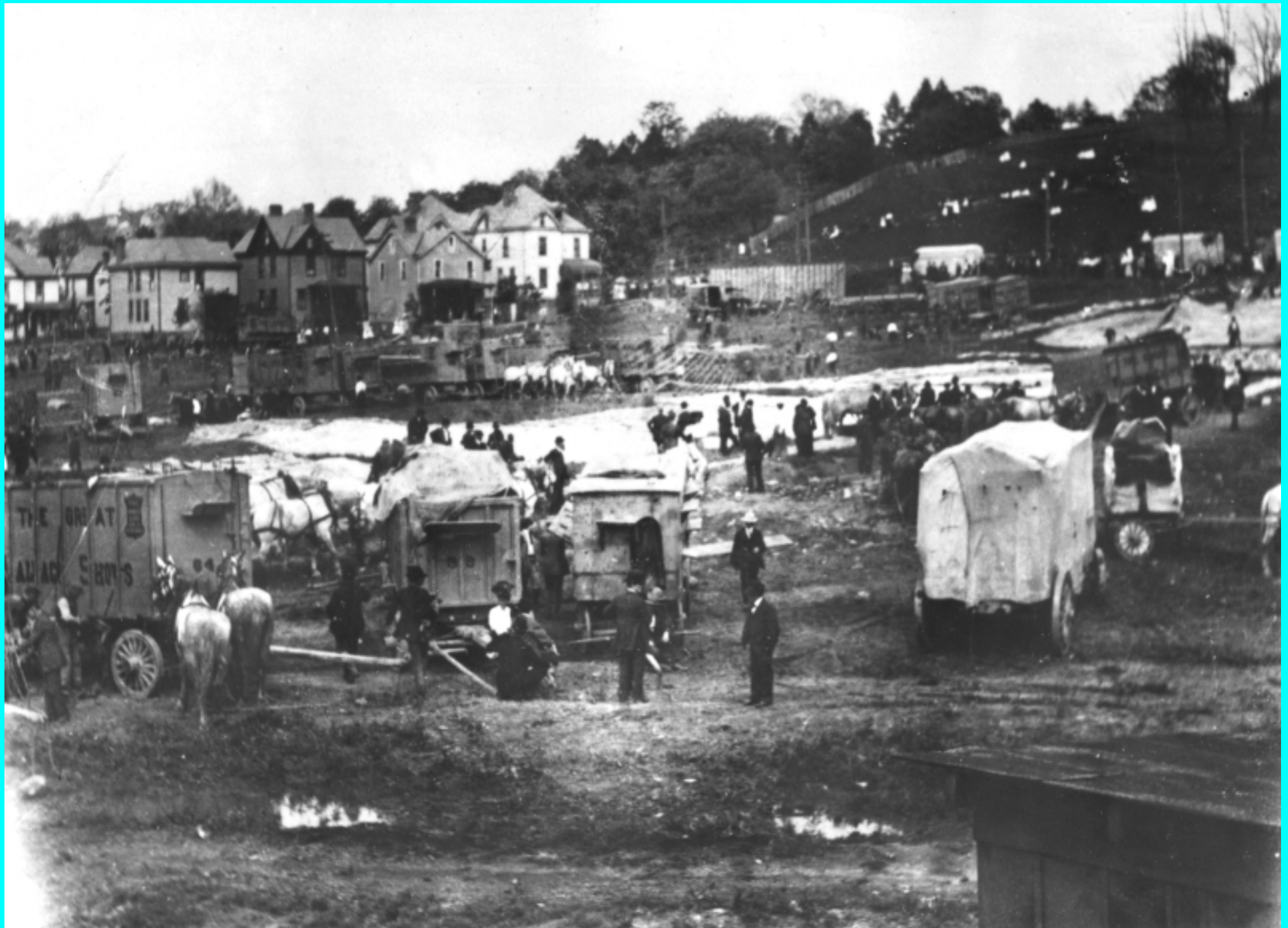
Sabraton Railway car on the Fourth of July, about 1912.











MORGANTOWN & DUNKARD VALLEY RAILWAY

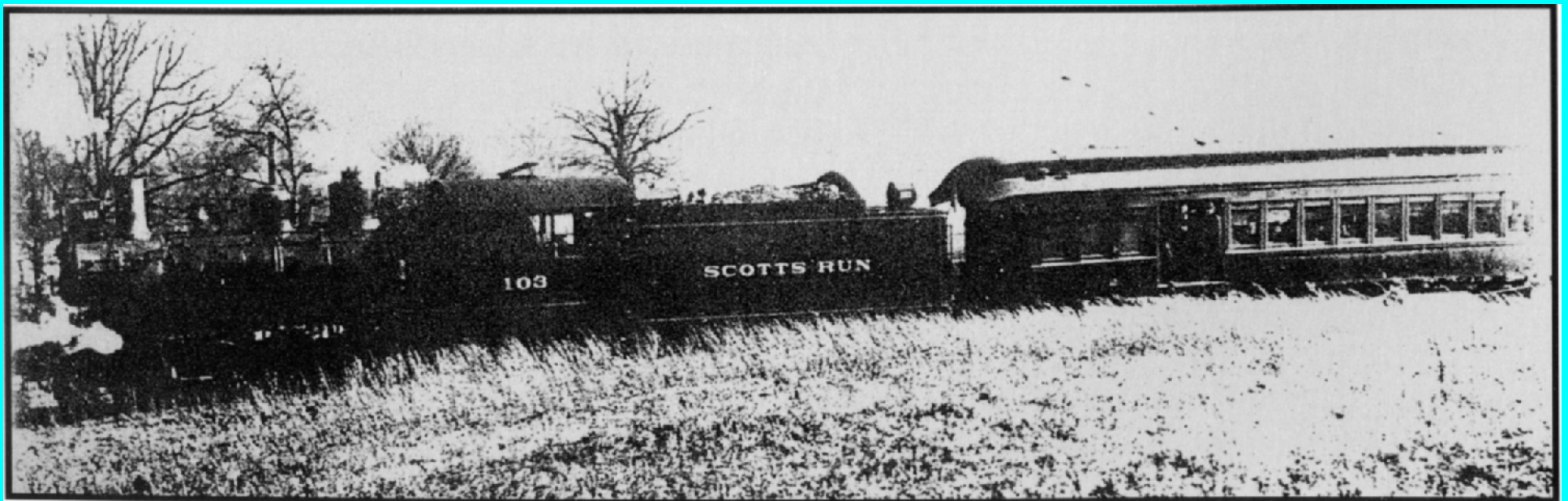
- 1910 - Service began from Morgantown to Scotts Run
- 1912 - Morgantown to Cassville
- 1913 - reorganized as Morgantown & Wheeling Railway – steam trains to Blacksville



M. & D. V. car 52 between Granville and Jimtown



The first M.&D.V. trolley car in front of Ed Goodrich's Store in Osage.



Train from Brave to Randall. It carried passengers. Left Blacksville at 7 am and returned at 5 pm ... if it didn't jump the track.

Sara Scott photo and information

Given the State of the
Transportation System, Why
Would You be Coming From,
or Going To, Monongalia
County in 1920?

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