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Mississippi. Byron Kilbourn, who will be remembered to the end of our national life as the father of Wisconsin's splendid railroad system, visited Milwaukee on a surveying tour in 1834, and settled there in the following year. In connection with his career as a railroad operator, we find him first mentioned as secretary of a meeting held in Milwaukee, September 22, 1836, for the purpose of petitioning the territorial legislature to charter a company for the construction of a railway from Milwaukee to the Mississippi, by way of Mineral Point. The project conceived at this meeting was not carried out until 1849, when the Milwaukee and Mississippi railroad was started, but from the time the idea was first broached Byron Kilbourn and a few associates never lost sight of the advantages to the section to be reaped by means of railroads, and his and their efforts were thenceforth unceasing until the present system, which is a proud monument to the enterprise, industry, perseverance, statesmanship and patience of its promoters, was completed in the construction of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad, the most important line in the state, and one of the greatest and most prosperous in the world. This corporation controls 1,453 miles of railroad, and gridirons the commonwealth, extending as well to the neighboring states of Illinois and Minnesota.

To the tourist the early history of a place like Milwaukee must be of interest, and to the settler it is also valuable, as illustrating the results produced by hard work and enterprise, seen to-day. We have for these reasons rather leaned toward the pioneer epoch in the city's history, since from the chrysalis of that early day burst forth the powerful state of the present. Before leaving Milwaukee we will note a point or two in connection with its geographical position, population, facilities, and so forth. Milwaukee lies on the western shore of Lake Michigan, at the mouth of the Milwaukee river. From a northerly direction the river flows toward the city nearly parallel with the shore of the lake. The Menomonee river flowing from the west forms a confluence with it about half a mile from

the outlet. Navigation for large vessels extends for a distance of about two miles up these rivers. The population of the city has been recently estimated by competent authority at 125,000 souls. The commercial and manufacturing section of Milwaukee occupies both sides of the river for two miles. Here are the stately warehouses into whose great depths are



THE NEWHALL HOUSE.