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Yesterday, at the turn of the century, was when "The Hazelton" opened to the public at what, before renumbering, was 79 Middle Street. Max L. Jacobs, the new manager, proclaimed it A First Class Hotel.

Remodeled, it offered hot and cold water baths, and a table unexcelled. According to Jacobs, his establishment had Polite Servants, in fact, "everything has been done to fill a long felt want."

One thing remained the same. "Under the Hotel, at the old place, is still the HEADQUARTERS OF THE SPORTING FRATERNITY, where will be found the Best and Largest display of Fine Wines, Liquors, Cigars, Etc., and the Best Beer on Draught, or Export in Bottles."

Across the street, Gaskill Hardware Co. was advertising as its special the Kentucky Delight stove. "Our stock is a good one to select for your Kitchen, Dining room, Sitting rooms and Parlors." That, of course, was before Sitting rooms became Living rooms, and Parlors became extinct.

New Bern Ice Co. was turning out 20 tons of PURE ICE daily, from DISTILLED WATER. Orders for carload lots were solicited, and promptly filled. William Dunn was the general manager, and a real hustler.

S. L. Dill, general superintendent of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad, announced that on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday during the week of the New Bern Fair special trains would be operated on a basis of ONE CENT PER MILE for a distance of sixty miles.

If outsiders and home towners weren't sufficiently entertained by doings at the Fair, they were advised to "Look Out for the Wide Awake Dutchman. He keeps the Best Draught Beer in the City. IN FACT, Everything that goes to make up a First Class Saloon." Louis B. Habicht was the gent who so described himself. His place was opposite A. & N. C. Depot.

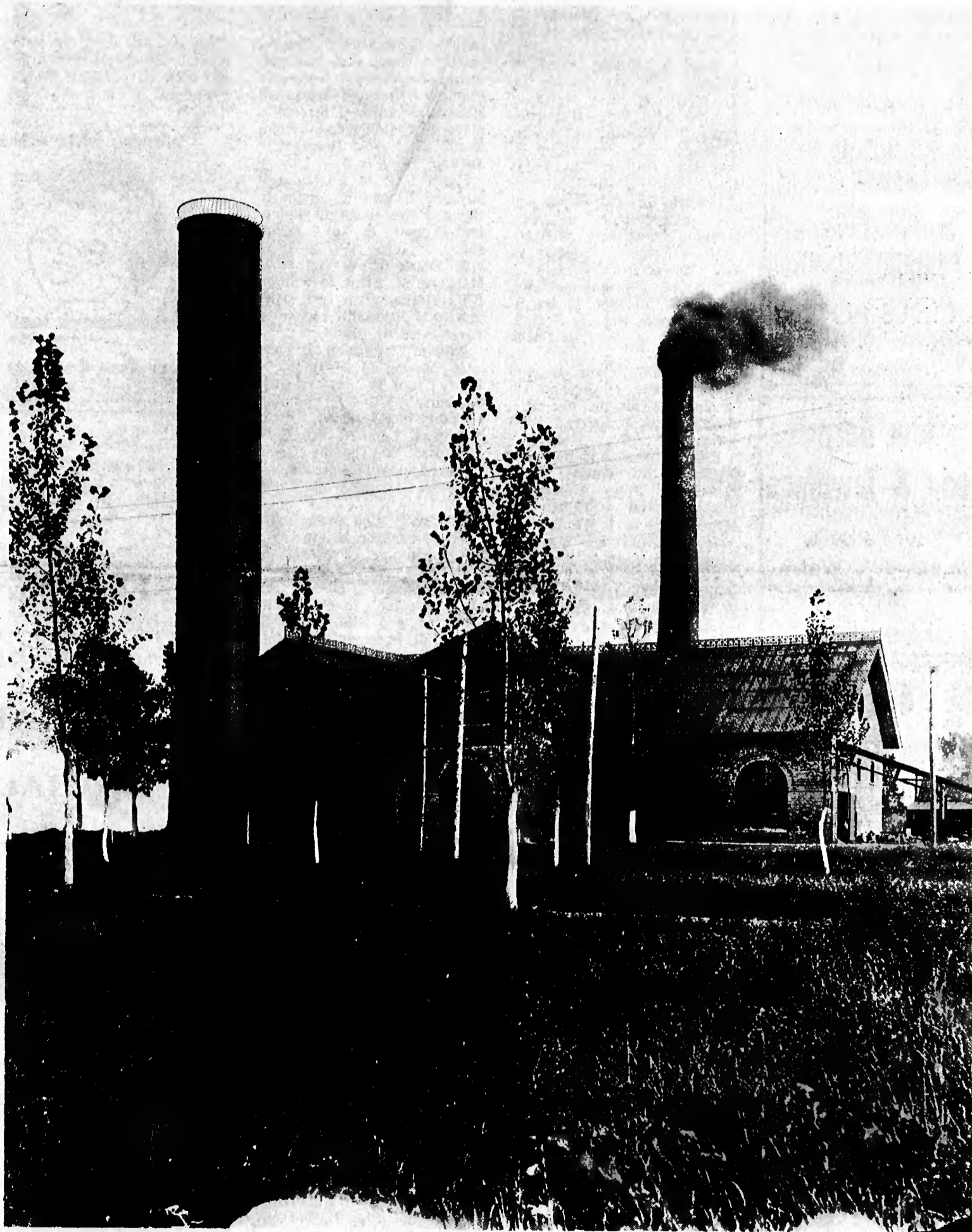
J. J. Tolson, Jr., was a wholesale and retail dealer in Choice Family Groceries, Provisions, Tobacco, Snuff and Cigars. He operated his First Class Grocery on Broad Street.

New Bern Grits Mills, George Bishop OWNER and PROPRIETOR, claimed to have the Best Mill Machinery that Can Be Built, All New and Up-to-Date. Bishop boasted a Corn Cleaning Machine, "Perfectly cleaning and polishing the grain before going to mill, the milling is first-class in every respect, which renders the meal perfectly PURE."

Thomas J. Mitchell was the agent in eastern North Carolina for White Hickory wagons and Emerson buggies, at the turn of the century. He established the Mitchell Hardware Store still operated by one of this editor's favorite New Bernians, Thomas J. Mitchell, III.

G. A. Barfoot, at 43 Pollock Street, opposite what was then the Post Office, specialized in

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THE WAY IT WAS—Coal smoke belches from the stack of New Bern's power plant, back in the days when our town generated its own electricity. The city's entire water supply was stored in the tank at the left, and it still stands at the site. New Bern's fire whistle, unlike the one we have now, had a thunderous voice. When it signaled the noon hour, each day except Sunday, farmers many miles

away heard its mighty blast, and came out of the fields to gulp down the hearty dinners they deserved. Spencer Avenue was blocks shorter than it is today, and Eleanor Marshal School hadn't been erected across the thoroughfare. There wasn't an automobile in sight, but the Ghent street car bounced by regularly on its appointed rounds.— Photo from Albert D. Brooks Collection.