

ROCKY BLUFF LUMBER CO.

A Lumber Business of Considerable Magnitude and That is Steadily Growing Larger.

Rocky Bluff, Sumter P. O., March 16.—Four miles north of Sumter on the Gibson Branch of the Atlantic Coast Line Railway a tidy village is growing. There are a dozen white families there now, and the cottages for the colored folks are not shacks, but comfortable well lighted houses with the sun shining in windows and open doors, artesian wells are flowing, and birds are carolling in the tall trees, and the grass grows green.

The land at the village is undulating, granting natural drainage—and little brooks and springs feed streams of purity which ripple on their way to the big swamp. Bream, redhorse and many other fish are now giving good sport and in the woods 'coon and possum give darky and dog delight, while back in the swamp the alligators sound their guttural bark.

Three years ago where The Rocky Bluff Lumber Company have their mills and village, were tall forestry and undergrowth and solitude. Now there is a comely little village with 20 cottages and garden plots—busy saw and planing mills, office and store, and a school house will adorn the scene.

The saw mill is being changed from a single to a double decker, but is running right along with circular saw, edgers, etc., propelled by 60 h. p. engine and two 60 h. p. boilers—maximum output 25,000 feet of lumber per day. The planing mill has 50 h. p. engine and two boilers, one 70 and one 40 h. p. respectively, and the two patent dry kilns have drying capacity of 8,000 feet per day. Lath and shingle mills will be added soon.

The company has several miles of iron rails penetrating the woods from the mills which are by the main track of the A. C. L., and a new locomotive will be added to the rolling stock of the enterprise.

While the mills are running busily all the time, closing down only on Sunday, crews of men are busy loading during day time, and in the woods men work with a will.

Dressed lumber is shipped north, with Boston as a big customer, and it is gratifying to state that a first order to the Rocky Bluff Lumber Company has invariably been followed by others.

They have now between five and six years cut and a visit to the woods showed magnificent timber. A number of stumps showed five feet diameter, and one giant standing is over six feet, and the manager, James H. Scarborough, is the woodman who will spare that tree. That some of the pines are beauties can be inferred from the fact that from 20 to 30 feet have been taken from single trees.

The company has now 80 men on the pay roll, and twenty mules get all they need.

The mill people are healthy, the artesian wells are thoroughly appreciated, and every care is taken for the comfort of man and beast.

It is specially worthy of note that the Rocky Bluff Lumber Company, head office, Sumter—own a grand variety of timber. They have long leaf and short leaf yellow pine, white oak (no better), popular and cypress and adjacent is gum sufficient to keep mills going for years.

The company is incorporated by local capital. President H. L. Scarborough, who is also local superintendent of the Sumter Water Works for the last seven years, is a South Carolinian, born in an adjoining county. He was for many years prominent as cotton buyer, and been a progressive and highly esteemed citizen of Sumter since 1894. There are half a dozen brothers of the Scarboroughs, and they are all stalwarts, physically, and broadguaged commercially. Vice President O. D. Harvin is in cypress timber operations, is also a planter residing near Pinewood, and is a go-ahead business man.

Manager of mills, and all pertaining thereto, James H. Scarborough is also a native son of the Sunny South, and is an expert in timber estimating, and possess all the requisites of the mill manager—a clear head, quick eye, good heart and a very retentive memory. He also has inventive genius and his steam skidder proves it with light draught and effective power.

Judge R. O. Purdy, stockholder in the Rocky Bluff Lumber Company, is known over and far beyond the State, in his profession.

A. W. Scarborough, as Knight of the Woods is a great success, combining continued energy and happy disposition.

The accountant at the mills, and paymaster is W. H. Plowden, who was born near Manning, in Clarendon county. For ten years he was railway agent at Lanes, S. C., and thereby, probably, gained his correct, rapid and methodical ways of doing business. Since 1892 he has held positions of clerical responsibility with lumber companies of note.

L. R. Jennings, Esq., is the mercantile manager, and is popularly known over this, his native county. For half a dozen years Squire Jennings showed discrimination and excellent judgement as magistrate.

Knowing that railway men as well as others will be interested, I am glad to mention that J. D. Rodgers is with the Rocky Bluff Lumber Company. He was with the A. C. L. on its many lines in the Carolinas. In writing this sketch it is well to add that not only the members of the Rocky Bluff Lumber Company, but those of other enterprises of South Carolina, brain and brawn are not one whit behind their northern brethren in rapid development and successful development.

Other Sumter Enterprises.
Trembley & Porter is the new firm running the blacksmith and wagon shops opposite the Jervey House, and their trade has surprised more than themselves. They succeeded W. T. Hall, who has gone to Darlington.

The new firm is busy with new work as well as repairing and horseshoeing and L. V. Trembley is equally at home in iron and woodwork, and can build a log wagon or a dump cart or rebuild a buggy with ability and promptitude.

He was born in Quebec, Canada, and came to Union, S. C., in 1870. He has had experience in every part of the trade and is a genial, good citizen and ever industrious business man. A. H. Porter was born in George-

town. He was here four years ago—went away but came back to stay. He is also a good mechanic and a fine young man, and Trembley & Porter make a capital business team.

Former sketches have marked the wonderful progress made in the milling industries of Sumter and surroundings and noted as to extensive timber tracts which feed the yawning, hungry mills. Mention was also made as to the varieties of timber tributary to Sumter, and the statement is emphatic that furniture factories will pay.

Towns that do not possess one tith the advantages possessed by Sumter have furniture factories and chair factories with hundreds of satisfied employees and, with nothing like the shipping facilities, are forwarding their manufacture far and near, and Sumter is a furniture center of distribution now.

The Whilden Furniture Co. furnish cottage and mansion and banking house and office. Their trade extends over Sumter and several other counties, and has grown greatly of late owing to the rapid increase of beautiful homes.

Their main show and salesrooms occupy a two-story structure 120x30 feet on Main street, the stock of furniture being up to \$10,000 in value, and the building is not big enough, but they supply from kitchen to dining room, parlor to drawing room, and from a bridal chamber suite to nursery equipment. The members of the Whilden company possess experience, knowledge of necessity and refined minds, all gained with, as well as without, contact with their line of commercial interests.

They were born in Sumter county, raised in the same and have grown in grace and prominence by virtue of excellent traits of character.

They are J. E. Whilden and William C. Chandler, and their assistants are men of intelligence and action.

The Undertaking Department, under special supervision of Mr. Chandler, is being made one of the most complete in the State. The Palm Room, will soon be opened and therein the most choice for the chosen will be paroled.

The array of all the paraphernalia for funeral rite is complete, and therefore a hearse suitable for any age, society or creed.

Mr. Chandler possesses a score of years experience in undertaking, and is a graduate of the Myers College of Embalming and holds a State License.

In Sumter, in Charleston and in Manning he has proven himself the man for the occasion in ability and name.

The gentleman is Superintendent of Sunday school and a Christian in word and act.

Mr. Whilden is Secretary and Treasurer of the Sumter Coffin and Casket Company, and member of the firm of Witherspoon Bros. & Company; owns good properties in and outside of the city and has risen from keeping books for business houses to a prominence which is becoming more and more prominent.

Messrs. Whilden and Chandler have no political ambition for personal aggrandizement, but as citizens are patriotic and progressive always.

James Carswell.

Inflammatory Rheumatism Cured.

William Shaffer, a brakeman, of Dennison, Ohio, was confined to his bed for several weeks with inflammatory rheumatism. "I used many remedies," he says. "Finally I sent to McCaw's drug store for a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm, at which time I was unable to use hand or foot, and in one week's time I was able to go to work as happy as a clam." For sale by China's Drug Store.

Roanoke, Va., March 18.—Henry Williams, colored, was hanged today. The execution was witnessed by several hundred people assembled in the jail yard, while thousands thronged the streets about the prison. There was no demonstration, but as a precautionary measure, Acting Mayor Johnson held a local military company in their armory during the night and until after the execution.

Omaha, Neb., March 17.—Maj. Wm. H. Bean, U. S. A., committed suicide today by shooting. Ordered to the Philippines, he had his trunk packed this morning and taken to the depot. Immediately afterward he asked his wife to play on the piano and while she was playing he thrust an army revolver to his right temple and fired. The bullet lodged in his brain and he died almost immediately.

Colds Cause Pneumonia.

One of the most remarkable cases of a cold, deep-seated on the lungs, causing pneumonia, is that of Mrs. Gertrude E. Fenner, Marion, Ind., who was entirely cured by the use of One Minute Cough Cure. She says: "The coughing and straining so weakened me that I ran down in weight from 145 to 92 pounds. I tried a number of remedies to no avail until I used One Minute Cough Cure. Four bottles of this wonderful remedy cured me entirely of the cough, strengthened my lungs and restored me to my normal weight, health and strength." Sold by Olin B. Davis.

Washington, March 18.—The House committee on judiciary today received the report of the sub-committee appointed to investigate the charge against Judge Charles Swayne, of Florida. This sub-committee is composed of Representatives Palmer, of Pennsylvania, Gillett, of California, and Clayton, of Alabama. Two of its members, Palmer and Clayton, recommend the impeachment of Judge Swayne, while Mr. Gillett did not think the charges sustained. The committee began the consideration of this report, but reached no conclusion.

The Name Witch Hazel.

The name Witch Hazel is much abused. E. C. DeWitt & Co., Chicago, are the inventors of the original and only genuine Witch Hazel Salve. A certain cure for cuts, burns, bruises, eczema, tetter, piles, etc. There are many counterfeits of this salve, some of which are dangerous, while they are all worthless. In buying Witch Hazel Salve see that the name E. C. DeWitt & Co., Chicago, is on the box and a cure is certain. Sold by Olin B. Davis.

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The Wire-Pulling Baptist.

Dear Bro. Pittman:—I have heard of, and read about, the regular Baptist, the wash foot Baptist, the primitive Baptist, the missionary Baptist, the Buzzard Baptist, and a host of other kinds of Baptists, too numerous to mention, but it does not occur to me that I have ever read about a political wire-pulling Baptist, and with your permission I will venture to give some characteristics of this wonderful fellow who has sprung up in our midst—he is always a good genial kind of a fellow, keeps "open house" for his friends to come in and keep him posted on the issues of the day. He is always wide-awake to all the events which are happening, in State and national politics, and knows the things which are going to come before the religious bodies of the State. You will find him in town election times confabbing with a few friends, trying to get his finger in the election pie and put in his man. He is always ready to suggest. He is a Solomon in suggestions. No problem in all the civic or economic problems of life ever stump him. He is ready with a way of escape from the difficulty, and he always has a man to propose for this office in question, and tries to run the mayor and wardens of the city. In the educational questions of the city or the town you will find him ready to not only stick his finger in the pie, but if you don't watch him he will grab the entire pie, and leave with it. He feels called upon to act, as a committee of one, appointed by self to see that the educational institutions of the city are kept straight, and if he don't figure on the board of trustees, you may rest assured that he is going to grab his wire and pull it for all it is worth. And when he pulls, others whom he may influence are going to jump to their feet like jumping jacks and move to leave out, and off the board of managers any and every man whom the wire-pullers cannot manage. He would sacrifice the best man on the educational board, if he could only get in one whom he could manage. Mark you! No one has asked you for his advice or opinion in such things. But he is just naturally constituted a wire-pulling Baptist, and he can't help it. If the things which the great body of Baptists are trying to accomplish do not suit him, he will do all in his power in a quiet, secret way to throttle the work. But when he sees that it will and must succeed, then he is sure to jump on the band wagon and whoop up the movement, and say: "Can't we fellows play!"

You will find him on hand at our religious conventions, cocked and primed ready to fire off his man. He has a keen scent and can always detect the popular side and when he sees the flood tide rising he is sure to get on the crest of the wave and say, "I told Bro. Jones that we would elect him to the high and responsible position of president." He had pulled the wires all along the lines and Bro. Jones hopped up at the end of each one. He does not mean to run the convention or to crush out the hopes and prospects of a more worthy brother. But he is a wire-puller and he just can't help it. You will find him big Ike in his association. He would be moderator, but for the fact that it is not the office he craves. He wants to be the scribe of the body. He can so easily "aid the moderator" in making out his list of committees, and he is just dead sure to put every man on duty except the one against whom he may have some feelings or perhaps he has discovered the fact that he cannot manage him. "And if he can't he will stab him to the heart by ignoring his presence. When a church is in need of a pastor, and the wire-puller finds out that the said church is about to call a pastor whom he cannot manage, freely and voluntarily of his own accord, he sets up the howl, "Gospel Mission," disorganizer, wrecker of churches, and the said church must take off its hat and bow to the wire-puller and say "whom must we call Boss?" It is evident that the wire-puller is dead bent on having his own way if, perchance, the church is in the midst of the great work of building a house to the glory of God. The wire-puller will so manipulate the wires as to be boss of the entire situation, even though he drives away architect, contractor and workmen, and plunges his church into a law suit. Have you ever seen a wire-pulling Baptist? I don't know how such a fellow stands in the estimate of the readers of your paper. But to one, the writer of this article, such a fellow is a detestable character, and needs to be avoided by all who wish to do the right wire-pulling in the up-building of our Savior's Kingdom is out of place.

When a genuine case of wire-pulling takes possession of a man like this, he sometimes has trouble in confining his manipulations to his own denomination. But he will invade the ranks of others, and will with one mighty jerk of the wire, attempt to swamp the entire Methodist church, pastor, people, presiding elder, and all. It don't always work. The wires very often get out of order and fail to operate, but the wire-pulling Baptist has cheek enough to attempt it even though he goes down in defeat and failure. May the good Lord deliver us all from the wire-pulling Baptist.—Justice in South Carolina Baptist.

Best Remedy for Constipation.

"The finest remedy for constipation I ever used is Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets," says Mr. Eli Butler, of Frankville, N. Y. "They act gently and without any unpleasant effect, and leave the bowels in a perfectly natural condition." Sold by China's Drug Store.

Washington, March 17.—Commander Wm. E. Sewell, late governor of the island of Guam, died today at the general hospital, Mare Island, California, as a result of internal disorders.

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Who is L. F. Stough?

Mr. C. M. Hurst, Secretary City Board of Education. I arrived in Sumter today for the purpose of bidding on some brick work. In looking over yesterday's Item I was surprised to see your communication in reference to the High School building. That was the first intimation I have had that any fault had been found with the building. I do not know who L. F. Stough may be, but I am sure no such person had anything to do with the work, or knows anything about it.

I did the work under contract with Messrs. DeLeon & Lopez according to specifications, and in my judgment it is the best job of brick work in the city. I have been foreman in charge of quite a number of buildings erected in Sumter, including the First Baptist Church, and know whereof I speak.

The contractors are correct in saying that they gave me no instructions outside of contract and specifications. Their purpose and expressed desire were to meet the requirements in all particulars. My duty and personal interest was to see that the work was done in a strong, substantial manner as was specified.

My relations with Messrs. DeLeon & Lopez were at all times pleasant. They are gentlemen as well as very competent builders. My knowledge of the architect warrants me in saying the same of him.

I would be at work for Messrs. DeLeon & Lopez now, but for the fact that I secured other work at somewhat better pay than they offered me. I have only kind feelings toward them.

Very truly,
C. F. Stough.
Sumter, S. C., March 17th, 1904.

Locating L. F. Stough.

Mr. E. F. Miller, who has been active in following up the demand for an investigation of the charges that the work on the High School building was not done according to contract, republishes in Friday's Freeman, L. F. Stough's letter to him asserting that the brick work was done in the cheapest manner possible by direction of the contractors along with C. F. Stough's statement denying any knowledge of the aforesaid charge or of L. F. Stough. Commenting thereon Mr. Miller says:

ONE AND THE SAME MAN.

We have the originals of the above letters in our possession and the signatures are identical except as to initials. As further proof that "C. F. Stough" and "L. F. Stough" are one and the same, we submit the following certificate from Mr. S. C. Brown, a citizen of Sumter:

This is to certify that I was in the city of Columbia on February 27th, 1904, in Mr. L. F. Stough's room and saw him sign a letter for a gentleman from Sumter. I have known him for 12 months as "L. F. Stough," know that he gets letters, and have written to him as "L. F. Stough." I worked under him on the new High School building and know that he is the man who had the brick work in charge. He is familiarly known as "Charlie," and "Red-top Charlie."
S. C. Brown.
Sumter, S. C., March 18, 1904.

An inspection of the contract, between DeLeon & Lopez and "Charlie Stough" will reveal the fact that it was a sub-contract, and possibly a violation of the terms of the specifications, which reads:

"No part of the work may be sublet, without the written consent of the architect and any sub-contractor, or partner, who is not recognized, or who does not appear in the original contract, will be considered as an employee."

Here was possibly a violation of contract, and when a man signs such a paper is it any wonder that he signs an "alias."—E. F. Miller in The Freeman.

CHARLIE AS A NICK-NAME.

Mr. Editor: I have been reading Mr. Stough's letters in today's Item, also the inquiry, "who is L. F. Stough?" Now it appears clear to my mind that L. F., C. F., and Charlie Stough are one and the same person. Mr. Stough laid some brick for me better than a year ago and gave his name as L. F. Stough. I expressed some surprise, having known him as "Charlie." He explained the matter to me, saying that "Charlie" was a nick-name given him when a boy. Respectfully,
J. T. Hatfield, Sr.,
Sumter, S. C., March 18.

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In a quarrel Thursday at Baton Rouge, Chester county, between two brothers, Eli and Charles Wilkes, the latter was shot by the former. The wound is considered serious. Eli Wilkes has been arrested.

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Roanoke, Va., March 17.—A special to the Times from Lynchburg says Henry Williams, the negro assailant of Mrs. Shields and little daughter in this city on Jan. 30, has confessed to killing an Italian woman at East Liverpool, O., and to cutting a woman's throat in Pennsylvania. Williams will be hanged here tomorrow.

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Bishopville News Items.

Messrs. J. H. Clifton and L. D. Jennings, of Sumter, were among the visiting lawyers at court.

Out of the thirty or more criminal cases that were on the docket for this term only two or three were continued to the next term.

Judge Purdy is to be congratulated for the rapid manner in which the criminal docket was cleared. Judge Purdy never let a moment be lost during the court hours. If from any cause one case would not pass, he would have the Solicitor press right on to the next, so that by Wednesday evening of the second week all the criminal cases had been disposed of either by trial, nol pros or continued to next term. Only two cases, we understand were continued. He announced at the opening of court, if jurors and witnesses were not in their seats and had to be called they would forfeit their pay. It had a wholesome effect which in a great measure saved much valuable time.—Bishopville Vindicator.

Manning News Notes.

Miss Annie Stubbs, of Sumter, has accepted a position with the Avant Mercantile Co., at Summerton.

Tuesday morning about 11 o'clock on the place known as "the Ted Hodge place," the dwelling of Mr. John Dyson were destroyed by fire.

It is supposed the fire originated from a stove fire.

Last Monday night the barn and stables of Mr. L. S. Barwick at Paxville were destroyed by fire, including two tons of guano, 300 bushels of corn, forage, buggy, wagon and farming implements. The fire was evidently set, as tracks were seen, and the chaingang hounds were used to trace the incendiary, but without success. Insurance, \$200.

In mentioning the cause of our mute telephone system between Manning and Sumter last week, we were mistaken in saying it was on account of a clash between the company and the county. The cause is, that a Mr. Hodge living near Paxville cut the wires on his land because they were too near his house, and lightning had splintered a pole so close as to endanger his home. But the county is having it with the company too; from what we can learn, the company erected poles in the middle of the public road, and our county authorities have ordered them removed, this was several months ago, and instead of complying with the demands of the county authorities the company has resorted to putting it off. When we heard this, we told the Supervisor, if his board had issued an order for the removal of these poles from the public road, and the company did not do so, he should go there and cut down the poles without parleying, and the people would sustain him in it. What right has any corporation to erect poles in the public highway?—Manning Times.

Presentment of Lee County Grand Jury.

To His Honor: R. O. Purdy, presiding Judge, March term, court of General Sessions.

The Grand Jury beg to make the following presentment, to wit: All bills of indictment given out by the Solicitor have been passed upon and returned to the court with our findings endorsed thereon.

A special committee composed of J. E. McCutchen, Wm. Reid, L. V. Brown and T. E. Davis appointed to investigate the county offices, report the affairs of these offices, apparently in good shape and correct. We have received reports from the County Supervisor and the Treasurer as required. The Auditor's books show a total of 265,209 acres of land, valued at \$1,079,024.00 returned for taxation exclusive of town property.

Buildings outside towns, valued at \$27,885.
Real Estate in Towns, \$113,520.
Total Value Real Estate and Buildings \$1,420,429.
Total Personal Property \$587,609.
Total Railroad Property \$232,343
Total of all property for taxation, \$2,240,462.

Total amount realized from taxation exclusive of Polls \$31,600.74.
Polls \$4,057.
Commutation road tax to March 1st inst. \$2,400.
Total raised from taxation for 1903-388,057.74; of which amount was raised for school purposes by constitutional 3 mills tax \$6,721.38; and by special levy \$3,594.97. Total for school purposes \$10,316.35.

The Grand Jury inspected the new jail and considered it safe and sufficient for the purpose for which it was erected; and things therein seem to be in good order. The jail and the land on which it stands, including a lot intended to be used as a court house lot in the future, cost the sum of \$7,694.

We note the fact that the board of county commissioners have not examined quarterly the books of the Magistrates in the county as required by law; and the Magistrates have not made monthly reports to the county Treasurer as the law requires.

We are aware that a lack of knowledge as to legal requirements accounts in part for this neglect of official duties, but we ask that these things be done in conformity with the law's demands.