

my stock. The widows who had held that paper for several thousand dollars were grateful to me for what I had done for them.

DELLS DAM POWER

The Dells Improvement Company, which rented the power from the city, sold power to the paper mill company, and a company was formed to put in electrical machinery. The Dells Improvement Company sold or gave that company a long-time lease for 650 horse-power. Meantime the Dells Improvement Company sold what power it had left and gave a long-time lease to the paper mill company, with all the rights it had for booming logs; and soon after that, as president of the Empire Lumber Company, I sold the Eddy mill property to the paper mill company. That property of about one hundred acres was on the same side of the river as the paper mill, and extended up into the bend of the river. The paper mill company needed that land, and we didn't, and I sold it to Mr. Davis for about \$14,000. That gave them the rights they needed and a large amount of land on the bluff, including Mount Tom. The quantity of logs being driven down the river then was very much less than formerly, but it devolved upon the Dells Paper & Pulp Company to handle the booms and sorting works. The price of paper kept up well for some years and the Dells Paper & Pulp Company had spent the money there it has made, and borrowed a good deal more, enlarged the plant, until it is a fine property, requiring more power from the dam than it owns, so that it has been obliged to install a large steam plant with large engines, to help do the work, and during the dry season it has been obliged to depend largely on the steam plant for power. Under its lease from the city the city reserves the right to all the power it may require for water works purposes. The electric company owns about 650 horse-power and the paper mill the balance, which is an uncertain quantity in low water. In the course of the events I have been writing about the Mis-

Mississippi River Logging Company came to the Chippewa and bought timber lands and commenced operations which would have bankrupted the town here, and those manufacturing lumber if we hadn't built the Dells dam to stop the logs to be sorted at the works at the Big Eddy, putting the logs belonging to Eau Claire into side booms and permitting those belonging to the Mississippi River Logging Company to be run down the river. Soon after the Mississippi River Logging Company began operations on the river Mr. Kennedy, my partner, sold his interest in the Ingram-Kennedy Company to the Dulanys and McVeighs of Hannibal, Mo.

CHIPPEWA VALLEY RAILWAY, LIGHT & POWER COMPANY

Another significant event in the development of Eau Claire was the inauguration of our street railway system by A. E. Appleyard which was recently extended by the organization of the Chippewa Valley Railway, Light & Power Company. Mr. Appleyard also built the line to Chippewa Falls, issuing bonds and borrowing money from his wife's family. He later built in Ohio other interurban lines and got into trouble, having spent the money he and his wife's mother and sister had. He got into trouble with a bank in Buffalo by what was supposed to be some crooked work, which put him in a fix, obliging him to raise money to settle some of his pressing claims. A syndicate was formed here to ~~lend~~ ^{lend} him \$25,000 and take his stock in this railway company as collateral, thinking, as he, (Appleyard) supposed, they were hoping they would get the road. Meantime he here talked with me about it. I told him I knew nothing about the street railway business and did not want to do anything that ^{the business} ~~the business~~ might fall into my hands. He said this was the best property he ever owned and he was confident if I would let him have \$25,000 he could clean up what was giving him trouble, retain the property, and save to his wife and her mother and sister the money they had put into it.