

LUMBER TRADE AND MANUFACTURES OF ZANESVILLE, OHIO.

From Mr. E. F. Taylor's annual report of the Zanesville Board of Trade, we take the following description of the lumber interests of that city:

Timber—The forests which originally covered the territory of Muskingum county were very dense, and the trees of the largest growth. Nearly all the varieties of timber known to the forests of this latitude were here found. Here were numerous varieties of oak and hickory, yellow and white poplar, black and white walnut, the ash, maple, sugar tree, beech, sycamore, chestnut, buckeye, wild cherry, common and slippery elm, gum, honey and common locust and dogwood. These varieties constitute the principal forest timber. The wild plum, crab and thorn apple, persimmon, june or service berry, wild grape, and other varieties of wild fruits are abundant. About one-third of the entire area of the county still remains wood or timber land, and among the still existing timber can be found all the varieties above named.

Door and Sash Factories.—Another important industry of Zanesville is its door and sash factories. In these factories are not made doors and sash merely, but window frames and blinds, flooring and general furnishings, in fact everything connected with the department of carpentry. There are six establishments of the kind in the city, in all the machinery is driven by steam power, and the quality of the work, its finish, style and durability, is fully up to the standard adopted in the largest cities. Not for private residences merely, but for offices, churches and public structures of all kinds, are orders filled for whatever is demanded. Zanesville possesses facilities for the successful prosecution of this branch

of industry peculiarly advantageous. Aside from the fact that the home supply of lumber is considerable in amount, the city is accessible by rail and river navigation to the extensive forests of West Virginia, where the supply of soft poplar is inexhaustible, and has the advantage of canal and railroad for transportation of pine lumber from the forests of Michigan and Canada. There are few points where lumber and material for finishing buildings can be had more cheaply and in greater variety than here. The market for these manufactured articles is not dependent merely on the home demand, but is found in the towns along the different lines of railroad here converging, and also the canal and river.

Furniture.—To the manufacture of furniture here little attention has hitherto been paid. There is at this time, however, manifest a rapidly increasing interest in this business, and the indications are that at a not distant day it will be considered one of the important industries of Zanesville. The fact that steam power is here so cheap, and that lumber of every variety employed in the manufacture of furniture, pine, white and yellow poplar, black and white walnut, oak, wild cherry, maple and other woods, can here be supplied so cheaply and readily, has had the effect recently to impart to this business an unwonted stimulus. There are now several quite extensive furniture establishments in the city, and the styles of furniture manufactured, parlor and chamber sets, drawing-room and office furniture, have, on account of their elegant finish, commanded general attention, and secured for their proprietors sales in eastern and western cities. Parlor sets of the richest and most elegant designs have been ordered from Zanesville shops to furnish the mansions of the wealthy in distant communities.

With lumber and transportation cheap, Zanesville can manufacture at

a profit every article of wood work which the house or the farm may require. Whatever of furniture or agricultural implements may be called for or ordered may here be met. It can and should manufacture everything from a chair to a piano, from a hand rake to a reaper, from a wagon to a rail car.

SECOND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN LUMBER AND TIMBER ASSOCIATION.

The convention assembled at 11 o'clock in the director's room of the bank of New Hanover. J. A. Kingsley, Esq., president, not having arrived, the meeting was opened by the 1st vice president, Edward Kidder, Esq., who occupied the chair. On motion of Mr. O. G. Parsley, Sr., Capt. W. A. Cumming was appointed temporary secretary.

The following gentlemen were present: Geo. F. Drew, Ellaville, Fla.; Wm. H. Gray and Alex. Wallace, Jacksonville, Fla.; E. Kidder, Cowan Mills; Jas. H. Chadbourn, Clarendon Mills; Capt. W. A. Cumming and Samuel Northrop, Wilmington Mills; O. G. Parsley, Sr., Hilton Mills; Jno. Colville, Harrison Mills; L. H. Bowden, inspector and dealer in timber, Wilmington, N. C.

Mr. Kidder stated that there were but few delegates present as yet, but expressed the hope that there would be a full attendance on to-morrow's session.

Mr. Drew being called upon by the chair, said that he was glad to be here and to have formed the acquaintance of the mill owners of this city and to learn from an interchange of opinions among those who had so much experience in the business, what must of necessity prove advantageous to each one.

The gentlemen then indulged in an informal conversation upon interesting and general topics; the opinion being expressed by Mr. Kidder that although this had been a hard winter upon the saw mill interest,

yet he had known such times before, and expressed the hope that it would before long begin to "look up;" that people were bound in the future as in the past to use lumber. He likewise thought that the great interests in that direction lay further south, owing to the vastness of the forests and the low price of timber.

Mr. Drew said that while he must acknowledge the advantages as stated by Mr. Kidder, yet he thought the cheaper rates from this point counterbalanced them.

Mr. Chadbourn asked what were the rates from Jacksonville,

Mr. Drew said \$10 to \$10 50 per M to New York, \$11 per M to Boston, and \$12 to Maine.

After an invitation from the gentlemen of this city to the delegates from other points to visit their mills, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this meeting be and they are hereby tendered to the president of the bank of New Hanover for the use of his spacious and elegant room for the place of meeting.

Resolved, That this meeting do now adjourn to meet in Jacksonville, Fla., on the first Thursday in February, 1875.—*Wilmington, N. C., Star, May 28.*

THE ASHLAND LUMBER COMPANY.

This company is now prepared to fill all orders for lumber, dimension stuff, square timber, and bill lumber of every description. Their mill will start up with a full complement of hands about the 1st prox., and will make short work with the fine stock of logs now on hand—about a million and a half feet. The mill is new, contains all the latest improved machinery, and has a capacity of 40,000 feet a day. They also manufacture shingles, lath and pickets of a superior quality. The company has now on hand at their yard about one million feet of seasoned lumber of almost every variety, including first