

March.

Lucy Larcom, in St. Nicholas for March, tries to force the season a little and succeeds in this way:

March! March! March! They are coming
In troops, to the tune of the wind;
Red-headed woodpeckers drumming,
Gold crested thrushes behind;
Sparrows in brown jackets hopping
Past every gateway and door;
Finches with crimson caps stopping
Just where they stopped years before.

March! March! March! They are slipping
Into their places at last—
Little white lily-buds, dripping
Under the showers that fall fast;
Buttercups, violets, roses,
Snowdrop, and bluebell and pink,
Throng upon throng of sweet posies,
Bending the dewdrops to drink.

March! March! March! They will hurry
Forth at the wild bugle-sound—
Blossoms and birds in a flurry,
Fluttering all over the ground.
Hang out your flags, birch and willow!
Shake out your red tassels, larch!
Grass-blades, up from your earth-pillow!
Hear who is calling you—March!

The Lumber Firms of Indianapolis.

[From *The Indiana Commercial*.]

We gave last week a cursory review of the coal trade of this city, and a description of a few of the leading firms engaged in the trade. Ascertaining that the lumber trade had grown to gigantic proportions, for the purpose of enlightening our readers as to who the dealers are, and what they are doing, we paid a visit to a number of the leading firms, for the purpose of gleaned what information we could. In anticipation of an active business season, a description of the respective firms engaged in the lumber trade, cannot fail to be of interest to a large portion of our readers. The first we called upon was

COL. A. D. STREIGHT,

106 South West Street, is extensively engaged in the wholesale lumber business, his trade being confined mainly to shipping. He started business in 1865, and has now been established ten years. He handles hard wood exclusively, chiefly walnut, although he keeps constantly on hand a good supply of cherry, ash and oak. His trade is chiefly foreign, as he has never paid much attention to the local trade. The great bulk of shipments are made to the East, as he ships to various points from here to Washington, D. C., and from there all the way to Portland, Maine. His yard

is located on Soute West street, between the tracks of the Terre Haute & Vandalia, and the Alton & St. Louis railroads, covering an area of seven acres. His stock of lumber on hand is decidedly the largest in the city, and a visit to his yard will be sufficient to satisfy any one on that point. He sold last year 8,000,000 feet of hard lumber, his sales amounting to nearly \$500,000. In this business he has a capital of \$150,000 employed. On the East side of the street, and directly opposite the lumber yard he has a planing mill, saw mill, and stave factory, which have been running one year. These premises were erected to supply the retail demand. The buildings cover a lot 100x140 feet, and the machinery in the various buildings, is run by an engine of 175 horse power, built by the Eagle Machine Works of Hasselman & Vinton of this city. Last year the stave factory turned out 2,000,000 staves. The stave factory is not in operation at present, but will be shortly, as an active demand for staves is looked for the coming spring and summer. The planing mill and saw mill have been in operation the entire winter, and a considerable amount of work has been turned out. There is a great deal of individuality about the Colonel, which insures greatly to his success in whatever he undertakes; and no matter what business he might embark in, we should set him down as one of those men who would make his mark.

ROSS AND LYNN.

Ross & Lynn corner of Circle and Market streets started in the wholesale and retail lumber business last June, and they report having done a much larger business than they anticipated. They have recently equipped a large yard, on the block fronting on Mississippi street, between sixth and seventh. It is one of the finest locations in the city, with a frontage of 400 feet running back to the J. C. L. & R. R. 250 feet with which road it connects by means of a switch. Their principle demand is chiefly local, but they are confidently expecting to do an increased business in shipping. They keep on hand a full supply of all kinds of lumber, both hard and soft. They are also agents for the sale of building material and furnishing stuff.

I. B. JOHNS,

156 South Water street. This is a branch establishment of T. B. Johns, of Terre Haute. Mr. Johns has a large establishment at Terre Haute, where he has been handling lumber for the past 23 years. The branch yard was established here in

1870. Hard lumber is his specialty, principally walnut, of which he sell from six to seven million feet a year. The yard occupies half a square adjoining the Vandalia track. The yard at Terre Haute is much larger, where Mr. Johns has a large saw mill constantly running. He is the owner of five saw mills, which is indicative that he is doing quite an extensive business.

THE WONDERLY LUMBER COMPANY.

The Wonderly Lumber Company, of Indianapolis, is a branch establishment of the Wonderly Lumber Company of Grand Rapids, Michigan. The establishment here commenced operations February 1st, 1874, and the fact that they sold the first year 12,000,000 feet of pine lumber, 3,000,000 lath, and 6,000,000 shingles, is proof positive that they have enjoyed a prosperous business. This company makes a specialty of pine lumber, which is shipped from Michigan, as is also the lath and shingles which they handle. The company do a wholesale and retail trade, but their main business is wholesale, as we are assured that they ship extensively over the numerous railways centering in this city. The yard, comprising two acres, is located between Liberty and Noble streets, south of the Peru railroad, with which road they are connected by means of a switch of sufficient length to hold eleven cars. The Wonderly Lumber Company is a stock company, with a capital stock of \$600,000. The president, J. A. Wonderly, and D. E. Little, secretary and treasurer, both live at Grand Rapids, Michigan; and one of the stockholders, W. H. Jones, has charge of the branch establishment in this city. Office, mills, and wholesale yard at Grand Rapids, Michigan. Branch office, 22 South East street Indianapolis.

THE INDIANAPOLIS MANUFACTURERS AND CARPENTERS' UNION.

is a joint stock company, with a paid up capital of \$115,000; Victor Plogsterth, president, and C. H. Buddenbaum, secretary. The company are dealers in flooring, ceiling, rough and dressed pine, poplar and ash lumber. Office, 38 South New Jersey street; yard corner Bates and Dillon streets. The yard occupied by the company embraces 640 feet front by 120 feet deep, with switch attached connecting with the Indianapolis, Cincinnati & Lafayette railroad. The present corporation was organized three years ago, since which time they have enjoyed a good trade. The sales for the past year aggregated \$134,000, and the amount of lumber handled was nearly 5-

000,000 feet. As the name of the corporation indicates, their business is not confined to the sale of lumber alone. They are also manufacturers of doors, sash, blinds, door and window frames, brackets, mouldings, &c. The planing mill adjoining the office on South New Jersey street, with other buildings connected with the concern, occupy 80 feet front, running back to Alabama street. When running full, from 40 to 60 men are employed. The mill is supplied with a variety of machinery, in every way suitable to the wants and requirements of the business, the whole being run by an engine of 40 horse power, made by Sinker, Davis & Co., of this city. A large warehouse for the storage of goods of their own manufacture, with a salesroom attached, are connected with the yard where the lumber is stored. The managers of the concern are both energetic and enterprising.

BUILDERS' & MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION,

located at 525 to 235 North Delaware street, is one of the enterprising manufacturing companies which Indianapolis may be justly proud. The Association is a Stock Company, formed in 1867, since which time it has been in active operation. Capital stock, \$200,000; officers as follows: C. Eden, President; James Hasson, Secretary. This establishment sells on an average about 5,000,000 feet of lumber a year. Their books show that they handled 9,900,000 feet which was absorbed in their planing mill in the manufacture of their products. The yard used for the storage of lumber is located at 329 Massachusetts avenue, and covers an area of six acres. Here we find stored a large amount of lumber of all kinds, hard and soft, green and dry, ready to supply the demand of customers. The planing mill covers an acre of ground, and is supplied with all the necessary machinery of the most approved patterns, and this vast amount of machinery is run by one of Sinker, Davis & Co's engines of 120 horse power. At the present time 112 men are employed, but in the busy season they aggregate 150 men on an average. A remarkable feature of this concern is that they are running almost altogether on orders. The specialties of this establishment in the manufacturing line, are Sash, Doors and Blinds, Turning and Scroll Sawing, Stair building etc. They are also dealers in all kinds of lath and shingles. The present mill being inadequate to the growing demands of their trade, they are preparing to build an

addition, making it one third larger than it now is. The stair department is said to be about the largest in the country. During last year they did business in this department alone amounting to \$33,000. All the work sold by the Association is of their own manufacture. They are also sole manufacturers of the rope moulding. The machine was patented by C. Eden, President of the Association, being the only machine in the world that will work a circle mould.

COBURN & JONES.

The firm of Coburn & Jones, composed of Henry Coburn and W. H. Jones, is one of the oldest established lumber firms indetified with the growth of Indianapolis, having been in the business since 1859. They are wholesale and retail dealers in all kinds of lumber, hard and soft, and though they do some shipping, their trade is mostly local. In order to facilitate their wholesale trade, they have recently 500 feet of dock, for a lumber yard, at Michigan City, in order to supply their customers in car load lots without the trouble and expense of transferring, and this they will be enabled to do on the opening of navigation. The premises occupied by them in this city as a lumber yard, are located north of the Terre Haute freight depot, covering three acres, fronting on four streets, viz: Georgia, Louisiana, Tennessee, and Mississippi streets. The sale of lumber of all kinds, sold by them in 1870 is reported at 8,000,000 feet. Directly opposite on Georgia street, is their planing mill and warehouse, where they are engaged in manufacturing sash, doors, and blinds, and in dressing lumber. The planing mill has been in operation only one year, and yet their business has been such that they have kept seven teams constantly employed. The ground connected with the mill covers about half an acre, and is centrally located. The planing machines are kept constantly employed, as well as other machinery required for the business, the whole being run by an engine of sixty horse power, made by Hasselman and Vinton, of the Eagle Machine Works. They, with other established lumber firms, are looking for an increase of business over last year, and from the arrangements being made for building as soon as spring opens, the indications are that they will not be disappointed.

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THE NEW MICHIGAN BOOMING LAW.

TEXT OF THE BILL AMENDING THE LAW REGULATING THE BOOMAGE OF LOGS IN MICHIGAN.

The following is the full text of the bill to amend the Michigan laws regulating the boomage of logs. This bill was introduced in the House of Representatives of Michigan by Mr. Norton. Its principal change is in making the lien of a boom company follow the logs through the hands of other companies to which they may be delivered on their way to the mills.

A bill to amend section fourteen (14) of an act entitled "An act to amend sections two and fourteen of chapter eighty-eight of the compiled laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-one, entitled 'an act to authorize the formation of corporations for the running, booming and rafting of logs,'" approved March 7th, 1873.

SEC. 1—*The People of the State of Michigan enact*, That section fourteen of an act entitled "An act to amend sections two and fourteen of chapter eighty-eight of the compiled laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-one, entitled 'An act to authorize the formation of corporations for the running, booming and rafting of logs,'" approved March 7th 1873, be, and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

SEC. 14—Every such corporation shall, by their corporate name, have power to acquire, use and hold all such real and personal estate, by lease or purchase, as shall be necessary for the purpose of carrying on the business of such corporation, with the full right of selling and disposing thereof, when not further needed for the use of such corporation: *Provided*, That their real estate shall not exceed five thousand acres. They shall have power, and the right in any of the navigable waters of this State, named in their articles of association, to construct, use, and maintain all necessary booms, for the business of such corporation: *Provided, always*, That they shall first have obtained from the owner or owners of the shores along which, or in front of which, they desire to construct such boom or booms, either by lease or purchase, their permission to erect and maintain such boom or booms in front of his or their lands: *And provided further*, That such boom or booms shall be so constructed, and so far as practicable used, as to allow the free passage of boats, vessels, crafts, logs, timber, lumber, or other