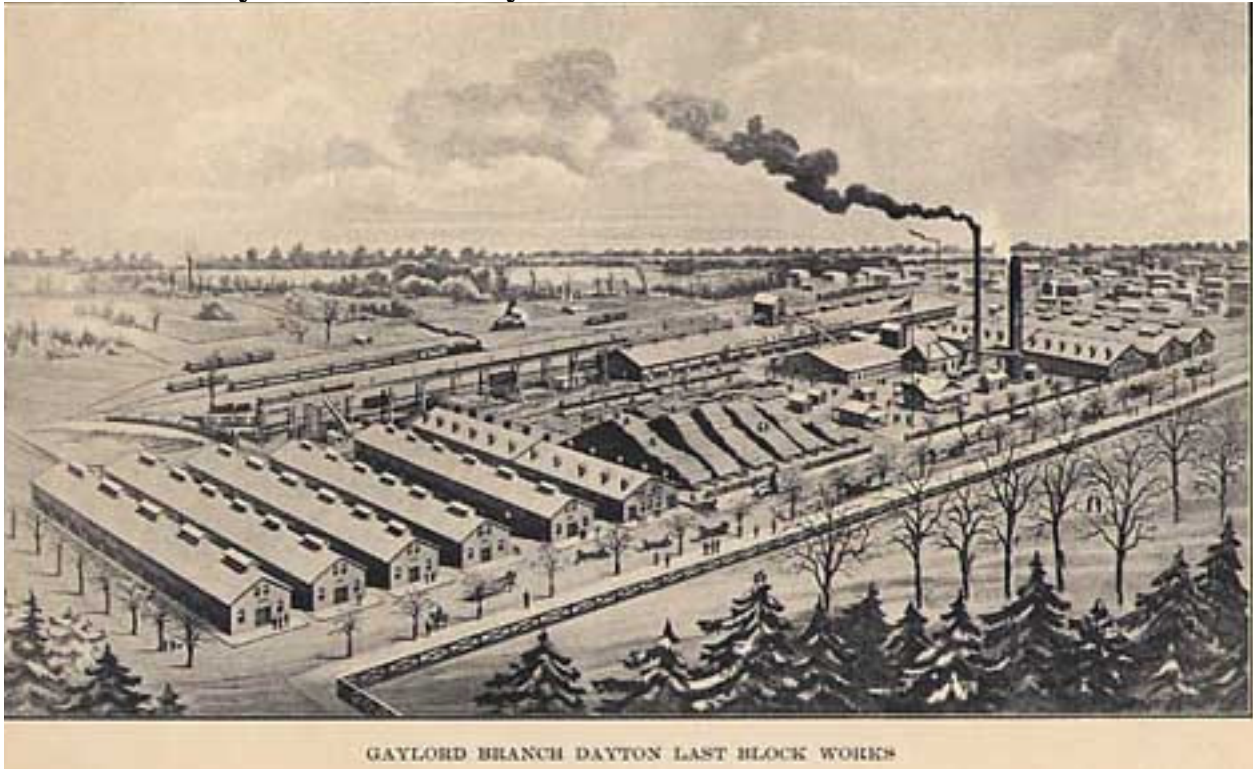


Gaylord Branch Dayton Last Block Works



Twenty-seven buildings covering 14 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres of land, giving employment in the busy season to 100 people, using upwards of 4,000,000 feet of timber each year is the record of the Gaylord branch of the Dayton Last Block Works – our largest manufacturing enterprise.

This plant was established in 1895, manufacturing exclusively last blocks in the rough and finished ten pins. An abundant supply of timber insures its continuance for years to come.

Equipped with the latest designed machinery the plant is modern in every respect and the largest of its kind in the world. Shipments of its products go to Australia, England and other foreign countries.

To a person interested in machinery the manufacture of last blocks is pleasing to witness. As much of the work is done in cold weather when the timber is full of frost the logs are placed in a huge reservoir of hot water to “thaw out,” afterward cut the required length for blocks, then go to the turning machines which shapes them into the semblance of a huge last, afterward being subjected to a very thorough seasoning process.

The company has never had any labor trouble, and it affords an excellent market for timber is of great importance commercially to our town.