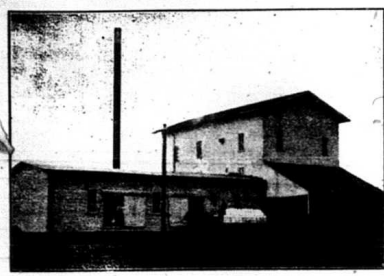


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GAYLORD ROLLER MILLS



The Gaylord Roller Mills enjoys an enviable reputation for the products it turns out. David Pielh & Co., the present proprietors, took charge of the mill in 1900, and since then have built up a fine business. Their brands of flour find a ready market in the many towns along the Mackinac division of the M. C. R. R. and as far north as the Soo. David Pielh attending personally to the trade at these points.

The mills are equipped with the latest improved machinery, which under charge of proficient millers, turns out flour that is second to none. A line of feed is also manufactured and cash is paid for all kinds of grain grown by our farmers.

The mill has a capacity every 24 hours of 125 barrels of flour, gives employment to five people and is doing a most satisfactory business.

Messrs. Pielh & Co. are enterprising business men, good citizens and worthy of the patronage they enjoy.

ELECTRIC LIGHT PLANT AND WATER WORKS

In many cities and villages the question of municipal ownership of public utilities is a mooted one, there being many warm advocates in favor of such ownership, as well as a strong opposition. The success or failure of municipal ownership depends so much upon the character of the men chosen as village officials and upon their capability to properly exercise an oversight of the management of public service plants, that we here seem to lay hold of the secret of the matter. In theory the question of municipal ownership is wholly correct, but when put in practice in many small cities and villages it proves a dismal failure from more than one standpoint. As a general rule this condition of affairs may be attributed to the fact that the proper men are not in charge of public affairs.

With right officials in charge municipalities seem to have secured a careful and competent man.

The water works and electric lighting plants are run in conjunction, the machinery being in the same power house and attended by the same operatives; but so far as possible separate accounts are kept and a proper division made of the attendant expense, as well as of the receipts from the two plants.

The power house is located in the southeastern part of town and is a neat and commodious structure.

The village water works was first established in 1888 at a first cost of \$48,000. Extensions and improvements have been made from time to time until now the value of the plants is fixed at \$20,000. The water supply is obtained from a large well located at the power house.

This plant was established in 1885, 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 "shaw 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.

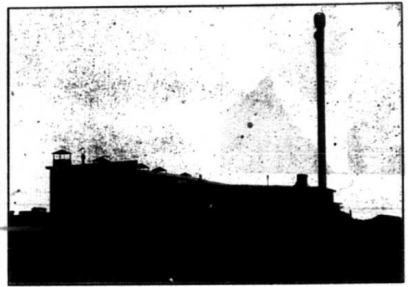
The plant is equipped with its own electric light dynamo, has a complete system of fire protection and a machine shop for its own repairs.

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

OUR SPECIAL EDITION

It is not our purpose to magnify nor misrepresent Gaylord and Otsego county or persons or things or conditions in this edition, but to present county, town, industries and people as they actually have been and now are—just a truthful portrayal of facts. By the assistance of the artist and the engraver we are enabled to present an artistic edition, and from the old inhabitants and a very little printed history, we are enabled to give you a picture of the past. Our town is not so old nor as large as others we know of, but it has the distinction of furnishing the men of brains that have and are now helping run the county and government. Besides, Gaylord has men that are recognized as giants in the business world. It is from such towns as ours and our farms that the men who possess the clearest intellects and keenest intuition of moral sense, are furnished as the backbone of our nation. We are aware that many imperfections have been overlooked in this write-up, and feel that a second attempt would be crowned with greater success and many more improvements. However, we are sure of this, that this is the best edition of the kind ever printed in Gaylord. It's the first. As you turn its pages and you are met by familiar faces and scenes we believe you will find much to interest as well as instruct you, and believe that you will say with us that it is a fair representation of our county and town, it's industries, it's homes and it's people. There are many beautiful homes in the town that are not pictured in this edition, but enough are here presented to convey to the stranger a good impression of our little city. There are few, if any industries not mentioned. We know that you will realize that it has taken much time and hard work to accomplish what we have and keep up other necessary work. The various obstacles we met were either overcome or walked around.

JACKSON, WYLIE & CO.



Manufacturing enterprises are really the life of any town and in this respect Gaylord is particularly fortunate in having a concern like the Jackson & Wylie Co. This firm manufactures staves, hoops and head linings, giving employment in the busy season to 130 people. Their plant covers 10 acres of land, uses up 6,000,000 feet of beech and elm logs a year and occupies 14 buildings. Their total amount of business for 1904 amounted to \$125,000.

The owners of the plant are W. K. Jackson, residing in Buffalo; J. T. Wylie, of Saginaw; H. A. Batchelor, Saginaw; Thomas Tindie, Buffalo; James Hazard is the efficient resident manager.

Most of the finished product turned out goes to Mennepolis, Buffalo and various eastern points.

The timber manufactured comes from land owned by the company and the supply is sufficient for several years to come. This land when stripped of its timber makes excellent farms and the firm sells many acres each year very advantageous terms to the buyer.

Since establishing their plant in Gaylord the firm has been particularly fortunate in many ways. They never have had any labor trouble; never suffered any heavy loss by fire; no employee has been seriously injured, and they enjoy the good will of the entire community. This firm has done and are still doing much to advance the interests of our town and county.

GAYLORD BRANCH DAYTON LAST BLOCK WORKS



Twenty-seven buildings covering 14 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 1885, 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.

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GAYLORD STATE SAVINGS BANK

Of all factors in building a town or country the most important are its banks. No country can thrive or flourish without banking facilities and Gaylord is very fortunate in this respect.

The Gaylord State Savings Bank has always been active in forwarding every movement for the development and growth of Gaylord and surrounding country, and today has a magnificent banking record. The officers of the bank are numbered among the best known and successful business men of our town. F. A. Kramer is president, E. B. Bolton, vice-president; Sanford W. Buck, cashier; Will Wiggins, bookkeeper. The directors are F. A. Kramer, Lewis Jensen, E. B. Bolton, Sanford W. Buck, Geo. Skelton, John G. Berry and Jas. L. Berry.

The bank was organized in 1863 and has been no change in officers since its organization. It is the only bank in Otsego county under state supervision, much the largest and strongest, and has deposits of nearly \$200,000. It is examined twice a year by the State Inspector to ascertain its condition, which is a great safeguard to depositors.

This bank is replete with modern fixtures and has all the latest appliances for safety and convenience. They do a general banking business and have lately added a savings department, a feature which is proving satisfactory.

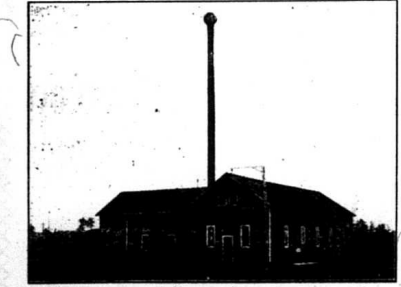
S. E. QUA, GROCER AND PROMINENT CITIZEN

Samuel E. Qua has been a resident of Gaylord for upwards of 23 years, coming here from Van Buren county in 1882. For the first seven years he conducted in partnership with his brother, Henry J., a grocery and provision store. In 1891 he bought out his brother's interest, afterward admitting his son, William W., to partnership, forming the firm of S. E. Qua & Son, one of the most progressive business houses in our town.

Mr. Qua has always been prominently identified with the town and county. He has been village street commissioner, town clerk, village assessor, town treasurer, superintendent of the poor, member of the Otsego county poor board, and county treasurer, all of which positions he has filled with great credit. He is at present treasurer of the school board.

Mr. Qua is a veteran of the Civil war and served with distinction in Co. L, 26th New York Volunteer Cavalry. He is a member of Doore Post G. A. R. Fraternally he is a member of Gaylord Lodge, F. & A. M.; Gaylord Chapter, R. A. M.; Interlake Lodge, I. O. O. F., and the Maccabees.

Mr. Qua is the owner of the opera house block, a fine business property; has an elegant home on Center street and is one of our solid representative citizens.



municipal ownership is demonstrated to be both practical and profitable, which is clearly shown in the late management of the village water and lighting plants, and with this fact in view it is reasonable to assume that Gaylord is at the present time at least blessed with the right sort of village officials. In order to be successful there must be system and right understanding. In this regard we are remarkably well lighted by 21 large lights.

HUMPHREY BROS. PLANING MILL

In Gaylord, where so much building is constantly going on, a saw and planing mill is a necessary adjunct, and the establishment of Humphrey Bros. is a valuable boon to our citizens. These gentlemen do all kinds of custom sawing and planing and have recently started a new branch—the keeping in stock of a full line of building material. They are now erecting a commodious store room in which to hold the better grades of lumber and interior finish, which will afford them most excellent facilities.

A new molding machine has lately been added to their plant, enabling them to turn out the latest patterns of moulding on short notice.

Messrs. Humphrey have been residents of Gaylord for 22 years, are known and respected by the entire community, honest and upright in their dealings with all.

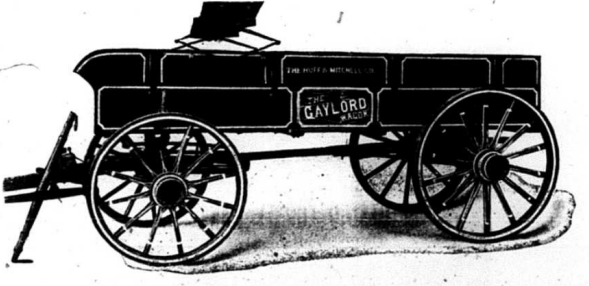
Plans of room in Gaylord for more manufacturing enterprises.

COST OF LIVING.

There is probably no important village or small city in Michigan where most of the necessities of life are more reasonable in price than in Gaylord. Groceries and provisions, dry goods and clothing are reasonable in price, rents are low, and wood, the chief fuel, is much less in price here than in most places. Gaylord furnishes a good market for what the farmers raise, and in addition imports large quantities of staples and wearables to meet the ever increasing demand of our fast growing village and surrounding country. Gaylord has the name of being one of the smartest and best business towns of its inches in the state; has over a hundred business firms and a tributary population of more than 6,000 people.

Gaylord real estate will never be any cheaper than at the present time. Now is the time to invest. The value of property is steadily increasing each year.

THE HUFF & MITCHELL COMPANY



The Huff & Mitchell Co., incorporated 1902; capital \$25,000, is one of Gaylord's substantial manufacturing industries. This company are makers of "the yellow wagon" and hardwood block sleighs. They build to order drags and skidding wheels, do all kinds of repair work, both wood and iron, and carry on a general blacksmith business.

This company deals in farm machinery and implements of all kinds, keep in stock a complete line of buggies and carriages and do a fine business in those lines.

The Huff & Mitchell Manufacturing Co. is officiated as follows:
 Vice-President—Thos. Murphy
 President—F. J. Shipp
 Secretary—O. W. Farrar.

Treasurer and Manager—D. K. Mitchell.

These gentlemen with the addition of Jas. McKibbin and Wm. Shepard also make up the board of directors. Mr. Mitchell's thorough business ability has placed the company upon a solid basis and their business now amounts to upwards of \$0,000 per year. Employment is given to ten people.

DIFFERENT BRANCHES OF BUSINESS IN GAYLORD

Banks.....	2	Groceries and bakery.....	1	Millinery.....	2
Barber shops.....	3	Groceries, shoes and clothing.....	1	Newspapers.....	3
Bazaars.....	2	Hardware.....	2	Photograph galleries.....	2
Blacksmith shops.....	3	Harness.....	2	Potato buyers.....	3
Clothing and shoes.....	2	Hotels.....	1	Restaurants.....	6
Cigar factories.....	2	House mover.....	1	Repair shop.....	1
Confectionery.....	1	Ice and coal.....	1	Sale stable.....	1
Department stores.....	3	Insurance agencies.....	2	Saloons.....	7
Dray lines.....	3	Jewelry.....	1	Shoe store.....	2
Dressmaking shops.....	2	Jewelry and racket goods.....	1	Shoe dealers.....	2
Dry goods and millinery.....	1	Laundry.....	1	Wood turner.....	1
Drug stores.....	3	Liveries.....	2	PROFESSIONAL.....	
Flour.....	2	Manufacturing industries.....	7	Music teachers.....	4
Furniture.....	1	Meat markets.....	2	Lawyers.....	5
Groceries.....	6	Merchant tailors.....	2	Physicians.....	2
		Milkmen.....	2	Veterinary surgeons.....	2

OPERA HOUSE BLOCK



The Opera House Block can justly be termed a busy corner. Here is located Geo. F. Qua's clothing store, Gaylord State Savings Bank, and S. E. Qua & Son's grocery, with the entrance on E. street. On the second floor is the opera house and on the third floor spacious Masonic lodge rooms.

W. W. Qua is manager of the opera house, which is a most little theatre, furnished with folding seats and other accessories. The scenery is modern and attractive.

The building was erected in 1862 by S. E. Qua and is one of the most substantial in town.

BUSINESS MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GAYLORD

Like all well regulated towns Gaylord has a Business Men's Association, and from time to time when business of import to the village is discussed and ways and means devised for public improvement and the betterment of the community, the efficient Secretary W. S. Carpenter notifies members, and the meeting is presided over with dignity and decorum by its able president, Dr. N. L. Parmater. All letters of inquiry addressed to the secretary will receive prompt answers.