

FRANK BUELL, One of Michigan's Lumber Kings



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Frank Buell, the well-known Gaylord lumberman, who for the past 19 years has been operating in Otsego county on his own account, and who has recently extended his field of operations by purchasing a large mill at Bay City, is a hustling business man to whom we can point with pride. By his own exertions, push and force of character he has risen from obscurity to state-wide prominence. Frank was wise and sagacious in his day, and foresaw the future growth and development of the lumbering business. His keen foresight saw success where others saw disaster and failure. He hung on in the face of trials and discouragements that caused other men to hesitate and halt, and by sheer force of will and energy has emerged triumphant and achieved signal success, and is deserving the credit of the business world and the full meed of praise that his hand and head have wrought out.

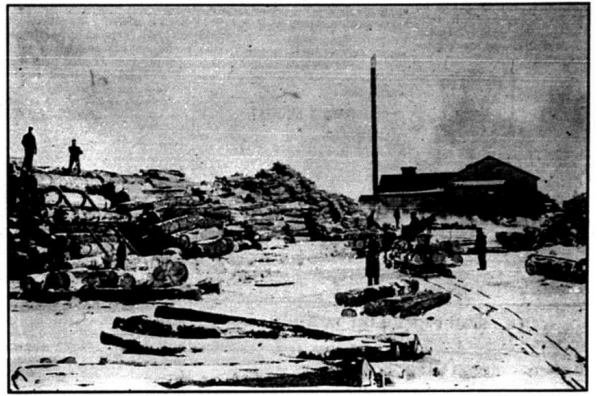
After the big fire at Haskwood that destroyed the mill and put that firm out of commission, Frank was quick to note a fine business opportunity, and invested heavily in timber land, buying 27,000 acres of that Company including all its remaining buildings and houses and stores. In order to do this capital to the extent of nearly half a million was required, and he sought out and took in as business partners J. T. Wylie & Co. of Saginaw, men of ample means and wide experience.

Prior to going to Bay City he built and operated a big mill at Gaylord for seven years. This property is idle at present, but there is a good prospect of its going into commission again as a heading mill in the near future. The mill at Bay City gives employment to seventy-five men and has a daily capacity of 100,000 feet of lumber. The firm has enough timber in sight, hardwood and hemlock, to stock the mill for fully 15 years.

The advantage in operating at Bay City is obvious—there the refuse of the logs can be utilized for fuel and considerable revenue derived therefrom which otherwise would have to be burned up to get rid of, and that city is also an excellent market for the product of the mill.

The timber holdings of the firm aggregate 50,000 acres in this surrounding region, and eight lumber camps with large crews of men are kept constantly employed in getting out the timber which is shipped by rail. The firm also supplies vast quantities of lumber to other mills in addition to their own. After the land has been lumbered over, it is good for farming, being highly productive, and readily sells for from \$4 to \$15 per acre, owing to location and surrounding conditions.

Politically Mr. Buell is an ardent Republican and in days of yore agone has done yeoman service and is a hustling campaigner, and the party recognizing



BUELL'S GAYLORD MILL, FROM AN OLD PICTURE.

his worth, elected him a member of the State Republican Committee.

Mr. Buell has an interesting family, wife and four children—two sons and two daughters, the eldest daughter,

Miss Lulu, is at present ably serving her father as chief accountant and stenographer at the Bay City office. She is a most winsome girl and Frank is naturally very proud of her. Taken

altogether, Mr. Buell is a very prominent and useful citizen in our community.

ANENT THE EARLY DAYS

Prior to 1875 the wilderness comprising Otsego county was attached to Antrim county for judicial purposes. The county was organized in 1875, and Otsego Lake hamlet was the county seat. The town contained a saw mill, postoffice, barber shop, hotel and saloon and a couple of stores and some fifty or sixty people. They were rich in timber, ambitious and anxious to grow, and reached out after a printing office, and in response the Herald was established that year by Chas. L. Fuller, coming from Orwosso. In 1873 the railroad was pushed north 8 miles and Gaylord was located and settled, with Wm. H. Smith

as merchant prince and pioneer postmaster. His store and office and dwelling was a log camp that stood for a time just south of the present Schuyler house opposite the depot, and even that was shared with another family. With the railroad came more people and the town grew and in four years aspired to county seat honors, and in a heated contest won out in the spring election of 1878. Having wrested that prize in response the Herald was established, and editor moved to Gaylord with his outfit and set up shop. At this juncture the present owner of the paper arrived on the scene and took a hand in the business and has thus seen the town and county grow and expand to present proportions. In the early days when a new man or family appeared it was the talk of the country for days, but now they come in bunches and nothing is thought of it. The pioneer days are over. Modern ways and methods and quick transit have revolutionized business and we are no longer in the woods but an integral part of the great pulsating busy world, and Gaylord is putting on city airs, and the surrounding country blossoming as the rose.

H. C. MCKINLEY.

THOS. GUTTERIDGE, MASON CONTRACTOR

Thos. Gutteridge came to Gaylord 9 years ago from Grand Rapids and since then has been busily engaged in putting the town on a solid foundation, he being a contracting mason. During his residence here he has put in substantial foundations for many business blocks and private residences and has about town and country. He is owner of a fine home on East Main-st., shown elsewhere in this issue; also another house and lot and a farm a short distance from town. His skill as a mechanic is of the highest order, and he is one of Gaylord's highly respected citizens.

F. W. HUMESTON, FARMER

F. W. Humeston, pioneer and progressive farmer, is worthy of more extended notice than our limited space will permit. Mr. Humeston came to this county from Calhoun county some 25 years ago and has done his share toward the development of this region. He owns a farm north of town, but is a resident of the village, where he carries on a lucrative ice-cream and milk business. Mr. H. has a fine herd of high-grade cows, which he is steadily improving, and the sanitary arrangements for handling cream and milk are perfect. Last spring he purchased from the south part of the state a pedigreed bull, believing that the best is none to good in cattle raising. He is strictly business in all his dealings and a representative citizen.

PALACE BARBER SHOP

An old time philosopher once said: "A scolding wife, an urgent creditor and a dull razor are three things to be avoided." If this old philosopher were now living in Gaylord and a patron of the elegant new Palace Barber Shop

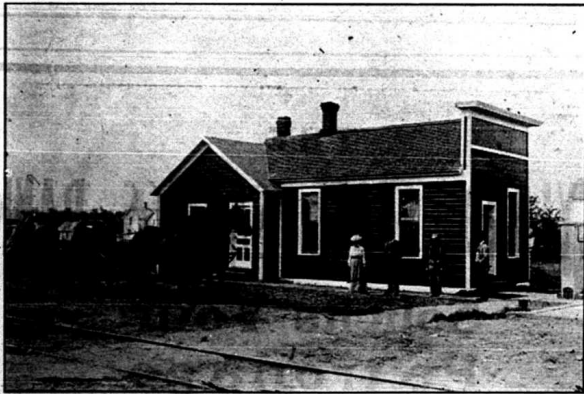
in the Demerest block on Main street, he would not stand in fear of a dull razor. Dull razors and unskilled workmen do not dwell in this popular shop.

The proprietors, Kline, Qua & Munger are accomplished artists in their line and each have had several years experience before entering into partnership. Their place of business is always neat and clean and their workmanship undisputedly of the best and most pleasing character. Every article in the shop is antiseptic.

The present partnership was formed in August, 1903, and business has been coming their way ever since. All are industrious citizens, own their own homes and are happily married.

J. L. GROESBECK, CIGAR MANUFACTURER

All smokers know and appreciate a good cigar and the manufacturer who is so fortunate as to produce popular brands have their battles more than half won. Such good fortune has favored John L. Groesbeck and in the length of time he has been in business here his brands of cigars have become very popular, and he has developed a good patronage. The principal brand he makes is the "Ossego," which is made of the best grade of tobacco and is a great seller. They have a large trade in this and surrounding towns. John came here from Mt. Clemens in 1893, and since then has been prominent among Gaylord citizens. He was deputy sheriff during Riley Mane's administration, and has been identified in several business ventures. Two years ago with his father-in-law, Charles W. Lount, he embarked in the cigar business. The business was successfully carried on, and last winter the partnership dissolved, John becoming sole owner. Only recently he moved to the ground floor in the Fox building and besides manufacturing cigars he does a nice retail business. Personally Mr. Groesbeck is a courteous and affable gentleman, and is held in high esteem by a large acquaintanceship, both at home and in the towns where he does business.



FRANK BUELL'S GAYLORD OFFICE



LOGGING SCENE AT ONE OF BUELL'S CAMPS.

Better Than Ever Before TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL FAIR OF THE Otsego County Agricultural and Mechanical Society Premiums More Than Double

OTSEGO COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL SOCIETY

GAYLORD, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, SEPTEMBER 21, 22, 23.

The Fair this year promises to surpass all previous fairs. Numerous special attractions have been arranged, liberal premiums will insure large exhibits, and nothing will be left undone to make it a grand success.

Music by Grayling Cornet Band

BASE BALL

Thursday at 10 a. m. Cheboygan vs. Grayling, for a money prize of \$50.00

\$650.00 IN SPEED PRIZES

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

2:35 Trot or Pace	\$150.00
2:20 Trot or Pace	\$150.00
Farmers' Race	\$ 25.00

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

2:24 Trot or Pace	\$150.00
Free-for-All Trot or Pace	\$150.00
Business Mens' Race	\$ 25.00

EMORY BARR, President A. H. VAN DORAN, Secretary S. W. BUCK, Treasurer

4,000 ACRES NEAR GAYLORD

Robert King, of Lapeer, desires to call the attention of parties wanting Farming or Grazing lands in the townships of Bagley, Otsego Lake, Chester, Hayes, and also Maple Forest, in Crawford County. Liberal terms will be given on all lands in these townships. For particulars inquire of either

R. HARTNELL, Gaylord, Mich.
ROBERT KING, Lapeer, Mich.