

# The Messenger.

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## Reminiscences of an Octogenarian. THE STEAM SAW MILLS OF WILMINGTON.

One of the most important and valuable interests of the city of Wilmington has been and still is that of its team saw mills. The business in former years was immense, and it is still lucrative though not to so great a degree as of old, as its character and nature have greatly changed since its inception. Then the product of the mills found a ready market at remunerative prices in the West Indies and South America, bringing in return, coin, foreign exchange or the produce of those lands, which latter was equivalent to money as it generally commanded a ready sale, and thus all of that large amount of available funds was distributed freely among the people at home. Every interest felt its influence and while it is true that most of those who operated the mills realized fortunes yet its benefits to the community at large were so generally distributed as to give tone and a healthy impetus to trade and investments. It is difficult to determine what has been the benefit to Wilmington, naval stores or its lumber business, the latter we think, for the reason that the product of the former has become exhausted while the latter is still carried on with its original vigor and energy.

Like most great undertakings it has in its beginnings confined to a limited area and with only a local enquiry, but as the products of the mills became known abroad there sprang up a demand which frequently taxed their resources to their utmost capacity and which still continues to the present time. While there may not be "millions in it" just now, it is yet a most widely extended and profitable business, and properly conducted, seldom fails to yield generous returns.

At the suggestion of some who have thought that a brief mention of the pioneers in this great enterprise which was established here nearly four score years ago might not prove altogether uninteresting we indicate the following:

The first steam saw mill erected in Wilmington was put up on the western bank of the Cape Fear river nearly opposite the foot of Chestnut street by an Italian, named Mazzaretti, in 1819 or '20. Soon after its completion he disposed of it to Mr. H. B. Howard and removed from Wilmington, and what his future was, is unknown to any of the present day. Mr. Howard operated the mill for a year or two when it was destroyed by fire and he did not rebuild but disposed of the site to other parties.

At the southern limit of the town Mr. John H. McIlhenny owned a mill which was still in existence by the name of the Cowart mill, and it was in that locality that the first ship was built in Wilmington or perhaps in North Carolina. She was named the Eliza and Susan and made several voyages to Europe under the command of Captain Huntington who is well remembered by many of our citizens.

Mr. McIlhenny disposed of that property to the late Captain Gilbert Potter who carried on the business for some years in his own name until joined by his son-in-law, Mr. Edward Kidder, when under the firm name of Potter & Kidder it became widely extended and was known at home and abroad as one of the most conservative and reliable houses engaged in that business. Upon the retirement of Captain Potter from the active duties of life, Mr. Silas N. Martin became a partner with Mr. Kidder and the firm continued to flourish for a number of years the most active and prominent house in that business in the south, and were eminently successful. It is now owned and operated by George W. Kidder, Esq., under the name of Edward Kidder & Sons.

Captain Potter in his early life had followed the sea and commanded ships, and was a very active and energetic specimen of stalwart manhood, and among other qualities he possessed, was a voice remarkably deep and powerful and resonant in its intonation like the tones of a French horn, when he had a mind to tune it. The writer trusts he may be pardoned for mentioning a little incident in this connection which occurred many years ago which still lingers in his memory and in which that voice played quite a conspicuous part.

It was late one night, in the early spring time of the year, when the town bell, there was but one bell at that time, rang out the fire alarm. The inhabitants were asleep at the time, but at the first clanging of the bell they rushed down to the old court house which then stood at the intersection of Front and Market streets and was the general gathering place of the citizens, each asking the other where the fire was as they had not been able to locate it, but none seemed to know. A great noise and confusion, the bell ringing incessantly amidst shouts from the populace "where's the fire, where's the fire." The inevitable small boy and was conspicuous in the noise and racket he kicked up, but no one could answer the inquiry, which was on every lip, as to where the fire was. Suddenly an upper window in the hotel adjoining was fiercely thrown open with a crash, a head protruded and then a stentorian voice like a bugle's blast rang out above the commanding tones "in the neighborhood of my mill." There was no need for further enquiry and there was none; the conflagration, which was sure enough found to be, as indicated by that voice "in the neighborhood of that mill."

Prior to his election as governor Edward B. Dudley and P. K. Dickinson, under the firm name of Dudley & Dickinson owned the adjoining mill, Mr. O. G. Parsley subsequently purchasing a number of shares in it. At one time Messrs. Bullard & Huntington owned and ran it, and finally it passed into the possession of Messrs. Pierce & Dudley. The third mill in that portion of the town was owned by W. B. Giles & Co., who worked it in conjunction with a turpentine distillery with great success for a number of years when they sold out to Wooten, Anderson & Co., but within a year the mill was burned and never rebuilt. Mr. Aaron Lazarus, one of Wilmington's most prominent merchants in connection with Mr. John A. Taylor erected the first planing mill ever put up in Wilmington, and we think in the state on the

location where the steam saw mill of S. & W. H. Northrop now stands. At the foot of Deane street on the east side of the river Mr. Henry R. Savage owned a mill which was known as Steam Saw Mill No. 5 and was operated under the general superintendency of Mr. Harvey Law, a very ingenious man, but rather visionary in his ideas. I am under the impression that Mr. Savage sold the mill to Mr. Samuel Berry and he disposed of it to Mr. M. Costin but I am not certain as to that, I only know that Mr. Costin owned a mill on that side of the river and which was burned. I think that Mr. C. D. Ellis was at one time a mill owner also on the western side of the river. Dickinson & Morris were proprietors of a mill located at Point Peter and which I am under the impression was built by Mr. V. G. Parsley, who subsequently established the present one now in operation at Hilton.

Mr. Richardson, years ago, built a mill at the foot of Walnut street, a rather small affair, which Colonel John McRae subsequently purchased enlarged and improved, giving it the name of the Harrison mill. Mr. P. K. Dickinson owned a saw and planing mill higher up towards Hilton, now the property of the Carolina Central Railroad, and just above it we find the mills of the J. H. Chadbourn Lumber Company, in the region of "paradise" as that locality has been known from time immemorial—"paradise," doubtless a charming spot for rest and enjoyment which one retired when wearied with the shriek of the circular saw or the continuous roar of a modern steam saw mill.

There are two other mills, the Peregrino Lumber Company at Hilton, the home of that representative member of the Cape Fear section during the revolution, Cornelius Harnett, and Wadleigh mill situated on the west side of the northeast branch of the Cape Fear river above the works of Messrs. Powers, Gibbs & Co., but neither are within the limits of the city.

We are told that there are not as many rapid fortunes now being made in the milling business as in the old times, that competition is too great and the creation of so many mills near every cross road in the country and along the lines of the railroads has diverted the trade from its original source and greatly lessened the profits of the business. We suppose that is so, but it is still one of the great interests of Wilmington and will continue to be so until our pine forests disappear from the face of the earth.

**THE APRIL BULLETIN**  
Of the State Agricultural Department  
Operations of the Compost Peddler.  
(Staff Correspondence.)  
Raleigh, May 1.

The April bulletin of the agricultural department, issued today says:

"In the March bulletin mention was made of the fact that the board of agriculture as organized under the act of 1877 had been abolished and disbanded, to be succeeded by a board of commissioners under authority of an act of the last general assembly. Consequently the department of agriculture was just twenty years old when it changed hands from one board to the other, and from one political party to another. It is not improper at this time to glance back upon the work of the former board and to review a few of its leading achievements. Twenty years ago the board of agriculture began its work from the ground, and has been building continually since that time. With no data to start with, it bravely started the work it was charged with the completion of the first experimental years were laborious and vigilant, but always progressive. Then the real work of permanence and value began to command attention and the results to come to the state. It established one among the first fish hatcheries in the United States, and the results of that work are still manifest in the waters of the state; it surveyed the deposits of pyrites in search of suitable material for conversion into sulphuric acid; it explored the phosphate beds of the coastal formations; it promoted the search for merchantable coal in the deposits of this state; it made exhaustive exhibitions of the state's natural resources in great expositions at Vienna, Atlanta, Boston, New Orleans and Chicago; it surveyed the oyster beds; it has aided the development of the sand-hill region; it has built and equipped the finest museum in the south; it has persistently advertised North Carolina, especially through handbooks, until it is today the best known, and is regarded as the most progressive, up-to-date state in the south. Besides these things, it had accomplished and consistently taught better methods in the cultivation of all crops and promoted the introduction of new varieties of plants and fruits, and improved breeds of horses, cattle, sheep, swine and poultry; it has shown the way to the renovation of worn-out soils and adopted every means in its power for the upbuilding of the best interests of the farmer, trucker, miner, lumberman and fisherman. Its record is before the people; the results of its faithful discharge of the manifold duties enforced by law will be felt for generations to come. Some tribute is due the retiring board for the great work accomplished under its auspices, but space is too limited here to go more fully into the subject, except to say that credit should be given where credit is due. The retiring board presents to its successors in office the best equipped and most effective department of the kind in the south. It behooves the incoming administration to keep up the pace, to see to it that it holds the supremacy over similar institutions in the south and that the onward march of progress is quickened."

Bulletin No. 137, describing the operations of the compost peddler in the state, has been widely distributed. Since its publication we have found additional evidence of the truth of the assertion made by the station that these operations were fraudulent. In a letter received from the commissioner of agriculture of Georgia, the following is extracted:

"I denounced him by name in 150 weekly papers of this state in January, and again this month, and now he has only come into this state again. I think he will be landed in the chain-gang."

We have also found that the distributing agents, who sold the chemicals on the order of the president of the so-called company, did so without knowledge that they participated in such a fraud, and they have since renounced all connection with the company. It is also learned that these agents, as stated by them, have not sold the chemicals to that date to any parties in North Carolina, but have shipped some to come, and they are, therefore, therefore, that the experiment station's warning has proven of great value and very opportune.

## PUBLIC OPINION.

Their position is almost without a parallel in the history of the world. On the mountain top, trying to keep his collar above water, and blandly assured Noah that it "wasn't goin' to rain much, anyhow," how will he feel when he is called upon to watch public sentiment can so utterly fail to see the daily growth in popularity of the democratic principles enunciated in 1848, and especially those concerning silver as money?—Indianapolis Sentinel.

Upon the whole, without dropping into any recitative mood or signifying any abandonment of their position in respect to any question before the people last year, the duty that obviously lies upon every democrat of influence is to encourage the members of the party to overcome their recent antagonisms as soon as possible, to turn a deaf ear to leaders, or would-be leaders, who seek to keep alive contention, and, above all, to leave until 1900 the problems that manifestly belong to the year at all at the year 1897.—Brooklyn Citizen.

His speech is simply a diatribe against more than 6,000,000 of his fellow countrymen. It would be fairer to say the 13,000,000 who will support the policy which he advocates. He planted himself with the gold democrats that met in Indianapolis. How the actions of the man who Cleveland's opinion, lies all the wisdom of finance, taxation and government. In no way did he acknowledge that both the demagogues and the republicans for independent action and the republicans for free coinage.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

There are the strongest reasons in the world for making the assertion that the every demagogue in the country who is a supremacy from long-established northern centers as an iron and steel producing section. Those who recall the early days of Birmingham will remember that northern iron manufacturers were wont to make light of the claims that the new aspirant of Birmingham was making for the manufacture of iron cheaper than the north could produce it, but this delusion has been dispelled long since. Today southern iron is sold at a price that is a matter of world, and its increased consumption has been brought about not alone from the fact that it can be sold more cheaply because, intrinsically, it is metal suited to the diversified uses to which it has been put.—New York Financier.

Probably the most interesting thing in the address was his reference to the republican administration. He borrows emphasis from a Scriptural text and accuses the republicans of retreating in horror to their wallowing in the mire of extreme protection. This is an unfair criticism, because republicans have never shown any disposition to abandon extreme protection. Mr. McKinley won political fame as the apostle of a high tariff and during the late campaign reiterated his devotion to this policy. Those democrats who voted for Mr. McKinley voted with their eyes open, and they have no right to complain of Mr. McKinley's attitude on the money question. To be sure, the president has sent an army of men to the gold mines, a golden fleece, but of an object equally elusive, namely, an international agreement for the restoration of bimetalism, but in doing this he is only carrying out a pledge contained in this platform. Unless the gold democrats were in possession of the secret of the alchemist's stone, generally, or expected, the president to abandon his platform, they ought to be satisfied with his financial policy. He promises to get the standard of gold until relief comes from abroad, and he is doing it in spite of the continued distress caused by such a policy. The democrats who supported the platform to consistently condemn both the tariff policy and the financial policy of the administration, but they are not going to stand until relief comes from abroad, and he is doing it in spite of the continued distress caused by such a policy. The democrats who supported the platform to consistently condemn both the tariff policy and the financial policy of the administration, but they are not going to stand until relief comes from abroad, and he is doing it in spite of the continued distress caused by such a policy. The democrats who supported the platform to consistently condemn both the tariff policy and the financial policy of the administration, but they are not going to stand until relief comes from abroad, and he is doing it in spite of the continued distress caused by such a policy.

**STATE PRESS.**  
The two last legislatures have caused more litigation than any previous legislature. Both of these parties were pledged to bring about a reform, and for the past two months we have seen the reform (?) going on in the south in the late war and came back maimed and crippled for life, have been turned aside to give back negroes to the white people. A new politician, has been given a \$1,000 job and white men appointed to work under him at less salary. The white guards at the penitentiary have been placed in the hands of negro guards put in their places. Swinson, a populist enrolling clerk, was appointed to the office of a state auditor at a salary of \$5 per day, and populists helped to do it, too! Is this the reform that the democrats in congress are talking about? The laws are either impotent or the administrators of the law are derelict in their duty. We want legislators in every legislative hall from nation to state who will make the laws that are necessary to break up these combines. We want a judiciary who will interpret those laws that the people will not pass, and we want an executive who will execute those laws that the people will not pass. If broken we may have a tariff as high and impassable as the walls of Jericho. We may not all be white, but we will run on a double time, and double the number of mints, and yet prosperity will not come. All parties have declared against them. The republican party, through its president, McKinley, has said time and again that they are the mill stone that is around the neck of good times. The republicans are in power. Let us see that they will do with the trusts.—Burlington News.

What should democrats do in such a state of neglect of public business? The democrats in congress are talking about it, as many of them are on many others. One wing of the party, led by Judge Simpson, would filibuster all the republicans were controlled to complete the organization of the house and settle down to a steady routine of business. The other wing, led by Mr. Bailey, would pursue a passive policy, allowing the republicans to loiter along the legislative path, so that the country may realize in 1900 the mistake made in placing a republican party in power. The country did not vote the democratic party into a minority in congress to be the consequence of the republican party there nor to stand between the country and the republican party as a shield against the carrying out to the full of the policy outlined at St. Louis, whether the republicans take one year or a month in getting to work to redeem their pledges.—Asheville Citizen.

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## FUN.

The European concert, it is said, is still in progress, but it is hard to tell who is leading the band. It is certain, however, that several of the first fiddlers are not playing in harmony.—Baltimore American.

A cable dispatch from Macedonia says that "many of the Greek irregulars lie in hiding during the day time." The correspondents seem to be lying by day and by night.—Chicago Times-Herald.

"You want to marry my daughter, eh?" said the practical man. "Well, what provision have you made for the future?" "Oh, as to that," replied the suitor, "I'll join church right away."—Philadelphia North American.

"What did you mean by starting the story that I was an unbeliever in the Scripture?" asked the deacon in great wrath.

"Well, deekin," said the man who had originated the report, "you know what I said that all you said about that hoss I bought was as true as gospel. An' you know how true it was."

"Er-ah," said the deacon.—Indianapolis Journal.

Straight from Dublin—An Irishman, hailing from Dublin, recently came to the States and enlisted in a line regiment.

One morning, when assembling on parade for drill, Pat happened to fall in next to a London recruit. On the order "Double!" being given by the drill sergeant, the cockney was heard to exclaim: "Oh, hang doubling!"

"To which Pat immediately replied: 'And hang London, ye spalpeen!'"—Answers.

I was sitting in the sanctum of a Kansas county daily, talking to the editor, when a brawny six-footer came in and interrupted us in a rather beligerent manner.

"See here!" he cried, addressing the editor, "you've put something in the paper about me that's got to be corrected. You hear?"

"We heard; any one within a quarter of a mile couldn't have done otherwise. What's the matter?" meekly asked the editor.

"Well, you said in your paper that 'Jake Billings fell from a railroad train while slightly intoxicated.' That's a lie. I ain't such a chump as that. I was blind drunk—'tip-roary' drunk—or I wouldn't have done it. Understand? Fix it up. I'm no chump!"—Chicago Times-Herald.

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