

MR. D. M. PURCHIS,
Commander of Post No. 163 G. A. R.
Vermontville, Michigan.

My Dear Sir and all members of the
Post;

Mr. Lamb and I just received an invitation to the dedication of "Squier Memorial Hall." We would be glad to accept, if possible, both because of the interest we take in the bequest, and also as representatives of the Squier family.

The spirit which prompted the gift to your Post from Mrs. C. A. Vaughn was one of loyalty to her country and to its loyal representatives.

Surely you will enjoy your place of meeting and will remember Aunt Clara and Uncle John who have passed to an unknown country where God's camp fires burn brightly for them and where the lights are burning and waiting for them.

MR. AND MRS. C. B. LAMB,

The Falls City Lumber Company

A Western Oregon Concern With a
Strong Personnel and a
Bright Future.

Not to discount in any way the value of long experience in any line of industry, it can be remarked with safety that young men of enterprise are building up the western sections of our country. The counsel of the older heads is good; but advice does not do things. Energy is necessary. To one of middle age the appeal to accomplish something rings out clear and strong and in the development

of the great empire of the west, men of ripe years are pointing out from their experience in older fields to those more youthful the way to do a man's part and do it well. To the younger element is given the opportunity to work out the problems of the present in an arena prolific with potential possibilities.

Among the younger fraternity who are making a success of the field of endeavor offered by the forest wealth of the Pacific slope, Oregon has many adopted sons of whom she is justly proud, and among them is a quartet of young men who came out a few years ago from Michigan with the purpose of embarking in the lumber business, and who decided to locate in the great timber county of Polk.

The Officers and the Property.

These young men incorporated the Falls City Lumber Company, with F. S. Belcher as president; W. F. Stine, vice-president; W. T. Grier, manager and treasurer, and G. A. Griswold, secretary and sales manager.

The Falls City Lumber Company bought the property of the Coast Range Lumber Company, at Falls City, in February, 1906, from the Security Savings & Trust Company. The purchase included a sawmill with a capacity of 50,000 feet per day, located two and a half miles up in the mountains, a planing mill at Falls City with about three and a half miles of railway extending from the mill into the woods, and about 40,000,000 feet of timber. This one mill was operated until June of the same year, when they bought the mill of the Bryan-Lucas Lumber Company, in the mountains, their planing mill at Falls City, and about 80,000,000 feet of timber. The timber of the company is located in the great Siletz Basin, and is a fine soft yellow fir.

separately until the following spring when they decided to make extensive improvements and to combine the workings of the two outfits. They abandoned the planing mill of the first purchase, constructed a flume from mill No. 1 to the planing mill of later purchase. This enabled them to flume the output of the two mills to one central finishing plant, and improvements were made that enabled the planing mill to handle their entire output. The plant is so arranged that lumber coming from the flume drops onto live rolls and transfer chains and is mechanically fed to the resaws, trimmers, dry sheds, kilns or planers as desired. They also constructed a burner to take care of the refuse. At the present time the planing mill equipment consists of a forty-foot trimmer, a vertical and horizontal resaw and four planers. They have just purchased a Stetson-Ross machine to add to the capacity of the planing department. They have dry kilns with a capacity of 35,000 to 40,000 feet per day, and dry sheds that will

house a million feet of stock. They carry 6,000,000 feet or more of yard stock for the eastern trade, and they have twenty acres of yard room which can be used as occasion requires.

Timber Holdings and Logging Equipment.

They have increased their railway mileage to five and a half miles of well constructed trackage, which reaches the timber holdings which have been increased to 225,000,000 feet. They log with six donkey engines, and the logs are brought to the mill on logging trucks by a 20-ton Shay locomotive. An extension

railroad to reach further into a timber where they will be operating indefinitely as the supply of timber is unlimited. In the woods they operate an up-to-date machine shop, where they do most of their repairing for broken machinery.

The entire working force of the operations at Falls City consists of between two hundred and two hundred and fifty men. This force and their families constitute an up-to-date little village which has fast come to the front through the energy and extensive operations of this company.

Of a Personal Nature.

As was said before, the members of the company are young men of enterprise and ability, with enough experience in other fields to give them a foundation on which to build and no stereotyped ideas on which they are unwilling to improve.

The officers of the company mentioned above have associated with them E. L. Harmon and C. W. Sherman, both of Portland, who act as directors of the concern with the officers.

F. S. Belcher, president of the company, was formerly connected with Mitchell & Belcher, of Trowbridge, Michigan, and the Belcher-Stine Lumber Company, of Toledo, Ohio, and Higginson, Arkansas.

W. F. Stine, vice-president of the company, entered the lumber and timber business upon his arrival in Oregon three years ago and is also president of the Pacific Coast Timber Company.

W. T. Grier, treasurer and manager of the company, makes his headquarters at Falls City and has charge of the manufacturing operations. Mr. Grier is a native of Michigan and was stationed at Tru-