

# FURNITURE FACTORY

The Carrollton Furniture M'g. Co.'s Splendid Establishment.

It Runs Throughout the Year—Its Furniture Competes with the Finest on the Continent, and is Known and Sold in every state in the Union.

AMONG the most conspicuous of the splendid institutions which adorn and enrich the fair little city of Carrollton is the factory and warehouse of the above concern, standing out as it does, like a jewel. Viewed from any standpoint, its value to the town and community can hardly be estimated. The volume of business done is immense, its trade extending to the remotest borders of our land—from the great lakes to the everglades, from the ocean where morn laves her golden tresses, to the rock bound shores of the west; the furniture going into every state of the union—North, South, East and the extreme West: large orders coming from far off Oregon, California and—from here, there and everywhere, so that the company, its officers and the whole people are justly proud of the establishment.

The officers are as follows:

H. M. WINSLOW, President.

HENRY SCHUERMAN, JR.

Sec'y and Treas.

Each one of them stands in the front rank as a business man, especially adapted to the position he holds; having capacity, enterprise, and energy, and a just pride in his business. Withal they are men of the finest integrity and moral character, ranking all for general credit. The establishment devotes itself exclusively to the manufacture and sale of a high grade of furniture, as every piece that goes out to the world bearing the seal of this factory, is substantially and tastefully constructed, and finished in the very highest style of art.

The principal lines of the company are Bed R. a Sides, Sideboards,

Wardrobes and Chiffoniers, in walnut, oak and mahogany, ranging in quality and price from medium to the highest; and in their manufacture, fine and honest workmanship and latest styles are kept constantly in view. Besides studying the various styles as they are introduced, and exercising nice discrimination in selecting them, they have made a number of very popular hits with their own designs. Hence it is that the furniture from this factory finds ready market all over the land, being especially popular with that class of retailers who pander to the best trade!

Furthermore, it is a business principle with this factory, to put no goods on the market that will not stand the test of time and give perfect satisfaction by whatsoever standard they are measured. No lumber is used except the best and most thoroughly seasoned and properly prepared kind, and all other materials must come up to the same degree of excellence. Only skilled labor is employed, and every one of the numerous departments, from that in which the rough lumber is dressed, to the finishing and packing rooms, is under a competent head. Over the whole work Mr. Wm. F. Schuerman is superintendent. In view of all the foregoing facts is it at all wonderful that the growth of the concern's business, in recent years has been phenomenal?

At the great furniture exhibits in Cincinnati, New York and Grand Rapids; the products of this factory compete with the finest factories in the land for first honors; indeed, one can count on the fingers of one hand the few concerns that pretend to compete with it for style and excellence.

The main building is a handsome brick structure, five stories high, and was erected eight years ago at a cost of about \$15,000, it is 45 x 120 feet. One of the most admirable features is the abundance of light, there being 160 windows. The engine and boiler room is 30 x 40 feet; the dry kiln, where all lumber is thoroughly seasoned, before

it would likely be impossible to find another factory anywhere, the size of this one, with a better equipment. Every piece of woodworking machinery is the latest improved and best to be found, but we need not speak of this in detail. A fine eighty-five horse power engine drives the whole, steam being supplied by two boilers each for two inches by twenty-six feet. The warehouse, which was erected in 1890, is a very substantial two-story brick building, size 60 x 120 feet, and is joined to the factory by a causeway. It also contains the office where manager Henry Schuerman and book-keeper Lou. H. Schuerman, with assistants, may be found up to their eyes in business.

In this building also is a handsome show room, wherein are exhibited specimens of all the company's goods, the display being superb.

The buildings are supplied with the necessary elevators and other conveniences for facilitating business. They are magnificently lighted by the Thompson-Houston system of electric lights, and at night the scene is brilliant. This enables the employes to work later in the evening than would otherwise be the case.

The factory has done more to build up the city than any other concern. It has made a large increase in the population, and the employes are a good class of citizens. The weekly pay roll amounts to from \$700 to \$750, which has a very perceptible effect on business.

It is worthy of note that the employes have never lost a day, from first to last, on account of dull business; whatever the condition of the trade has been, the factory has driven right along and showered its benefits upon many a family.

On the road the concern is represented by such popular and efficient men as Andrew Darling, Jr., of Carrollton; B. Lecker, of Cincinnati; E. T. Barnes, of Grand Rapids; O. B. Starkweather, of Chicago; while Messrs. [unclear] of New York, are the [unclear]