

Plan of Pell City, Alabama  
1887

The State of Alabama }  
St. Clair County }

I, John Henderson, a civil engineer residing  
in Talladega in said State do hereby certify that in  
the year 1887 and after the first day of September

in said year, I was employed by the Pell City Land Company, a body corporate  
created and existing under the general laws of Alabama to survey and lay off  
into town lots, avenues, streets and public grounds, the lands as shown by  
map and plot hereto attached, which bears my genuine . . . . . in Section  
one Township Seventeen (17) of Range . . . . . in St. Clair County, Alabama  
and which lands so mapped and plotted are known and designated as Pell City  
. . . . . last named county. That I duly and accurately surveyed and mapped  
and plotted said lands as required by in . . . . . said state, in such cases,  
made provided, showing the . . . . . streets, alleys and public grounds in said  
town . . . . and by said plot I gave the bearings and length of . . . . . boundary  
of every lot and block and bearings, length and . . . . . and name of every  
street, avenue and alley contained therein and numbered, each block and each  
lot in each . . . . . progressively and which plot shows the relation of such  
. . . . . to the United States government survey all of which is . . . . . and  
accurately set forth on said map & plot here attached and which map and plot  
is made a part of the certificate.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and private seal on this  
1st day of February, 1888.

J. I. Henderson  
Civil Engineer

The State of Alabama }  
St. Clair County }

I, James T. Green, Judge of Probate, in and for  
said county hereby certify that Pell City Land  
Company, a body corporate, through and by its  
President, John W. Inzer, whose name is signed to the map of Pell City hereto

attached acknowledged before me on this day that being informed of the contents of said map of said Town of Pell City, so attached, he executed the same in the name of said company by authority thereof as the President of said Pell City Land Company voluntarily, on the day the same bears date as and for the map of said Town under Act of the Legislature of Alabama Session 1886 & 1887 commencing on page 93 of Act of said session, and approved on the ... Feb. 1887.

Given under my hand at office on 25th day of June 1888.

James T. Greene

Judge of Probate

Received in office for record on the 25th day of June, 1888 and duly recorded.

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Certificate of Engineer and Probate  
Judge copies from portion of map on  
record in Probate Office in Ashville,  
Alabama.

ASHVILLE COMMEMORATION ON SAME SPOT

# ORIGINAL ROSTER CO. "A" 10th ALABAMA INFANTRY

The people of Ashville are planning Sunday, June 4, commemorating the day exactly 100 years ago on this day when the First Ashville company marched away to join General Lee's army in Virginia.

On June 4, 1861, Co. "A" of the 10th Ala. Regiment, was mustered into the Confederate army on the courthouse square at Ashville.

On this same spot June 4, 1961, a century later Ashville folk will have a program in memory of those who went away to war, many never to return to their homeland.

Program on the courthouse square will get started at 3 p.m. Previous to the program graves in the old cemetery will have been decorated. Miss Sally V. Inzer, chairman of the county commission will preside.

Dr. Jack Boozer of Jacksonville, will be guest speaker. He will be introduced by Judge Hoyt Hamilton.

The Ashville commemoration will be the first of several such programs planned throughout St. Clair by the Civil War Commission. People from throughout St. Clair are invited and urged to attend.

Below are listed the names of the men who were members of that company. Names are from a copy of the original muster roll of Co. "A" and were furnished the News-Aegis by Mrs. Irene Hodges.

## Co. "A" Muster Roll FROM ASHVILLE

Company A-10th Alabama Infantry Regiment, Mustered into service June 4th, 1861. (Age about)

Caldwell, John H. Captain, 34; Hayden, Thomas 1st Lieut. 34; Brewster, W. L. 2nd Lieut. 25; Williams, Roger M. 3rd. Lieut. 34; Wyatt, Samuel A. 1st. Seargt. 29; Leroy F. 2nd. Seargt. 24; Cobb, W. Harvy 3rd. Seargt. 40; Green, John F. 4th. Seargt. 25; Pardue, Daniel 1st Corp. 28; Kendric, David 2nd Corp. 33; Watson, Wm. 3rd. Corp. 24; Early, Wm. 4th Corp. 22; Floyd, Levi. Asst Seargt. 29.

## PRIVATES

Aushorn, R. Y. 25; Ashton, J. H. 23; Aubry, Dickson, 29; Aubry, C. F., 25; Bradford, A. M. 22; Bradford, J. F., 24; Bradley, Joseph, 25; Brewster, Vincent, 29; Brown, John C., 28; Brown, Robert, 24; Byers, Banks, 22; Brandon, Thos. Jr., 23; Brandon, M., 21; Blair, Edward, 23; Blair, Thomas, 21; Cox, Oliver, 25; Cox, Samuel, 22; Cox, Fred, 19; Cast, Mor-

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## ORIGINAL ROSTER CO. "A"

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gan, 30; Crow, John, 21; Crow, Thomp., 21; Crow, Jeff, 21; Crump, Reuben, 26.

Dean, Wm. H., 17; Dobbs, Joe, 24; Danly, George, 24; England, Doc., 18; Freeman, Foster, 20; Fulghum, Morgan M., 29; Gibson, Lacy, 30; Green, John F., 25; George, James, 21; Griffin, H. H., 21; Hood, Noah A., 17; Hughes, James, 21; Harris, M., 37; Harris, Philip, 24; Jones, Marcus, 21; Jones, W. F., 23; Jones, Issac, 22; King, Frank, 20.

Lee, Ed., 23; Lee, Grig, 22; Lee, James, 19; Lee, Polk, 17; Lawley, Jack, (No age given); Lawley, Wm. H., 40; Lankford, Wm., 21; Looney, W. H., 18; Morris, John S., 18; Muburn, Jas., 22; Mostilla, Jas., 21; Minyard, J., 19; Moore, Joseph F., 18; Melton, 24; Mitchell, Thomas, 21; Newton, John, 20; Neely, Lafayette, 22.

Oldham, John, 17; O'Barr, John, 24; O'Barr, Thomas, 21; Parker, George, 23; Philips, Pinckney, 21; Patterson, Joseph, 22; Pope, Riley, 21; Riggs, Scott Jr., 18; Riggs, John H., 17; Reeves, Harvey, 24; Reeves, Jesse, 22; Summers, Gene, 20; Sargent, Wm. P., 18; Strange, B. F., 18; Strange, Jas. F., 20; Story, Thom. H., 19; Simmons, Rufus, 18; Treece, D. A., 21; Turner, T. J., 21; Turner, E. M., 20; Truss, Enas, 24.

Watson, Wm. H., 23; Watson, Clem, 20; Watson, Thos., 18; Watson, Obediah, 35; Woolley, Basil E., 21; Woolley, M. Lafayette, 18; Wright, Newton E., 60; Wright, William, 35; Wright, James, 27; Wright, Jack, 20; Zellner, M. H., 34; Zellner, Elisha, 28.

## RECRUITS

Brandon, Thomas Sr., 50; Brandon, Dave, 17; Bradford, Harvey, 18; Brown, Frank, 18; Byrd, 35; Crump, Riggs, 18; Cox, John, 18; Chandler, Wm., 26; Carden, Perry, 20; Danson, C. O., 26; Freeman, Robert, 18; Harris, Henry, 18; Hammett, Jesse, 28; James, Joseph, 34; James, Albert, 32; Kendrick, Cad, 16.

Lands, George, 28; Mangham, Thos., 26; McDill, James, 28; Neely, Byers, 18; Philips, Jack, 20; Philips, James, Jr., 16; Sheres, James A., 34; Woolley, Monroe, 26; Bunt, Joseph, 30; Hollifield, Willis, 30; Bice, Hiram, 30; Crow, C., 17; Crump, Isarel, 30; Wysinger, 35; Strange, Joe D., 27; Banks, Wade (No age given); Woods, Wm. D. (No age given); (Original number in Co. A was 103)

## Soldiers of the Revolution Lived, Died In St. Clair County

At least twenty-one Revolutionary soldiers are known to have lived in St. Clair County during their lifetime after the American Colonists fought and won their war for independence.

One of the soldiers of the revolution, John Dill, originally from Maryland, is known to have lived in St. Clair as late as 1850. He was 86 years old at the time.

Data on these first American fighters for freedom was taken from the yellowed-with-age pension rolls.

Those listed together with other information are as follows: Joseph or James Garner, came to St. Clair in 1820 from Clark County, Georgia, William Whitfield, originally from Goochland Co., Va., John Ballanger of Maryland, Noel Battles of Virginia, lived with son William in 1820, Capt. Ed Beeson of North Carolina, married Hannah Clay in 1819, Jacob Busbee of South Carolina, William Hall South Carolina, Thomas Johnston of Virginia, died Dec. 29, 1832 at age 75, Arch Maharg of South Carolina, age 71, James Robertson of South Carolina, age 71 in 1816, Robert Reed of North Carolina, age 65, Andrew Townshend of South Carolina, age 71 in 1920, John Dill, Maryland, 86 years old in 1850, James Hardwick, John Hicks, Samuel Reed, John Thomason whose wife was Elizabeth Diamond, Jesse Ginn, born in England in 1760, died in St. Clair County 1840, Jones Hardwick, Willy Pope.

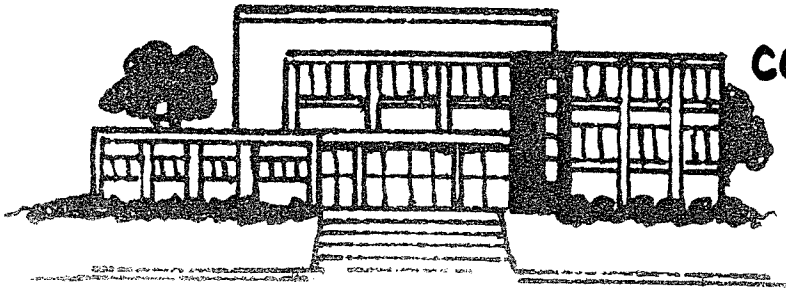
Most of these names have lived in St. Clair County until the present day. Many bearing the above revolutionary names are very likely direct descendants of the early American hero's.

Does anyone know of any of the above? Does anyone know where any of them are buried? Any such information would be extremely interesting to the Alabama Historical Society.

# 1818 St. Clair

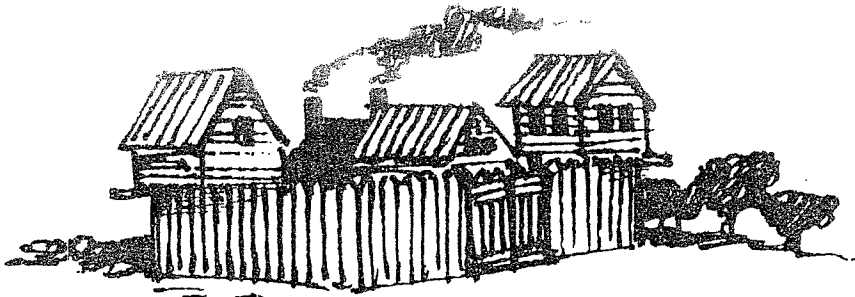
## COURTHOUSE - ASHVILLE

Shortly after becoming a county in 1818, St. Clair County's first courthouse, made of logs, was built in Ashville in 1824. In 1844 it was replaced by the building pictured at right.



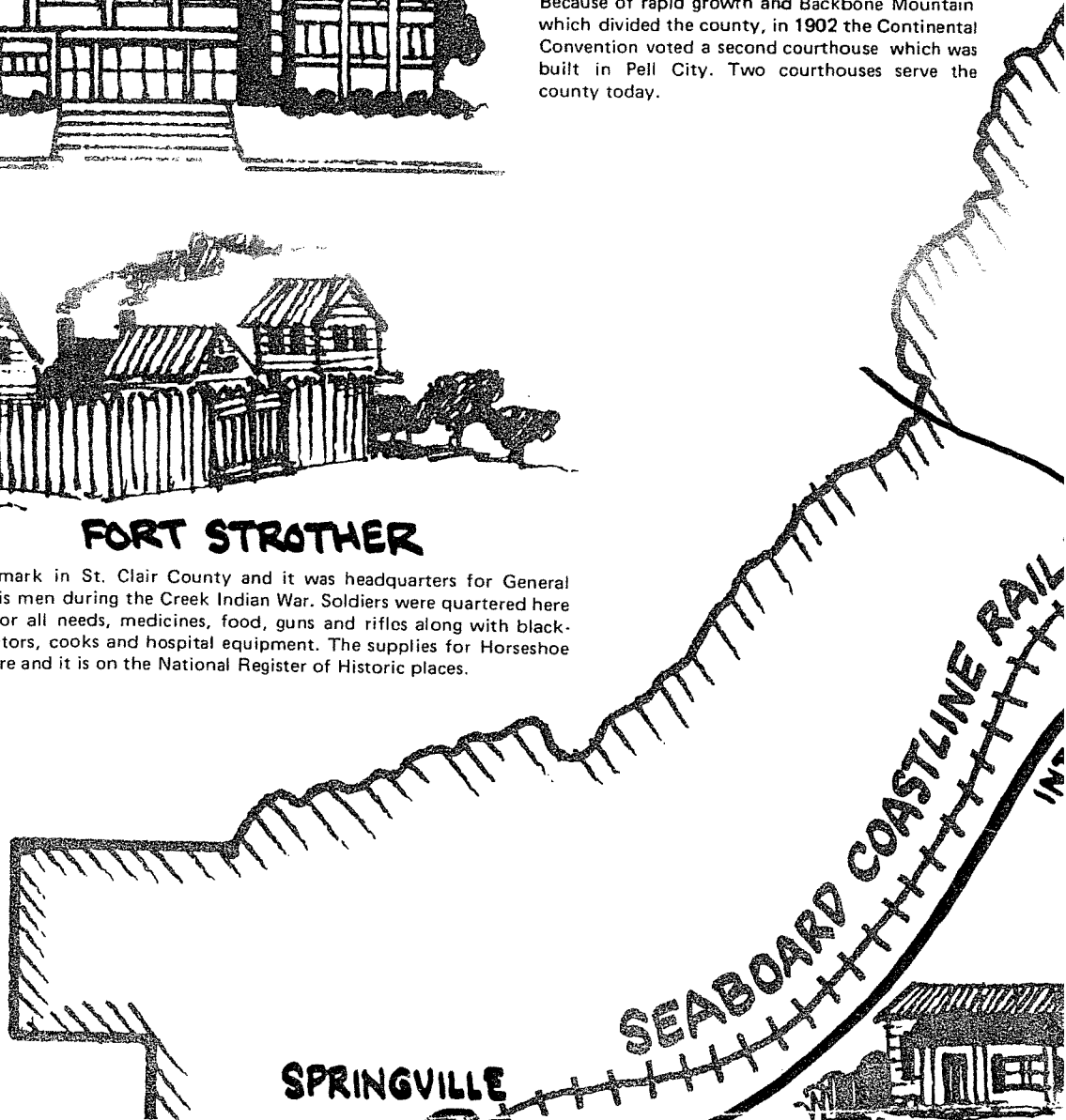
## COURTHOUSE - PELL CITY

Because of rapid growth and Backbone Mountain which divided the county, in 1902 the Continental Convention voted a second courthouse which was built in Pell City. Two courthouses serve the county today.



## FORT STROTHER

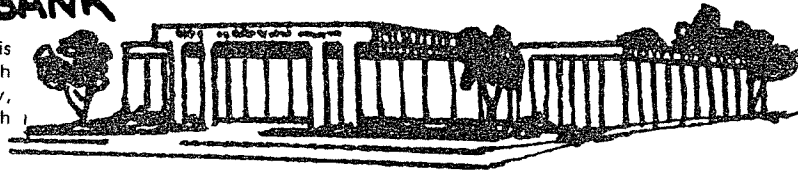
Ft. Strother is a landmark in St. Clair County and it was headquarters for General Andrew Jackson and his men during the Creek Indian War. Soldiers were quartered here as were horses, tools for all needs, medicines, food, guns and rifles along with blacksmiths, carpenters, doctors, cooks and hospital equipment. The supplies for Horseshoe Bend were sent from here and it is on the National Register of Historic places.



# County 1980

## THE PEOPLES BANK

Founded in 1960, The Peoples Bank is celebrating its twentieth anniversary with this Historical Map. With offices in Pell City, Moody and Ragland, we have grown with the county we serve.



STEELE



O'DONNELL MILL

Cornmeal was an important food and the mill for grinding corn was built in Shoal Creek Valley ca. 1840. Before the turn of the century it came into the O'Donnell family. As a gift from them the St. Clair Historical Society is restoring it so again it can produce water ground meal.



DEAN/INZER HOUSE

The Dean/Inzer House of Ashville was built in 1852 of hand pressed brick. It was the first building in St. Clair County to be placed on the National Register and is now the home of Judge Inzer's granddaughter.

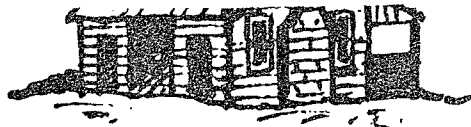
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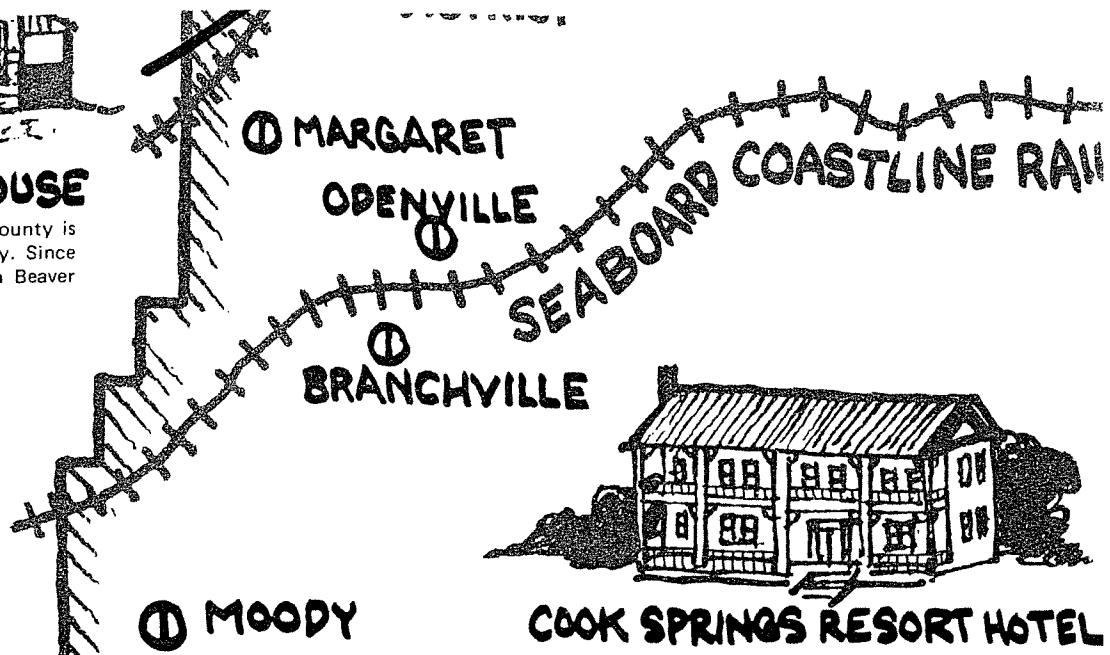
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### THE NEWTON HOUSE

The oldest house in St. Clair County is the home of the Newton family. Since 1817 it has been a landmark in Beaver Valley.



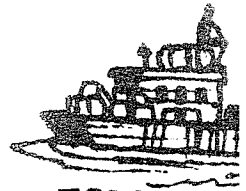
### COOK SPRINGS RESORT HOTEL

The old timers like to talk about the mineral waters of Cook Springs. While only a name today it was recognized as a health resort with good food (the dining room seated 200), and good recreation. The sixty room hotel and twenty guest cottages attracted people from far and near.



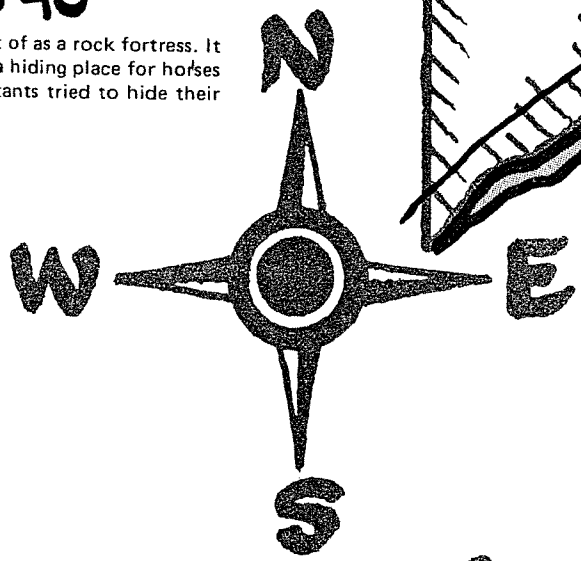
### HORSE PENS 40

Horse Pens 40 on Chandler Mountain is often thought of as a rock fortress. It has a room-like formation, 50 ft. tall which served as a hiding place for horses and animals during the Civil War as the local inhabitants tried to hide their possessions from Northern soldiers. Today the entire area is an active recreational center for music and the arts.

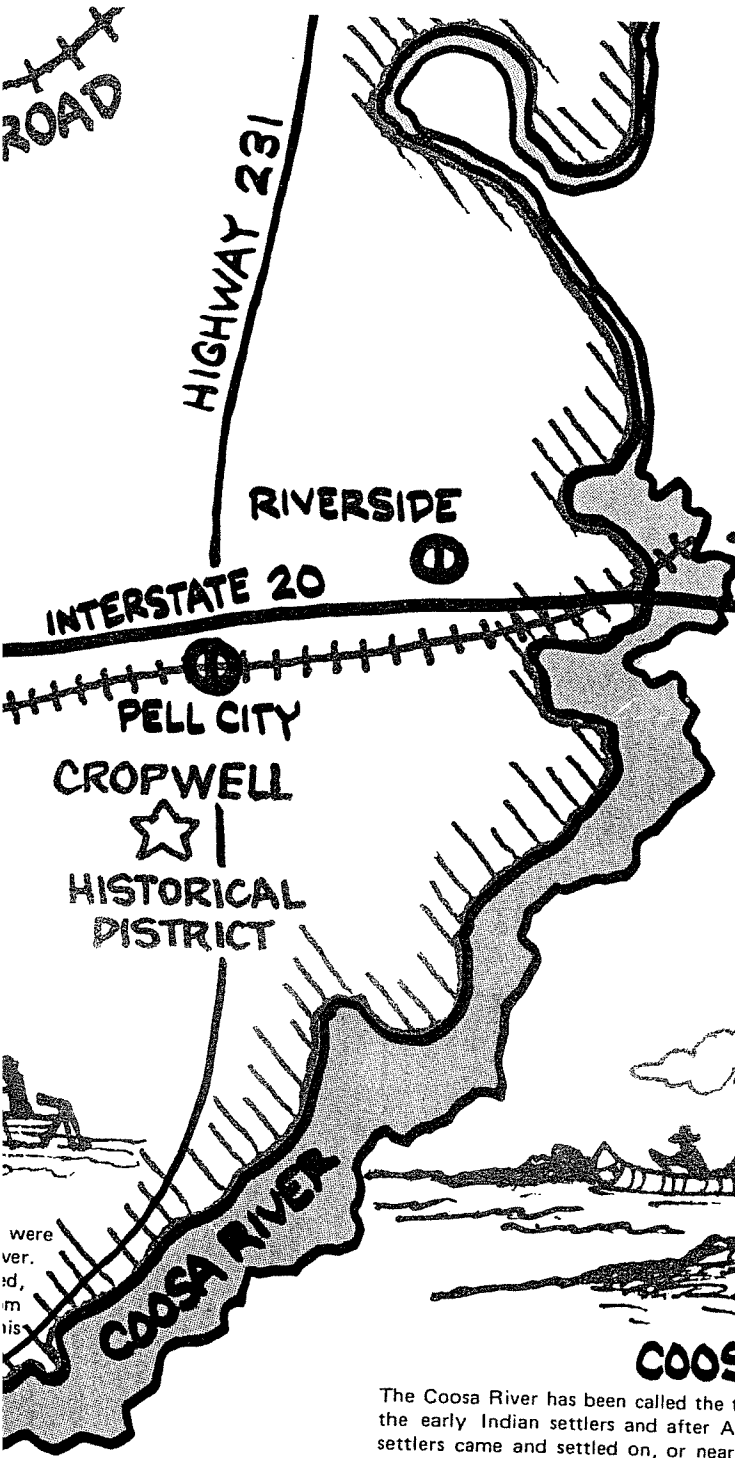


### FERRIES

Before there were bridges ferries were essential for getting across the river. There were many privately owned ferries and at Truss' Ferry, one mile from Cook Springs, Andrew Jackson and his soldiers crossed the Coosa in Talladega County in 1813.

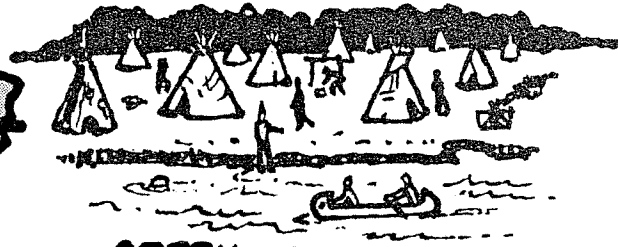


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## LOONEY HOUSE

Henry Looney, while serving with General Andrew Jackson during the Creek Indian War, was impressed with the area. After his return to Tennessee he collected his family and returned to Beaver Valley. For two years they worked shaping logs and making pegs to hold them in place. This has been restored by the St. Clair Historical Society as a museum and is on the National Register of Historical places.



## CREEK INDIANS

From the large tribe of Muscogee Indians some wandered into Alabama and St. Clair County and were impressed by the vast amount of water. So many came, settled, and built villages. It was called Land of Creeks, and thus was formed the Tribe of Creek Indians.



## COOSA RIVER

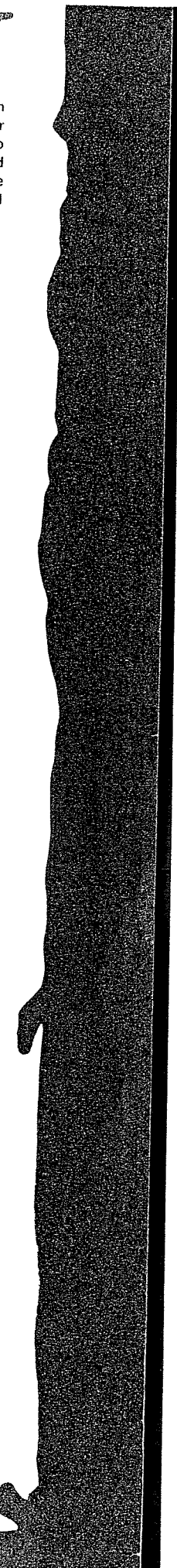
The Coosa River has been called the tap root of St. Clair County. The Coosa attracted the early Indian settlers and after Alabama became a territory in 1817, many white settlers came and settled on, or near, the Coosa to farm and raise their families. For about 200 years it has been a landmark contributing to the growth of the county.

Today there are five highway bridges which span the Coosa from St. Clair into other counties.



## FAMILY FARMS

There are in St. Clair County 15 family farms consisting of 40 or more acres which have been in the same family for over 100 years. These are on the register of the Alabama Historical Commission.





# HERCULES FOUNDRY COMPANY - - PLUMBERS' IRON

BOSTON OFFICE,  
518 EXCHANGE BUILDING.

AVERY L. RAND, PRES'T.  
OTTO B. COLE, TREAS.  
JOHN FORAN, SUPT.  
FOR 11 YEARS SUPT. OF ARENDROTH BROS.

Pell City, Ala., Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> 1902

J. N. Henson, Esq.

Chattanooga, Tenn.

Dear Sir:

Yours of 14<sup>th</sup> inst. is just received.

The American House is the small hotel - your hotel - and the assessment mentioned in my last is City Assessment. Have not been able to find out anything about county or state assessment yet. I think the Probate Judge is the man that keeps these records.

Mr. Maxwell is here and seems very chipper and cheerful. He has not said anything to me yet about the syndicate. He is coming to Ft. Payne with me on Tuesday.

On looking over the description of the land I find that one piece is evidently described wrong. In the part sold to the syndicate it says: "The southwest quarter of southwest quarter of section six in township sixteen of range four." This would bring it up near Coal City, while it is evidently intended to read township seventeen, which brings it adjoining the rest of the land. I have heard some talk about Mr. Howards making a mistake in describing the property in the deed from the Pell City Land Co. and this is probably it. I would advise you to have this corrected as soon as

# Town of Pell City officially incorporated May 6, 1891

The little road was the most convenient mode of travel from Talladega to Birmingham and Atlanta, since it made connection with the Southern at Pell City. But after the lumber mills at Renfro closed, and the furnaces in Talladega ceased operation, the road was no longer needed, and the right of way was sold to individuals. The only railroad which is operated through Pell City today is the Southern, which began as the Georgia Pacific with plans to extend from Atlanta to Texarkana, Ark. It managed to reach Greenville, Miss., but was thrown into bankruptcy in 1884 and was taken over by the Southern Railroad Co.

These were the three railroads which met at Pell City, and which caused W.S. Griffith, editor of the town's first newspaper, to speak of this town as the "hub of the South." At the

time the railroad station was built, the only other building in town was the Cornett Hotel, located where the old home of R.C. Gravett stands today. The hotel was operated by J.C. Cornett, father of Hardy, Pat, Dill, and G.P. Cornett. It ceased operation when the building was destroyed by fire.

The little village was a mere infant when, on a March day in 1890, young Sumter Cogswell, on his way to Talladega, was forced to make connection in Pell City. Of necessity he spent the night there. Mr. Cogswell was in the employment of the Home Life Insurance Co. as a general agent, and he was on his way to call on A.J. Savery in an effort to establish an agency on his company in Talladega.

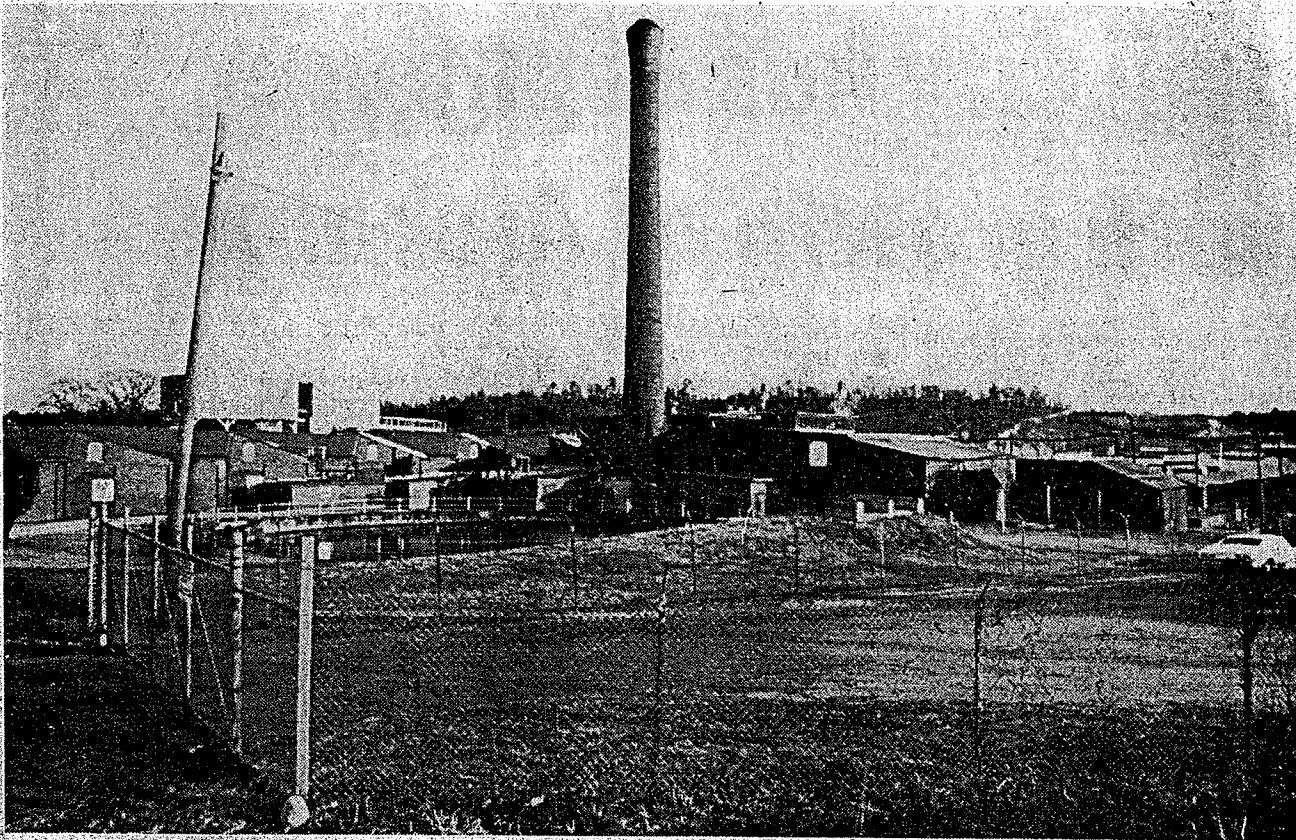
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imagination at once saw the possibility of a future city here. It was near the river. It had three railroads. It was near enough to the markets of Birmingham and Anniston. It was surrounded by fertile farm land. When Mr. Cogswell learned that Mr. Tom Plowman of Talladega was president of the Pell City Land Co., which owned the town, he paid that gentleman a visit and learned that the town was for sale. He managed to secure a two-week option, and within that time limit the land — four hundred acres — was sold to the Pell City Iron and Land Co. for \$50,000. Minutes of Probate Court at the Ashville courthouse indicate that "the town of Pell City was officially incorporated on May 6, 1891."

The new owners had the town site resurveyed, streets opened up, and several houses built. The Hercules Pipe Co., the first soil pipe plant in the South, was located at Pell City. Soon there was a second hotel, a store belonging to Mr. Lindsey, Jesse Williams' blacksmith shop, a saloon with Mr. Flanders as proprietor, a post office, and a few new houses. But the panic of 1893-94 forced the Pell City Iron and Land Co., along with the Hercules Pipe Co., into receivership. The pipe shops were moved to Anniston, which city today has the reputation of being the largest center of soil pipe manufacturing in the world.

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Avondale as it looks today

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The Cogswells moved into the house where Mrs. Starnes now lives, which

enthusiastic promoter and had the ability to instill into the hearts and minds of his fellow citizens the desire to see their town prosper.

Bays D. Cather Sr., gives a vivid description of the coming of the mills and the courthouse. Mr. Cather came from Ashville in 1902. He was editor of The Pell City News, was postmaster for two terms, and was in the mercantile business. He also owned and operated the local theater. He was married to Daisy Kilgroe of Seddon. Mr. Cather wrote:

"The year 1902 was an unusually dry year. Farmers were greatly worried. Some of them sold out and moved to Texas, Arkansas, and Oklahoma. Two good things happened to the town. Pell City became a branch county seat and the courthouse was built, and the cotton mill came to town. The spending of a million dollars for labor and materials during such a bad crop year was like receiving manna from heaven."

An ordinance passed by the constitutional convention in Montgomery in 1901 provided for a branch county seat in St. Clair County. Travel was

difficult since the county is cut in half by Backbone Mountain, and people living south of the mountain and attending court at Ashville had to travel the treacherous mountain road — next to impossible in bad weather — or go by way of train to Birmingham, from there to Whitney, the Southern station three miles from the courthouse at Ashville.

An election was held on Jan. 6, 1902, to determine the site of the branch courthouse. Four towns were asking for it: Pell City, Eden, Coal City, and Riverside. After a heated campaign, Pell City won by a majority of 600. Block 26 was purchased from the Pell City Realty Co., as a site for the building. This was known as Lacy Hill, as it had been the site of the two-story log house of Abner Lacy. Probate Judge W.S. Forman was authorized to borrow \$9,000. The money was borrowed from Mrs. Bert McLaughlin Forney, Miss Bertie Lee McClendon (Mrs. Pat Roberson), James L. Herring, and J.P. Philips. The building was accepted by the county in March of 1903, and a spring term of court was held in the Southern Judicial Division.

Shop

NOW IN OUR NEW LOCATION



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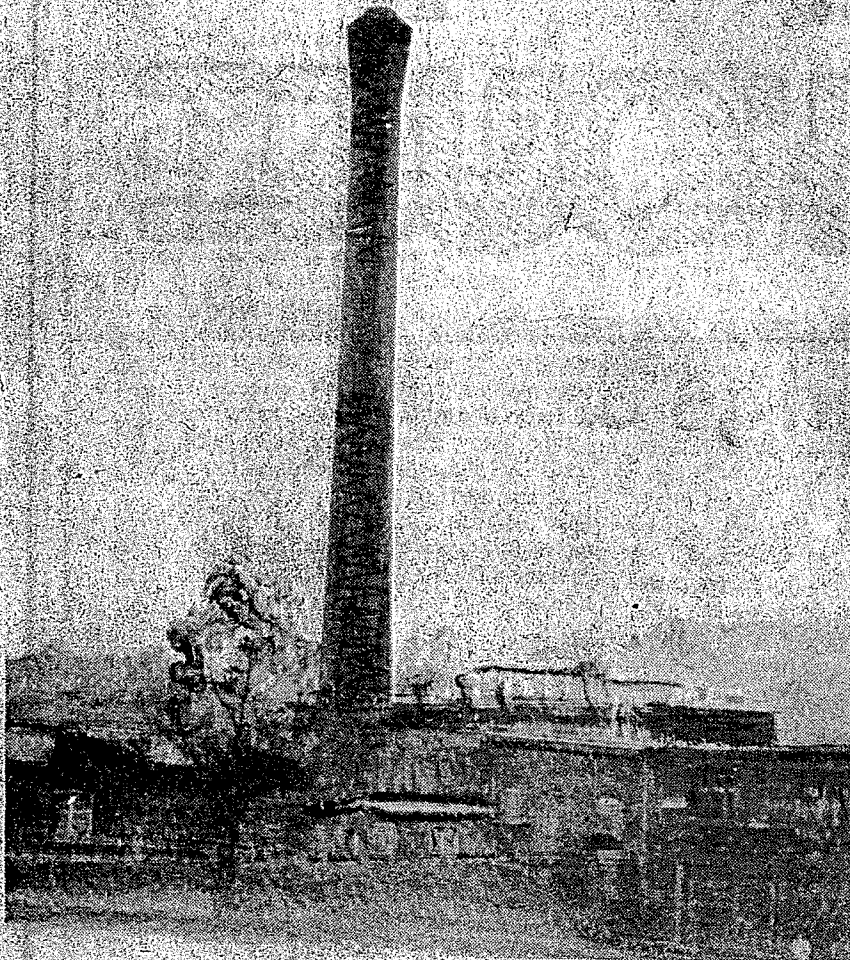
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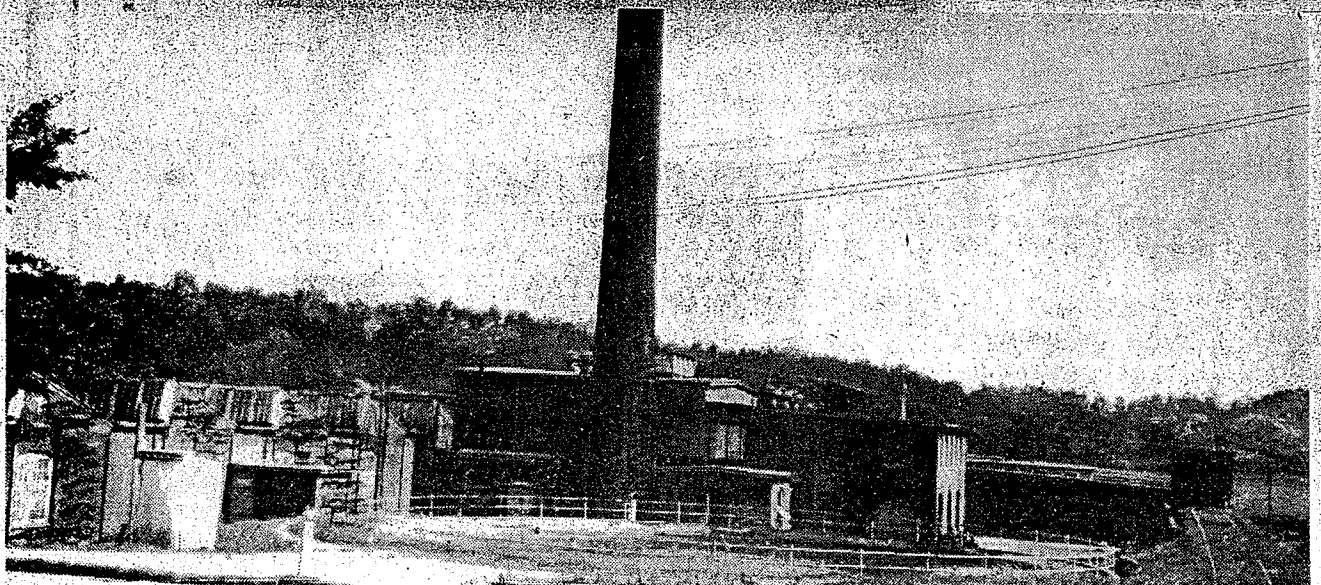
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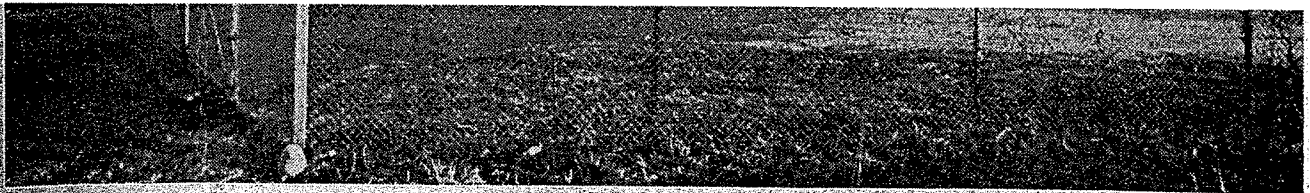
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The Cogswells moved into the house where Mrs. Starnes now lives, which occupies block number two of the original survey of Pell City. Here were born the three Cogswell daughters: Elizabeth (Mrs. Orr Starnes), Isabelle (Mrs. Dean Davis), and Mary (Mrs. Charles Balof). Mr. Cogswell had great plans for Pell City. He was an

enthusiastic promoter and had the ability to instill into the hearts and minds of his fellow citizens the desire to see their town prosper.

Bays D. Cather Sr., gives a vivid description of the coming of the mills and the courthouse. Mr. Cather came from Ashville in 1902. He was editor of The Pell City News, was postmaster for two terms, and was in the mercantile business. He also owned and operated the local theater. He was married to Daisy Kilgroe of Seddon. Mr. Cather wrote:

"The year 1902 was an unusually dry year. Farmers were greatly worried. Some of them sold out and moved to Texas, Arkansas, and Oklahoma. Two good things happened to the town. Pell City became a branch county seat and the courthouse was built, and the cotton mill came to town. The spending of a million dollars for labor and materials during such a bad crop year was like receiving manna from heaven."

An ordinance passed by the constitutional convention in Montgomery in 1901 provided for a branch county seat in St. Clair County. Travel was

difficult since the county is cut in half by Backbone Mountain, and people living south of the mountain and attending court at Ashville had to travel the treacherous mountain road — next to impossible in bad weather — or go by way of train to Birmingham, from there to Whitney, the Southern station three miles from the courthouse at Ashville.

An election was held on Jan. 6, 1902, to determine the site of the branch courthouse. Four towns were asking for it: Pell City, Eden, Coal City, and Riverside. After a heated campaign, Pell City won by a majority of 600. Block 26 was purchased from the Pell City Realty Co., as a site for the building. This was known as Lacy Hill, as it had been the site of the two-story log house of Abner Lacy. Probate Judge W.S. Forman was authorized to borrow \$9,000. The money was borrowed from Mrs. Bert McLaughlin Forney, Miss Bertie Lee McClendon (Mrs. Pat Roberson), James L. Herring, and J.P. Philips. The building was accepted by the county in March of 1903, and a spring term of court was held in the Southern Judicial Division.

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WE LOAN MONEY ON ANYTHING OF VALUE

**At Sutherlin  
We've Got Old Fashion  
Prices Everyday!**



<p><b>Fred J. Kiesel, or Ogden.</b></p> <p><b>Financial and Commercial.</b></p> <p>The Pike Manufacturing Company, wholesale dealers in plumbers' supplies, Boston, with works at Pell City, Ala., has assigned. Liabilities and assets at present unknown.</p> <p><b>Personal.</b></p> <p>Rev. Dr. T. Dewitt Talmage intends to embark on the steamer City of New York</p>	<p>Je in th ed ni 00 ste</p>
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—A party of Northern capitalists have been at Pell City, St. Clair county, where they have let the contract for the immediate erection of a cotton factory. The building is to be four stories high, 300x100 feet. The capital stock is placed at \$150,000, and they will manufacture heavy and light goods.

—At Houston, Tex., the Texas Pine Timber Company, a New England syndicate, has effected the largest timber sale ever recorded in the South. The

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The annual meeting of the Pell City Iron and Land Company was held several days ago. There was a large amount of the stock represented and the election of officers was harmonious. Mr. William A. Steere made a full statement of the progress of his cotton mill enterprise and also reported rapid progress of the Pipe Manufacturing Company's pipe foundry. The stockholders and land owners are feeling very happy over the prospects of having in the near future two large manufacturing establishments in operation. The cotton mill will be the largest mill in the south and one of the best equipped in the country.

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The next meeting of the Calhoun County Alliance will be held on Wednesday April 23th at Kelley's Creek.

There are 316 windows in the Pike Company's building at Pell city. The sash have been glazed, fitted and put in place in twenty of them.

Rumors are afloat that the Pullman Car Company has bought out the works of the United States Rolling Stock Company at Anniston.

The cotton factory at Pell City is about assured. A very large proportion of the stock has been taken, and the project seems to be an assured success. Cotton mills at the South are among the best paying properties in the world.

It is rumored that Talladega is to have four marriages in a few weeks. The contracting parties are trying to keep it a secret, but marriages, like murders, will out.

Rev. R. G. Pearson, an evangelist of note will commence a series of meet-

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The Hercules Pipe works will be moved from Pell City to Anniston. A deal to that effect was closed Friday and the plant will be moved at once. The Hercules company has a paid up capital of \$100,000 and at present is employing 100 men. When the removal is made the force and capacity will be doubled. The product of the plant is sanitary pipe, and the company has a constant demand for its entire output. Grading will be commenced on the new site Saturday morning, and the work of removal will begin Monday morning. It is hoped to have the plant in operation again in five or six weeks.

The Afro-Alabama Cotton Mill Company has been organized at Anniston by the election of W. I. Strong, Hand-

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<p>s.</p>	<p>L. W. Allen, a saloon keeper at Pell City, was shot and killed by a negro woman because he refused to sell her whisky after she became intoxicated.</p>	<p>f a n</p>
<p>With a</p>	<p>E. B. McGuire and E. J. Hyche, while blasting rock on the Cahaba river in Bibb county, were blown up by dynamite, but neither were seriously injured.</p>	<p>G c V</p>
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platform. It was believed that seven negroes were killed and as many more wounded.

### A Train Goes Through a Bridge.

ANNISTON, Ala., Oct. 8.—The passenger coach, mail and baggage car and two coal cars of a mixed train on the Birmingham & Atlantic road went through the bridge over the Coosa river yesterday afternoon. The train was en route from Pell City to Talladega and had few passengers, a white woman and children and a negro. The negro was killed, and the woman and children were with difficulty rescued from drowning. Several people were injured, among them the conductor, fireman, mail clerk and baggage master, but none dangerously.

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The East and West is a railroad running from Cartersville, Ga., to Pell City, Ala., a distance of 117 miles. This road runs through a good country and is a splendid piece of property, but has no outlet, and for this reason never has been a paying investment to its owners.

The buying of the Highland Avenue and Belt by the owners of the East and West means that it is to be extended from Pell City to Birmingham, a distance of thirty-six miles, and this extension which will make the road much more valuable than it is, by giving it an outlet, will also open up the Black Creek coal fields, which are very valuable, to say nothing of the numerous industries of that section.



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**THE SEABOARD'S DEAL**

**It Will Shortly Go Into Chattanooga, It Is Understood.**

(Atlanta Constitution.)

The report that the Seaboard Air-Line has purchased the East and West railroad, running from Cartersville to Pell City, Ala., and extended the line from Cartersville to Atlanta, has been published in the Constitution.

While this transaction has not been officially announced as having been accomplished, it is stated on high authority that it is true. It is understood that the Seaboard will begin its extension of the East and West to either Atlanta or a point on the Belt Line, on the suburbs of the city, in a few weeks.

An additional rumor is to the effect that the line is to be built into Birmingham, and from there to Chattanooga. The Times, of Chattanooga, publishes this story:

"Another great railway for Chattanooga.

"The great Seaboard Air-Line, a railway passing through Virginia and the Carolinas to Atlanta, Ga., a railway that has never defaulted on its interest and is in the hands of great capitalists, will at an early date extend its line to Chattanooga, and from here on to Birmingham, Ala. This is no new story. It has been discussed for some months past with some Chattanooga people, and various plans have been under consideration. It was at one time contemplated to take up the abandoned Chattanooga and Augusta scheme, building a new line from Gainesville, Ga., through North Georgia via Ellijay to Chattanooga. This now seems to have been abandoned, and the story now goes that the route is to be via the Chattanooga, Rome and Columbus to Chattanooga, and from here via the Chattanooga Southern to Birmingham. It is stated upon good authority that the Seaboard Air-Line has purchased the East and West road, extending from Cartersville to Pell City, Ala., a distance of 117 miles. This road is to be extended at once into Birmingham, where already terminal facilities have been secured through a suburban line. The Chattanooga Southern, which is positively to be sold by the court January 21st, is also to be extended from Gadsden to Pell City. The Seaboard Air-Line will also build from Wanda, ten miles east of Atlanta, to Cartersville, Ga., a distance of about fifty miles. Thus a complete system will be established from Norfolk, Va., via Raleigh, N. C., and Atlanta, to Chattanooga, and via Gadsden to Birmingham, also via Cartersville and Cedartown to Birmingham via Pell City. The Chattanooga, Rome and Columbus, the Chattanooga Southern, and the East and West roads will all thus be brought into great prominence. The benefit to Chattanooga will be very great, as it will give this city another and very important outlet to the sea. Further developments will be awaited with interest."

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Jas. F. Roberson, of Seddon, was paying his respects to one of the city's belles last week.

S. E. McLellan is nearing the completion of a telephone line from Easonville via Cropwell to Pell City.

People selling cotton at 7 cents. Not much pay in it, when it would have brought 8 cents.

Larkin Sides, who carries U. S. mail from Pell City to London, happened to a very bad accident Thursday. His horse ran away with him and threw him out of his cart, bruising his shoulder and side considerably.

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March 16, 1896.

<p>is ticket, they ap-</p>	<p>supported and continued us in that fight. The same constituency that supported me then are working with me now, as to nineteen-twentieths of it."</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>An Alabama Hotel Burned.</b></p> <p>ANNISTON, Ala., Oct. 3. — The St. Charles hotel, at Pell City, has been destroyed by fire. None of the furniture or other household effects were saved, and the proprietor and his family with several guests barely escaped with their lives. The hotel was a 20-room structure, and was valued at \$10,000. It is not known how the fire started.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>For a Continuous Line of Cold Storage.</b></p> <p>OTTAWA, Oct. 3.—In the house of commons Minister of Agriculture Fisher said that the government intended to make arrangements for a continuous line of cold storage from the point</p>	<p>one re cleanli organs all imp ficial e chase, t cle, wh fornia all rept If 'n and the other re afflicted may be physicia one sho well-int figs sta used an</p>
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### Pell City, Ala.

**SOLD OUT TO A SYNDICATE.**

Special to The Times-Democrat.

MONTGOMERY, March 27. —The vast property of the Pell City Land Company has been sold to a syndicate of New England capitalists, who expect to go to work at once and develop it. The car shops of the East and West Railroad are now being located, and other enterprises are being started. The East and West road runs from Cartersville, Ga., to Pell City, Ala., the latter place being eight miles distance from Anniston, at the junction of the Georgia Pacific and East and West railroads, and within a few miles of the Coosa river. The whole country abounds in rich agricultural and mineral land, with a large population of industrious white families.

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### A New Town

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### First Class Painting for Little Money.

When you get ready to have your painting or papering done, call at the Eufaula Paint and Wall Paper Store to get

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**Pell City, Ala.**

is located on the line of the Georgia Pacific Railroad running from Birmingham to At- lanta and about midway between Birmingham and Anniston, and

**In the Center**

of the richest Coal, Iron and Lumber region of Alabama. The East & West R. R. of Alabama and the Talladega & Coosa R. R. have each recently extended their lines to this point and established their permanent terminals here. Recognizing in Pell City the splendid location for a

**Large Industrial City**

about one hundred leading and progressive men from Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Tennessee and Alabama, organized the Pell City Iron & Land Company with a

**CAPITAL STOCK OF \$2,000,000**

for the purpose of building a great industrial city at Pell City. J. A. Wilder, of Wind- sor, Vermont, who has been associated closely and interested with W. P. Rice, presi- dent of Union Investment Co., of Kansas City, Mo., for years is the president, and G. N. Henson, president of the Citizens Bank and Trust Co., of Chattanooga, Tenn., is treasu- rer of the company. The Directors are men of means and high standing, Vermont, Mas- sachusetts, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Alabama and Georgia being represented in the board.

\$800,000 of the Treasury Stock has been set aside for development fund, to which will be added a large per centage of all receipts from land sale.

**First Public Sale of Lots**

**May 27 & 28**

**SPECIAL RATES ON ALL ROADS.**

**The City is just starting. The Company want Everybody to Make Money**  
 and will discourage high prices. Terms of sale will be liberal.

**REMEMBER**

that Pell City has three railroads in operation; is the terminus of 2 railroads; that two more railroads are building this way; has over 40 large lumber mills in a radius of 30 miles; has 3 of the largest mills in the South, near by; has millions of tons of coal; has millions of tons of iron; has millions of feet of lumber; has a strong company behind it; has the finest water in the South; has the finest town site in the South; is just beginning and now is the time to buy; that the day of the sale is May 27 and 28.  
 Maps and full information on application to General Office.

**PELL CITY IRON & LAND CO.,**  
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Or to Branch Offices,  
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**Railroad Matters.**

The Talladega & Coosa Valley R. R. Company has sold its line from Talladega to Pell City to the Birmingham & Atlantic Railroad Co., and the following officers have been elected: John Scott, President; D. M. Rogers, Vice-President and General Manager; W. H. Skaggs, Secretary and Treasurer; W. R. Golden, General Freight and Passenger Agent; G. A. Mattison, Master Transportation and Car Accountant, and A. F. Besson, Auditor. The reason for this change is that the charter of the old company was too small.

The new company proposes to extend the line in both directions; going westward from Pell City to Birmingham, and eastward from Talladega to some eastern connection in Georgia. The eastern terminus has not yet been decided upon, but will probably be Columbus, La-Grange, or Newman. It will also construct mineral roads, ten miles of which has been completed, over the county; which will make our vast quantities of rich minerals to us what the minerals of Jefferson county are to the people of that part of the state. The officials of the road say they are going to build all the road they can, and from their past success, we may be safe in saying that the Birmingham & Atlantic will soon control a long line of road. This road has already done a great deal for Talladega and is preparing to do much more. We should take great interest in its welfare and give it our hearty support.

About ten thousand tons of ore has been mined and is ready for hauling on the new mineral extension which was built by the Alabama Construction Company and will be turned over to the Birmingham & Atlantic in a few days. This branch of the road extends from Renfro to Kynulga.

The road has changed its name twice, but it is still, and will for a long time be called the "Rogers" road by many of our people, Messrs. D. M. and D. W. Rogers being its incorporators, and now having a large interest in it.

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be held in the Chapel of Talladega College, beginning Friday the 27th inst, and continuing in session three days.

The shafting, pulleys, lathes, fan and a large amount of other machinery for the pipe works arrived Monday at Pell City, and have been hauled to the shops. Nearly everything is now on the ground necessary for getting the factory in running order.

Charles Lee has been arrested for robbing the mails at Tuscaloosa.

The E. T. V. & G. system has refused advance pay to train dispatchers.

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**A BOOMER IN TROUBLE.**

**How a Cute New Englander Played the Unwary.**

Birmingham, Ala., June 13.—Pell City is one of the towns that New England people have been promoting in this section. W. A. Steere seems to have been exploiting his New England colleagues. He was an expert accountant from Boston and to make him auditor of the Pike Manufacturing company, a few shares of stock were sold him on credit. Next the land company contracted with him to raise \$100,000 for a cotton factory, agreeing to give him a bonus and make him vice-president of the land company. Things got flat, the head men in the town boom went home and Steere took charge. He proceeded to collect bills, ordered the hotel landlord to vacate, discharged the superintendent of Pike, attempted to remove the postmaster and ran up all sorts of bills in his own name and the name of the land company. He advertised his cotton mill extensively as a fixed enterprise and his credit was high. The officials at home in New England heard of his exploits and telegraphed, repudiating the transactions and declining to pay debts made by him. Creditors became clamorous and Steere moved his seat of operations to Riverside, some thirty miles away, and began another boom with his cotton mill project. Last Monday he ventured into Pell City and the citizens held a meeting. Tar and feathers were talked of, but finally a committee of fifty were appointed, who escorted him to the corporate limits and told him to go and return no more. He came back yesterday and was promptly arrested on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses. Work on his cotton mill is suspended with a loss of \$500 to his backers. His innumerable bills are unpaid.

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Many elaborate notices of Mr. William A. Steeve's plans to build a great cotton factory, first at Pell City and afterward at Riverside, have appeared in the press. It turns out that Steeve has been playing fast and loose with everybody in Pell City who would lend him money or sell him anything. He was escorted out of the place a few days ago by fifty citizens, and warned not to return. He ventured back and was arrested on the charge of obtaining money under false pretenses.

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"I desire to call the careful consideration of the cotton farmers to this important matter. Prompt action is necessary to prevent the planting of an excessive crop."

—A party of Northern capitalists have been at Pell City, St. Clair county, where they have let the contract for the immediate erection of a cotton factory. The building is to be four stories high, 300x100 feet. The capital stock is placed at \$150,000, and they will manufacture heavy and light goods.

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**THE EAST AND WEST R. E.**

**Sold to Eugene Kelley for Twelve Hundred Thousand Dollars.**

The East and West railroad was sold at Pell City, at noon, May the 29th for \$1,200,000 in cash, and the receiver's certificate amounting to \$200,000, thus making the price paid \$1,400,000.

Eugene Kelley, the New York millionaire banker, was the purchaser, the property having been bid for by his young son, Mr. Edward Kelley.

The road was put up to the highest bidder under orders from the United States circuit court, and Mr. Kelley's was the only bid. Upon the acceptance of his bid he immediately placed in the hands of Cashier Tom O. Smith of the First National bank, of Birmingham, who was present at the sale, a duly certified check for \$30,000, being 10 per cent of the purchase money as required by law. The remainder of the money, \$1,170,000, will be paid upon the completion of the title, which will be about thirty days hence.

Special Master of the Court Fred S. Ferguson of Birmingham made the sale. He and a party of friends and capitalists left the city at 10 o'clock yesterday morning on a special train for Pell City, the train being tendered by the management of the Georgia Pacific road. The party returning arrived in the city at 3:30 in the afternoon.

Nothing is known as to Mr. Kelley's intentions regarding the property, but it has been understood that he intended purchasing it, and it was his purpose to extend the road to Birmingham without delay. It was published in the Age-Herald several weeks ago that Dr. Chase had been approached in regard to terminal facilities for the road in this city.

The East and West road extends from Cartersville, Ga., to Pell City, Ala., a distance of 117 miles, and from Pell City to Birmingham is 27 miles. The road was placed in the hands of a receiver three years ago, Col. Charles P. Ball of Montgomery, some time a member of the Alabama railroad commission, being appointed receiver.

There is little reason to doubt that the road will be extended to Birmingham.

ANNISTON, May 29.—The East and West railroad was sold this morning. A branch of the road extends to Jacksonville, twelve miles north of here, and it is the avowed purpose of the men represented by Mr. Kelley to extend the road to this city at at once.—Age-Herald.

Nothing is known as to the receiver's intention to the observed morning. The road will be extended within a few days, and veterans of war fully upon it and forgetting not of the men the later street in favor of a the dead chief exponent. In the Veterans, lioned imports and their sons join them in a that will never.

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Messrs. J. A. Savery, Jno. B. Knox,  
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<p>ally, ly. g for ain- ntire g all ong tion-</p>	<p><b>Florence. — Charles Revelle is starting a steam laundry.</b></p> <p><b>Cross Plains.—The Pell City Land Co., previously reported, has been organized with Thomas M. Levy, of New York, as president; John W. Inzer, Ashville, vice-president; T. S. Plowman, Talladega, secretary, and Mr. Levy, New York, treasurer.</b></p>	<p>By Issued shall &amp; P. I I will court state the hi day th follow The N and N N W range</p>
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### Good Railroad News.

We learn that trains on the East & West road ran into Pell City last Monday evening. The Talladega & Coosa Valley road will reach the same point in about ten days. There connection is made by the T. & C. V. with the Georgia Pacific for Birmingham and with the East & West for Cartersville, Atlanta and other points in Georgia. This is an important connection and we rejoice at the prospect of its early consummation. All our citizens say: "Hurrah for D. W. and D. M. Rogers! the livest, most progressive and most active saw mill men to be found 'in these parts.'"

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Special to the Advertiser.

ASHVILLE, August 12.—Crop prospects are very promising, no material damage being done by the recent rains. Cotton is unusually large, but well fruited. Our farmers report the best corn crop for years.

The East & West railroad will be completed to Pell City by the first of September. The contract for building the union depot at Pell City was awarded to Mr. Wallace, of Cartersville, Ga., at the price of twenty-four hundred dollars.

**GREENVILLE.**

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GREENVILLE, August 13.—The first bale of new cotton raised in Puter county was receiv-

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DISPATCHES from New York announce the failure of the firm of Grovestein & Pell, stock brokers of that city. Mr. Pell, of this firm, is the President of the East and West Railroad, and is the gentleman for whom "Pell City" was named. The failure is said to have been caused by the firm carrying large blocks of East and West and Rome and Decatur stock at a high price and being unable to realize upon it. The liabilities amount to one and a half million of dollars, with nominal assets sufficient to cover.

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## TALLADEGA.

Special to the Advertiser.

TALLADEGA, September 8.—The East & West road and the Talladega & Coosa Valley road was connected at noon to-day and brought John Postell, vice-president and general manager of the East & West road; Perry M. Dellon, president St. Clair coal mines; J. W. Sleight, contractor East & West road; R. C. Adams, D. B. Freeman, Thomas H. Boaz, Cedartown; J. R. Nutting, Atlanta; Charles H. Smith, W. C. Baker, O. M. Willingham, Cartersville; arriving at Talladega at 7 o'clock. The party came to inspect and invest in Talladega dirt. They were located at the Exchange Hotel. Mr. Postell is the guest of Mayor Skaggs. The party meets at the Bank of Talladega to-night where a bounteous wine supper will be spread. A committee of fourteen met them at Pell City. Mr. Levey, one of the directors of the East & West road, of New York, and others will be here to-morrow.

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<p>beau-  ville, the V. A. n on and Miss d to ords m of  ad- has vspa- say t she give loth</p>	<p>balance into the state treasury, which was done the first day of this month.</p> <p>According to the Ashville Ægis, Pell city, four miles from the Coosa, on the Georgia Pacific, midway be- tween Anniston and Birmingham, is the coming capital of St. Clair. It has three railroads, six daily trains, a union depot, a telephone, and is soon to have a \$7,000 hotel. Well, a few years ago, in the west it was a little dangerous for an immigrant wagon to stop a day or two, on the plains, lest a city would spring up so that he couldn't find his way out of town. The tide of develop- ment has turned South; immigration is sure to follow. In Alabama there is room for a good sized city almost anywhere.</p> <p>It may be interesting to note the</p>	<p>il's gom vers mou from four abo the to h  A afte from Nia the in c visi roo orde One ty, Lien ed v</p>
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The depot at Pell City was struck  
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The Ladies' Missionary Society  
held their first meeting last week.

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<p>arly m- ce, nts ner nce em- een his ho- n a an fty</p>	<p>past year leaving him an aggregate of \$14,000, so that he is rich.—Detroit (Mich.,) Sunday Sun, Feb. 3.</p> <p><b>The St. Clair County Site Election.</b></p> <p>The election for the location of the court house of St. Clair was very exciting. The following is the result:</p> <p>Pell City, 701; Ashville, 632; Springville, 497; Broken Arrow, 243, Centre, 249; Foreman's Farm, 37; Riverside, 193.</p> <p>The two highest will be voted for again in a short time.</p> <p><b>Chronic nasal catarrh positively cured by Dr. Sage's Remedy.</b></p> <p><i>Bellwood Bridge at Dufurbridge</i></p>	<p>in the for lec sho the ma the Th ito the pos he cha wil of I</p>
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**CHURCH NOTES.**

**Clippings From the State Press on Religious Matters.**

The Pell City Echo says: Rev. E. Stillwell, of Nashville, Tenn., is carrying on a series of meetings at the Baptist church at Pell City.

The Bibb Blade contains the following: Mr. W. C. Trott has completed his part of the repairs on the Methodist church, (Wesley Chapel) near Six Mile.

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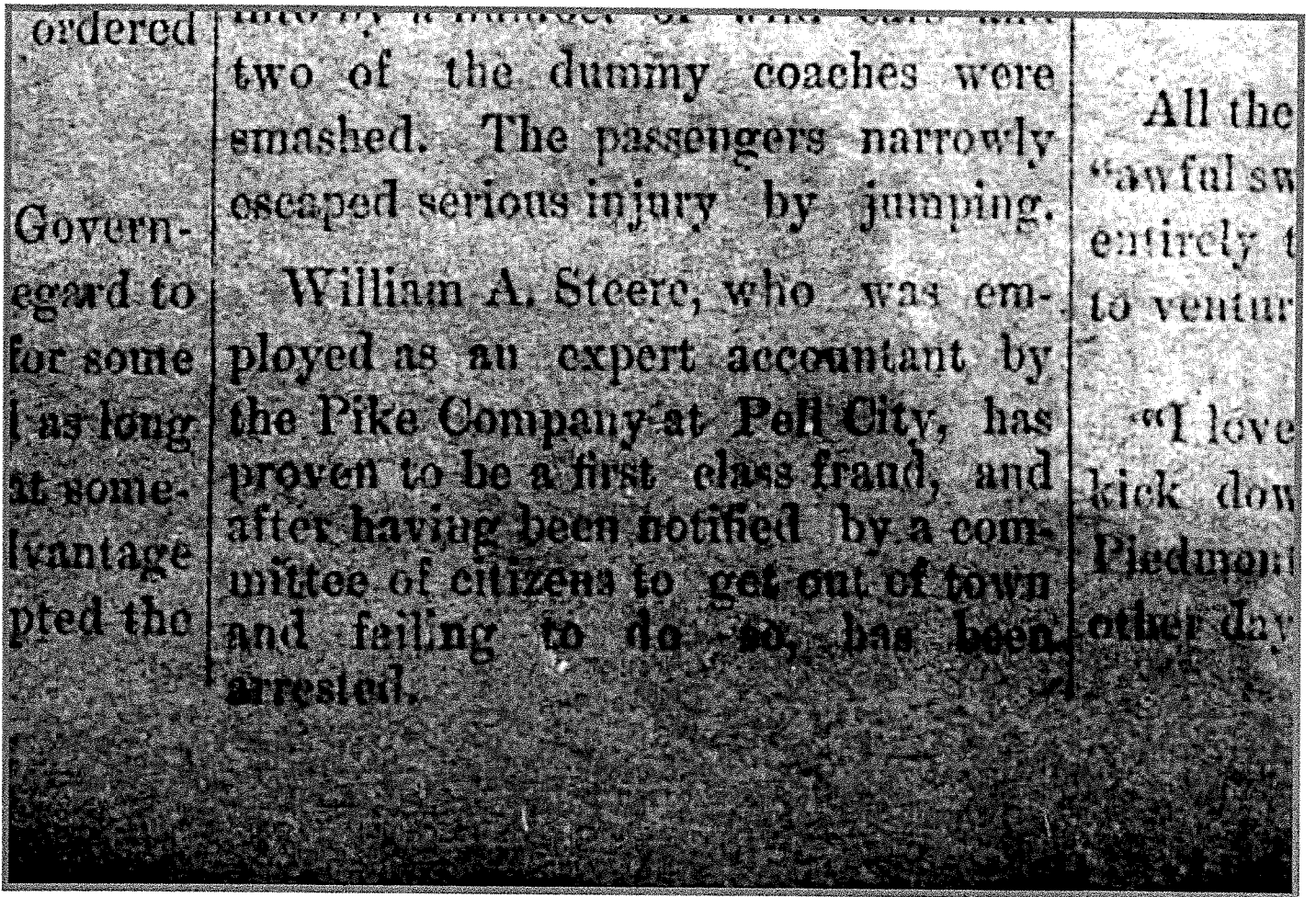
### How a Little Town in Alabama was Worked by a Sharper.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., June 13.—Pell City, a small town in St. Clair county, has been the scene of much excitement recently. Some months ago William A. Steere, claiming to be a Boston capitalist started a scheme to build great cotton factories and industries at Pell City, and Riverside. He lived fast too, and entered into many big schemes. He became interested in many big companies and undertook to run their affairs to suit himself. He borrowed all the money he could and was arrested for swindling. Monday he was called upon by fifty citizens and notified he must leave town in exactly thirty minutes or abide the consequence. He was then escorted by the committee to the town limits and left. Thursday he returned and was arrested for obtaining money under false pretenses. Steere was thought to be immensely rich. The excitement runs high.

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The writer of the anonymous letter to Gov. Jones, Amos L. Griffith, is about 65 years old, and a native of Jasper, Tenn., where for many years he conducted a Republican paper. He moved to Pell City five years ago when he became a rabid Farmers' Alliance man, and subsequently a Populist. He has always been considered a crank, with a taint of insanity, his father having been confined in the East Tennessee Insane Asylum on two occasions. He has a passion for letter writing, and probably there is not a public man of any note in this country who has not received one or more letters from him.



The oldest college in the United States is Harvard, founded in 1638.

## ARSON AND MURDER.

TERRIBLE THREATS AGAINST THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF ALABAMA.

Montgomery Advertiser, 13th.

The Governor gives out for publication to-day a letter to Mr. Amos L. Griffith, of Pell City, Ala., which appears below. It is an answer to an anonymous letter sent the Governor by Mr. Griffith, and is the result of disclosures in which the people of Alabama will be profoundly concerned. The anonymous letter is also published below.

Last year the Governor received a good many threatening letters in his mail, but invariably threw them in the fire. For a while these letters ceased, but of late they began coming again, and from different parts of the State. The writers of some of these anonymous letters, however, were friendly, and they bore internal evidence of truthfulness. One of them, for instance, written in a very illiterate hand, told him of overhearing two men in St. Clair county discussing how to do away "with him and two men in Selma, named Peters and Conkling, all at once, when there would be nobody at all."

Evidently the two men spoken of were Speaker Pettus and President Compton, and the conspiracy was to put all three away at once, when there would be "nobody at all" as far as the Governorship is concerned. The threatening letters had been coming from so many sources that the Governor thought it time to begin to investigate, and while he attached no importance to the threats, he thought it best to privately write President Compton and

Speaker Pettus of their contemplated taking off.

On the 31st of November last, the Governor received a very blood-thirsty anonymous communication, copies of which, with request to publish, were at the same time sent to the Age-Herald and Montgomery Advertiser. The envelopes in which each of these letters were addressed bore the post mark "Pell City, Ala., Nov. 30th." On the left-hand corner of the envelope addressed to the Governor, as well as on those sent to the Age-Herald and Advertiser, was a printed request to return to writer, the greater part of which had been erased and blotted with writing ink. To make assurance doubly sure on the letter sent Governor Jones, as well as on those sent to the papers, stamps had been placed over the erased request to return. It was an easy matter, however, by the use of acid to remove common ink stains and decipher by the aid of a magnifying glass from what was left of the printed words "Return in 10 days to J. A. Embry, physician and surgeon, Kelley's Creek, Ala." This much was ascertained by a Post-office Inspector, the contents of the letter being such as to infringe the postal laws. The Inspector called upon Dr. J. O. Embry, formerly of Kelley's Creek, but now of Riverside, he being the only physician by the name of Embry who had lived at Kelley's Creek, to learn what he knew about the matter. Dr. Embry had no knowledge about the letter and insisted that no envelopes of his had been used by any party for such purpose. He informed the Inspector that a year or so ago, while practicing at Kelley's Creek, he had ordered a number of envelopes from W. S. Griffith, who was running a job office and publishing a newspaper at Pell City, and who was the son of Amos L. Griffith; but that he refused to receive the envelopes with the printed request, because his name was wrongly printed "J. A." instead of "J. O." as ordered. When W. S. Griffith removed his printing office from Pell City, the old stock was left in the possession of Amos L. Griffith, who still resides near Pell City, and it was found that he frequently used these rejected envelopes in his correspondence. It was also ascertained that Amos L. Griffith was in Pell City the day the letters were mailed, and that he was an extreme Populite in his sentiments, and rabid and denunciatory against Democrats. Still, this was not conclusive, and as the Inspector had not time to follow the matter up, a very skilled detective from Chicago, who was then in the State, engaged in ferreting out gin posters, was called in. He visited Amos L. Griffith, ostensibly to inquire as to the desirability of lands and homes in the vicinity, stating that he might locate, and Griffith became quite communicative. He gave the detective, who was from Illinois, his opinions about the political situation. Among other things in one of these conversations, he said: "That the Democrats deprived the Populites of their rights in the last State



might locate, and Griffith became quite communicative. He gave the detective, who was from Illinois, his opinions about the political situation. Among other things in one of these conversations, he said: "That the Democrats deprived the Populites of their rights in the last State election, but we are going to stop it by bullets, if necessary. We must handle this case just as I and others did in Tennessee after the war, when the Ku Klux were trying to drive the Union men out of the neighborhood. After they had whipped one of the Union men I went to a man named Pryer, whom I suspected of being associated with the Ku Klux, and told him that if any more of the Union men were whipped, we had sworn to burn his house down and shoot him by the light of the fire as he ran out. Pryer denied any connection with the Ku Klux, but the notice had the desired effect, as no more Union men were whipped in that locality. This is the way we must handle this case."

The detective left, and Amos L. Griffith wrote him a business letter using the identical kind of envelope, size, color, style and printing, with those enclosing the anonymous letters to Governor Jones, the Age-Herald and the Advertiser, but made no attempt to erase the printed matter. The stamp was put midway over it, leaving the letters well displayed on either side. The handwriting in all these letters is evidently the same, and, though disguised in some of them, all were undoubtedly written by one and the same person. These facts left no doubt who the writer of the letter was, and there was some other evidence which the Governor declined to make public. Griffith is about 64 years of age, and now resides near Eden. He enlisted in the Union army from East Tennessee in the late war, and after its close returned to his home there, and for many years edited a Republican newspaper. He then came to Alabama and was appointed postmaster at Eden by President Harrison, which office he held for about two years. He has always been a bitter Republican, until lately when he joined the Populites, and is noted for his harsh sayings about Democrats.

the ANONYMOUS LETTER.

"Headquarters of the Avengers of the People's wrongs.  
 "To Thomas G. Jones, acting Governor of Alabama :

Sir—This is to notify you that the Avengers of the people's wrongs are now fully organized and ready for action in every beat in the State. We are fully armed with all the missiles of death necessary to carry out our plans, including fire and poison. Now this is to notify you and your henchmen that we are going to have an honest count of your life, and the life of every dishonest officer and inspector connected with holding the elections in the several beats in the State. There are three Avengers on your track, that keep watch of you day and night, ready to take your life in the twinkling of an eye, when the command is given them. This is no idle threat. We mean business. Your militia is no protection to you—if you go in the open air, you cannot get enough men around you to get out of reach of our sharpshooters. If there is one fraudulent vote cast by your connivance in any beat in the State, or by the connivance of any officer appointed by you, we will kill you and also that officer, even if we have to set fire to your house at night and shoot you by the light of the fire as you run out. We are not in favor of destroying property, if we can kill you without it. Neither do we like to take the life of any one if we can secure our rights without it. We repeat, we have never less than three and sometimes four or more on your track day and night with poison and other death-dealing agencies with which to kill you.

It is in your power to perhaps save life and destruction of property by instructing your agents to act honest in holding elections, and counting the votes honest, and making true returns of the same. Insist on their doing right for your life as well as theirs is the forfeit if they do wrong.

By order of the Grand Commander of the Avengers of the people's wrong."

THE GOVERNOR'S REPLY.

State of Alabama, Executive Department, Office of the Governor.  
 Montgomery, Dec. 10th, 1893.

St. Anne L. Griffith, Fall City, Ala.:

Your anonymous letter, mailed at Fall City on the 20th of November, has been received. I had long since been informed of your organization, its designs, and somewhat as to its membership. Perhaps my only reply should be to send you over to the office of justice.

It is, however, quite evident to me that false teachings and advice have induced you to say and do things in this connection which now you have no intent to prevent. If there shall be some authority to hand down the responsibility of the crimes of arson and murder you disclose, there can be found

far more culpable than you. The real promoters of the conspiracy are journals and speakers who, for political ends, seek to incite the ignorant and lawless to deeds of violence against officers of the law, by foul misrepresentations, vituperation and incendiary utterances, specific enough to suggest the desired end, yet clothed in conditional generalities, with the vain hope of absolving them from accountability to law or the people, if their teachings bear the desired fruit. For these reasons, although you have been discovered, it is not proposed to disturb you for your past acts.

But there are reasons such that it is my imperative duty not to disabuse the conspiracy in which you are engaged, without bringing home to you and to those you represent some solemn truths; to the end that the unwary and uninformed may no longer be trapped, and that those who have already been duped and betrayed, may find opportunity for repentance and escape. Men who secretly conspire for unlawful ends are never at a loss for excuses. To those who stoop to murder for political ends, all elections become "dishonest" when they register defeat; and the descent from a conspiracy to murder if elections are not honest, to a conspiracy to murder if elections do not result as desired, is easy and inevitable.

The sham and insincerity of the clamor of fraud, sufficient to change the result of the State election, which is one of the pretexts for banding to regulate elections by murder, have long since become apparent to public opinion, after full opportunity to weigh its origin and motives and the witnesses behind the clamor. The people have not forgotten that the cry was formulated long in advance of the election by men, who in times past were themselves "chief spoilers of the people's ballots," and that the cry was pressed with the threefold purpose of giving their followers an excuse and incitement to fraud in their behalf, drawing attention from their own contemplated work in that direction, and furnishing a basis for the chief of the party with whom they were allied to intervene in State affairs, in event of his success in the National election, and forcibly displace with his auxiliaries the officers whom it was plain the people would elect. They remembered, also, that the party which elected the present Governor, and every

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 elected the present Governor, and every  
 other Governor of Alabama since 1874,  
 at every election since, has been system-  
 atically pursued by the same cries from  
 practically the same opposition, and that  
 it was again brought forth in behalf of  
 men who although receiving a benefit of  
 a majority of the negro vote throughout  
 the State, and ignoring phenomenal local  
 majorities, beyond the comprehension of  
 the census, in their own favor; yet pre-  
 tended to be defrauded because a large  
 minority of the negro vote was cast  
 against their candidate. The people felt  
 that it would be passing strange, and out  
 of the natural course, if in choosing be-  
 tween two candidates, both claiming to  
 represent the Democratic party, thou-  
 sands of negroes had not preferred him  
 who had been assailed for extending par-  
 don, affording the protection of the law  
 and advocating efforts to educate their  
 race, rather than the other candidate  
 who denounced him for doing these  
 things.

When again the same cry was raised to  
 dispute the fairness of the stunning de-  
 feat which befell the same cause in No-  
 vember, 1892 (when the result was super-  
 vised by both State and Federal authori-  
 ty), popular opinion became disgusted,  
 and looking beneath the surface saw only  
 a low political play to trifle with the  
 happiness and contentment of the peo-  
 ple, to further future ambitions. If,  
 therefore, refusing to dignify the false  
 clamor by longer listening to it, though  
 the officer whose life you now threaten,  
 urged the people's Representatives to  
 hear and determine the complaint. The  
 vast majority of fair men in all parties  
 are satisfied that, while there has been  
 irregularity or wrong in some instances,  
 as always occur in every State election,  
 yet when all on either side are sifted  
 out, the result as declared could not  
 have been changed thereby.

The other excuses for this and kindred  
 conspiracies are also vicious and false.  
 The new election law disfranchises no  
 man, nor hinders him unduly in the ex-  
 ercise of the right to vote. It is in the in-  
 terests of a free ballot. The healthy and  
 beneficent operations of its principles  
 have long since ceased to be matters  
 either of doubt or partisan dispute.  
 Democratic, Republican and Populist  
 Legislatures, in a majority of the States,  
 have passed laws far more stringent than  
 ours. Yet there are men to-day who  
 vilely seek to stir the passions of the ig-  
 norant and uninformed to the very verge  
 of insurrection by false assertions as to  
 the effect of our law, and incendiary ap-  
 peals against it, as a monstrous conspir-  
 acy against their liberties and rights.  
 Some there are to-day who do not com-  
 prehend that in meeting and formally re-  
 solving that officers shall "cease to exist,"  
 if they do not discharge their duties fair-  
 ly, according to the decision of those who  
 threaten them with death, they are re-  
 cording evidence to put their own necks  
 in the halter, if the threatened crime oc-  
 curs, rather than doing a praiseworthy  
 act in defence of law.

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act in defence of law.

The falsity of these teachings to which your order owes its origin, is well illustrated by your threat against me. If I do not give particular instructions to election officers. You have been made to believe that the Governor has control of elections, and can give orders or instructions to affect the result. There are few so ignorant as not to know that the Governor has no more power or right than you to select officers to hold elections, control their acts, or instruct them in their performance.

The life of any one man is of small consequence in this world, and his death, whenever it may occur, little changes the ordinary course of events. If the present Governor were taken off to-day, the Constitution has already provided a successor, and were he, too, removed, it designates yet another. Governors, indeed, may be killed, but the assassins cannot kill the law of the land or suspend its operation, even as to themselves. Threats of that kind have never yet moved any manly man to disregard his duty.

No just cause was ever aided by threats of arson, murder and poison; while many a noble aspiration of a people has gone down in infamy forever, when advocated by such means. No bad cause ever triumphed by their help. Deep writ by the fingers of the Almighty in the hearts of all true men is a law of loathing and hate for the assassin, which ever lives to hunt him to his doom. When once the assassin strikes, the curse falls on criminal and cause alike, and both go down in ruin together.

Men who make such threats incite the crime, whenever and wherever that crime occurs, and they then stand out as its avowed advocates and sponsors. If the perpetrators be unknown, all men believe them guilty, and when the guilty instrument is brought to justice, suspicion still haunts them as the real authors. Their fellowmen view them with suspicion and distrust, and even when innocent they often fall victims of the people's wrath against the assassin and all who are thought to stand behind him. Even those who inspire the assassin's deed fare with infinite loathing from their dupes when caught in crime.

All the teaching of our past, and all the words of our fathers, all the men and women of this Alabama are

