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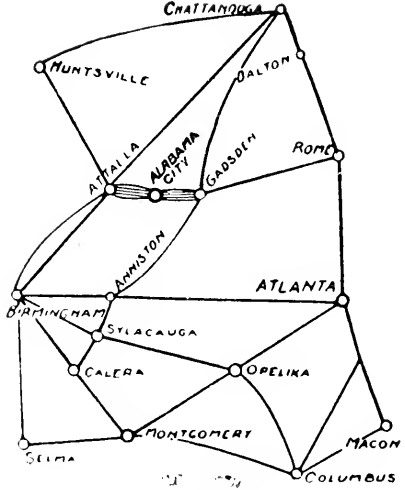
ALABAMA CITY

ITS LOCATION
AND THE ADVANTAGES IT OFFERS
THE WORKINGMAN

DWIGHT MANUFACTURING COMPANY
Alabama City, Etowah County, Alabama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DWIGHT MANUFACTURING COMPANY

COTTON MILLS

ALABAMA CITY, ALABAMA

LOCATION

Alabama City is midway between Gadsden and Attalla, being two miles from either place; fifty-six miles northeast of Birmingham, Alabama. Four railroads connect the three towns together, an electric car line is also in operation between the three places, with cars running every thirty minutes, passing within one hundred yards of the mill.

The population of Gadsden is over 8,000 people, Alabama City about 4,000, and Attalla about 3,000. These towns are in the famous "Gadsden District," in which there are many large manufacturing plants.

CLIMATE AND HEALTH CONDITIONS

Alabama City is situated in the mountains, is balmy and shady in the summer, the nights being particularly cool and refreshing. The winters are mild and pleasant, as Alabama City is protected on the north by Lookout Mountain, and the air is crisp, invigorating, and health giving. The streets and alleys back of all houses have been thoroughly graded to quickly carry off all rain water, and the gutters are paved with stone. There is no standing water left anywhere to breed mosquitoes. The ground is high, without a swamp in any place, and in consequence we are free of malaria and kindred fevers.

The healthfulness of Alabama City is one of its strong features, and an advantage no workingman can overlook, — the health of his family is above everything.

The mountain air is recognized as the best tonic, and a person will not only stay healthy, but will be quickly restored to health in these [illegible]ins.

DRINKING WATER

Alabama City has freestone, sulphur, lime, and iron waters.

Many people summer at Bellevue Heights a mile away to secure these waters. The sulphur and chalybeate mineral waters are locally famous for the benefits derived from their use.

To supplement our regular water supply arrangements have recently been made whereby, within a very short time, the best of the waters within miles of Alabama City will be piped directly to the yards of the cottages.

OPERATIVES' HOUSES

Alabama City is supplied with houses for operatives, on lots providing a large space for flower yards and vegetable gardens. The houses are of different design, beautifully painted, no two alike, and latticed underneath. Each house has a large veranda, blinds on the windows, and large cool halls. These houses have three-ply walls. The rooms are wainscotted up four feet in natural wood and then lathed and plastered. The walls and ceilings are tinted in pretty colors with kalsomine. Every house being painted a different color gives it the appearance of an individual home.

Most of these elegant and attractive cottages are owned by the Dwight Company, and all are rented to operatives at one dollar per room per month. Similar houses in Gadsden rent for four dollars per room per month, or more.

Operatives' Cottage, Rent $3.00 per Month

Operatives' Cottage, Rent $5.00 per Month

Operatives' Cottage, Rent $4.00 per Month

Operatives' Cottage, Rent $3.00 per Month

Operatives' Cottage. Rent $6.00 per Month

Operatives' Cottage, Rent $5.00 per Month

COST OF LIVING—STORES AND SUPPLIES

The Dwight Company does not run any store or commissary, but the people trade where they wish. Wages are paid in Cash on Saturdays, on which day mill stops at noon; thus allowing opportunities for operatives to shop for their supplies, etc., at any store, of which there are a number in Alabama City and near by. Coal and Wood are to be had for prompt delivery at homes of operatives at lowest current prices. The Wood is sawed and split in suitable sizes, and pains are taken to see that an ample supply of both Coal and Wood is available at all times.

Many of the people keep cows, at practically no expense, as thousands of acres of mountain pasture of luxurious grass are easily accessible, entirely free of cost. The City charges no license to the farmers, who consequently can offer for sale, at lowest prices, chickens, eggs, butter, and country produce, to people who do not raise their own.

The above advantages appeal particularly to families from the cities.

Board in Alabama City is cheap; only $2.50 to $3.00 per week being charged by families taking boarders. The Dwight Inn charges same rates.

Drug Store — Dwight Hall — General Store — and Mill Office

Village Boarding-house

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS

Alabama City is attractively laid out; all the streets are provided with walks on each side.

The streets are broad and level, and well graded, and are protected against gullying by well laid stone gutters.

The sidewalks are amply shaded by trees, which fact contributes largely to comfort in the mid-day during the summer months. The walks are paved with chert, and even in rainiest weather are never muddy.

The streets and public square are lighted every night by electricity, and the town provides police protection, so that disorderly persons are not tolerated.

Dwight Avenue

Cabot Avenue

Winona Avenue

Marston Avenue

Hinsdale Avenue

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Alabama City is protected throughout the village and mill yard by a hydrant system, supplied by a reservoir of about 2,000,000 gallons of water located on a hill about 250 feet higher than the mill.

This provides an unusual supply of water to the well organized fire department of three companies maintained at Alabama City.

In addition thereto, the Dwight Company maintains a chemical engine.

SCHOOLS

Alabama City is supplied with free schools, centrally located, and the teachers are of highest ability and character.

The buildings are modern, with large and well ventilated rooms, sufficient to accommodate all the children desirous of attending.

CHURCHES

A beautiful Union Church, erected at a large cost, is one of the most imposing buildings in Alabama City, and meetings by all denominations are held in it.

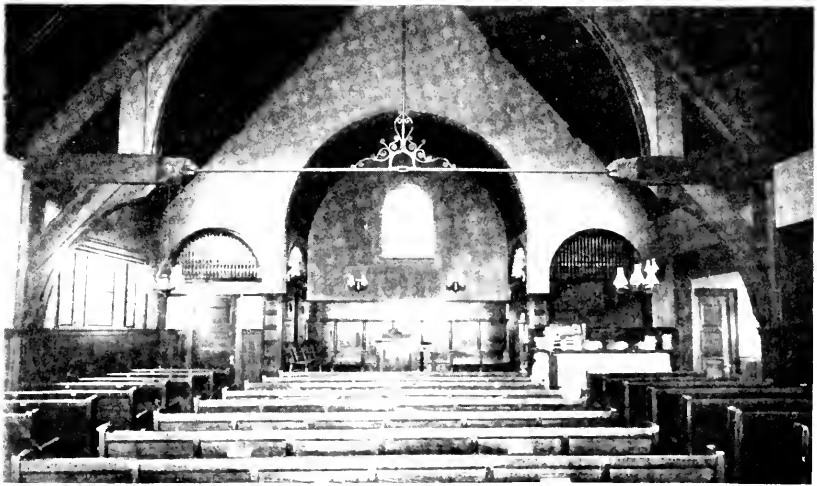
The Methodists, Presbyterians, and Episcopalians all hold service here, and the Dwight Company contributes to the support of resident ministers, and also provides parsonages without charge.

The Church is prettily situated, and within easy distance of all the homes. In winter it is amply heated by a furnace.

There is also a splendid Baptist Church building, with a good pastor and large membership.

Public School Building

Union Church



Interior Union Church

Baptist Church

FREE LIBRARY

The Howard Gardner Nichols Memorial Library is located opposite the Union Church. It enjoys the distinction of being the first Library building to be erected in the State of Alabama.

The Library is supplied with a large number of books, including educational, historic, and standard works of famous authors. Besides these are the best books for children, and the latest fiction. All the leading magazines and the local daily papers are accessible to patrons of the Library.

The Library is absolutely free, and is open from 7.00 to 9.00 every evening and between 1.00 and 3.00 P. M. on Sundays, also.

A capable librarian is in constant attendance when Library is open, and patrons may take home books, as provided for in the rules of the Library.

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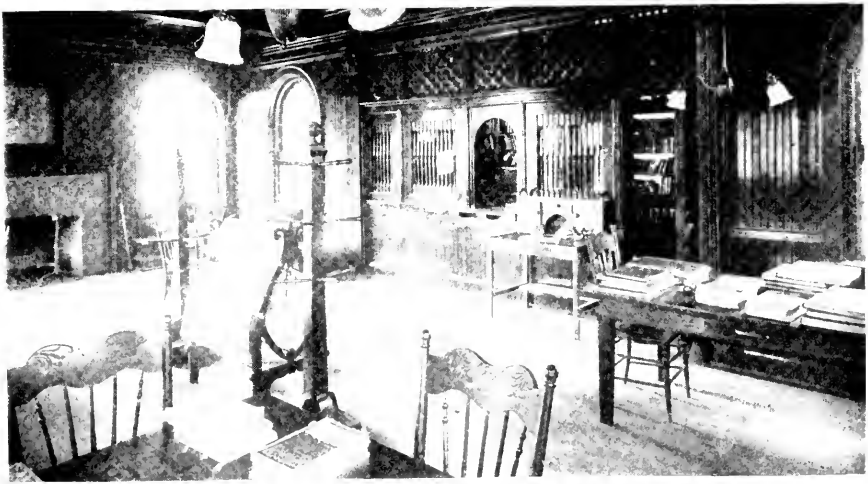


Interior of Library

LODGE HALL

The company furnishes a large, well ventilated, two-story brick building, the second story of which is used by the Masons, Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, Red Men Juniors, etc.

A separate property-room for each order is supplied, besides which are a smoking-room, large ante-room, and toilet accommodations.

Interior of Lodge Room

Coolidge

Circle

DWIGHT HALL

Alabama City has a splendid town hall and stage with an adequate seating capacity. In it are held all the public meetings, entertainments, etc., spoken of later.

CITY GOVERNMENT

Alabama City is regularly incorporated as a City, and the local government is administered by elected officials.

While whisky and beer can be bought in Gadsden and Attalla, the sale of intoxicants is strictly prohibited in Alabama City. There are consequently no habitual drunkards in the place, nor will the Dwight Company rent houses to such people.

The aim of the City Government is to encourage good Citizenship. The environments here are for good, and make Alabama City a desirable place for homes for self-respecting people. Rowdies or vagrants are not permitted here.

In addition to the foregoing conditions, covering the necessities of a comfortable home, the following pages will illustrate part of the attractions, and the provision of means of entertainment, which the Dwight Manufacturing Company affords its employees.

RECREATION PARK

A shady grove of several acres, properly fenced in, and covered with well kept lawn of closely cropped Bermuda grass, is at the disposal of all, at all times. In the centre is a large dancing pavilion, covered by a roof, with a band-stand attached.

Seats are all over the grove, and a number of swings, see-saws, etc., are at hand for the young people.

It is here that the Brass Band frequently plays for dances, and mothers and children enjoy, to fullest extent, their leisure hours in the open air amid most pleasant surroundings.

Outdoor entertainments, ice-cream festivals, etc., are frequently held here, and are greatly appreciated.

Dancing Platform, Recreation Park

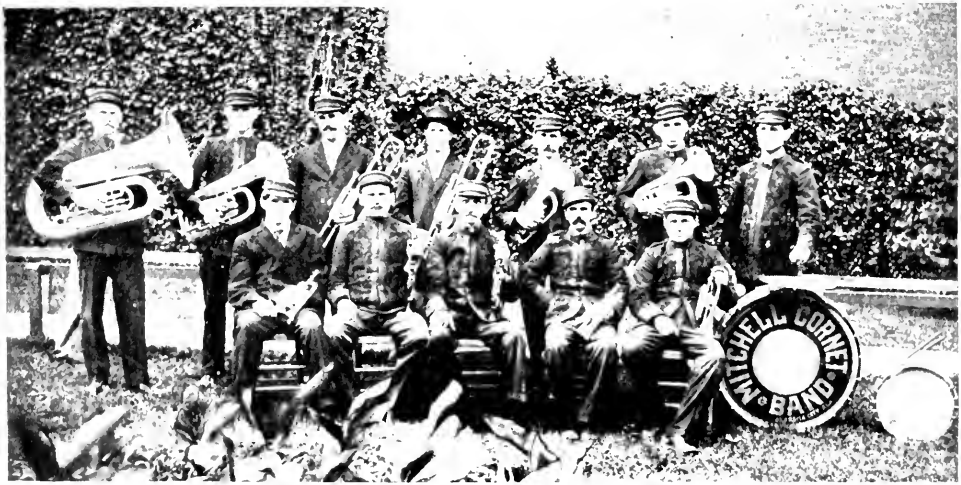
General View of Recreation Park

Sunday Afternoon

BRASS BAND

A uniformed Brass Band of twelve instruments, played by the residents of Alabama City, gives frequent concerts at the Band pavilion at the lake, and at ball games, dances, etc., and on Sunday afternoons and other occasions.

The enlistment of new-comers who desire to join is most cordially invited by the Band, who are provided a large room in one of the Dwight Manufacturing Company's buildings to practice in the evenings selected, during the week.



Mitchell Cornet Band

BASEBALL

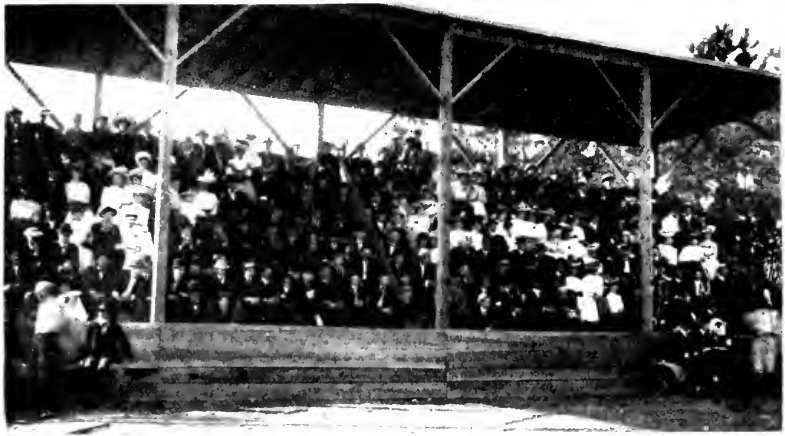
At "Dwight Park," which covers more ground than any similar park in this vicinity, baseball is played by a picked uniformed team, recruited from the employees of the Dwight Manufacturing Company.

Games are played every Saturday afternoon at the park between the "Dwights" and visitors from other cities. A covered grand-stand with comfortable seats for over five hundred people is on the ball ground, and other seats are provided.

Our team has met with great success this season, and junior teams are being organized rapidly. Good ball players will find every chance for encouragement at their favorite sport.

The "Dwights"

The " Dwights " in Action



Watching the Game

BATH HOUSE

At one end of the Lakes, which are of clear mountain water and cover about six acres, is located a bath-house. It is divided into separate parts, for the use of men and women. It contains about fifty dressing-rooms, properly fitted with seats, hooks, and racks.

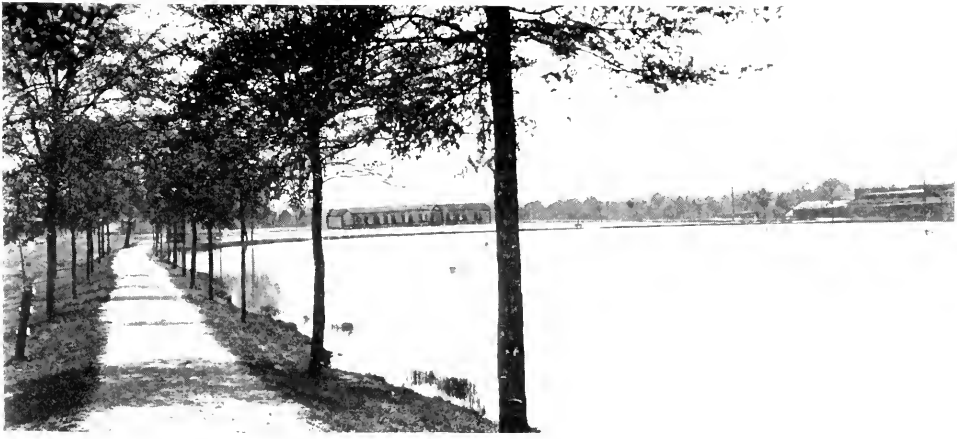
A beach is made of boards, which extends the full width of the bath-house, and ranges in depth from one to five feet, so enclosed as to make it impossible to get beyond this depth.

For expert swimmers, a springboard is provided, and diving into open lake is permitted.

A regular attendant is in charge. Bathers must provide proper bathing suits, but the use of the bath-house, etc., is entirely free.

The pastime is well patronized and is thoroughly beneficial and enjoyed by a large number of both sexes, and all ages.

Bath Houses



The Lakes — Bath Houses in distance

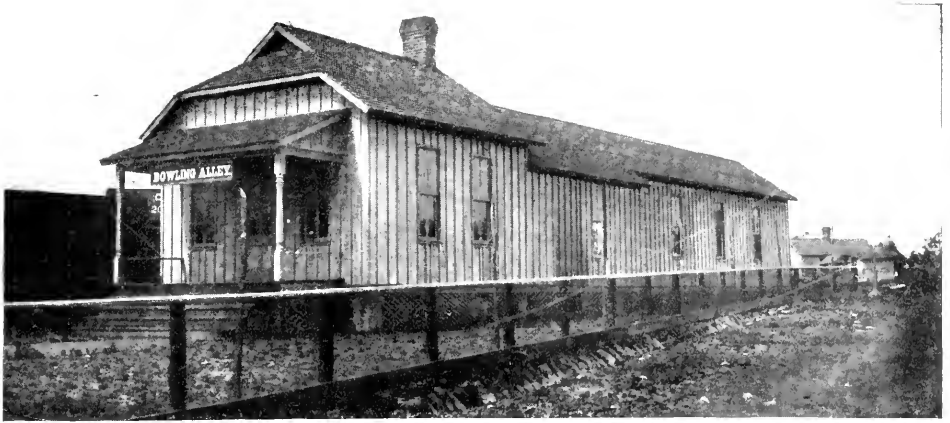
BOWLING ALLEY--GAMES, ETC.

Well-kept, electric-lighted, bowling alleys, with regular pin-boys in constant attendance, and a man in charge, are ready for use any evening, except Sundays.

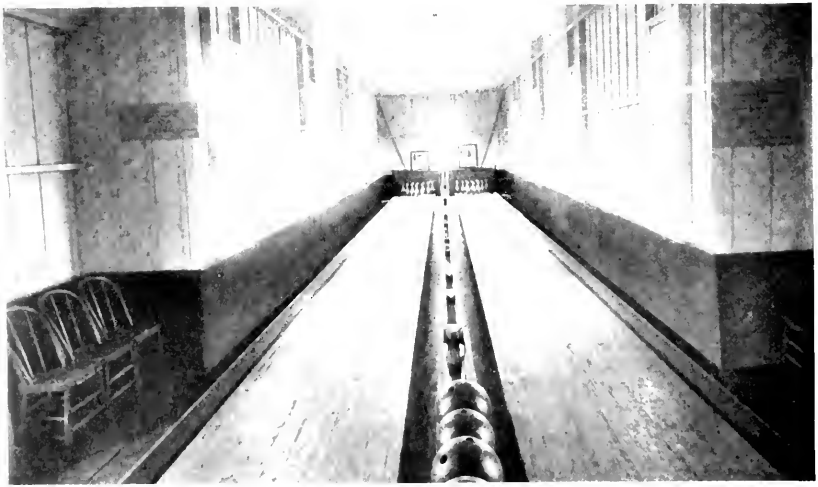
The alleys are supplied with the best equipment of ten-pins and candle-pins, and the balls are of different sizes and weights to suit bowlers.

The alleys are kept up in splendid condition at all times and some large scores are to their credit. This is a favorite winter pastime.

In the same building is a large room, at the disposal of all, free of charge, in which indoor games of all kinds, except cards, are played.



Dwight Bowling Alleys



Interior of Bowling Alleys

DWIGHT HALL—ENTERTAINMENTS, ETC.

During the winter months, regular entertainments by the Lyceum Bureau and other Companies are arranged for, and a careful selection of the many features offered has furnished plentiful amusement, and earned well-merited applause for the entertainers.

The Hall is 80′ x 100′, with very high ceiling, and well ventilated; lighted with electricity and furnished with comfortable seats.

To such traveling companies, or others as desire to use same, the hall is loaned, free of charge, to encourage entertainments of high character — which *only* are allowed — for the people.

Street Fairs, Circuses and other shows are constantly being given in Alabama City, Gadsden, and Attalla. A five-cent fare to either of the last two places from Alabama City.

Street Scene in Gadsden

THE DWIGHT MANUFACTURING COMPANY'S COTTON MILL

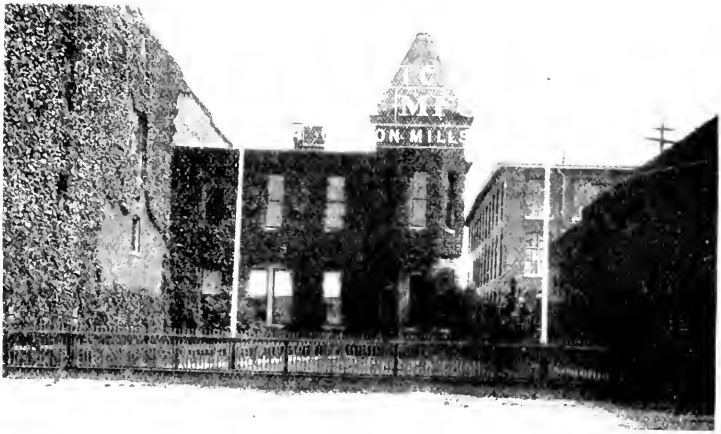
has no old machinery. The cotton used is of good quality, and is prepared by the best machinery obtainable, which is maintained at highest standard, by men steadily employed for this purpose ; the work, consequently, runs well.

The work-rooms are large, high studded, light, and well ventilated ; great attention to sanitation is insisted upon.

The mill buildings are of latest construction, and are cooled in the summer by cold air, and warmed in the winter by heated air, blown in by the ventilating system.

Free ice water in the mill is supplied, in each room, to all the operatives, all the year around.

View of Mills across Lake



Dwight Manufacturing Company Mill Office

The object of this booklet is to bring to your attention conditions, as they exist in Alabama City, — all of the above being exactly as represented and the pictures are actual photographs recently taken.

The Dwight Manufacturing Company pays the best wages, — has best mill village, — a splendid mill, — and everything for the convenience and comfort of its employees.

You will find employment with us pleasant, as all of our department heads are competent and reasonable men.

Applications for positions may be made in person or by mail to

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ALABAMA CITY, ALA.

Agent's Residence

Superintendent's Residence

Noccalula Falls — A Sunday Recreation Spot

A Spring Day

Excursion on the Coosa River

Grist Mill within Short Walk of Village

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