

# The Ritchie and Dyer Company.

## Traction Engines and Saw Mills.

MR. WILLIAM RITCHIE had been connected with the old Owens, Lane & Dyer shop for many years, and when that shop was sold in 1880 to Hoven, Owens & Rentschler Co., Mr. Ritchie, started the Ritchie & Dyer Co. there being associated with him Mr. William Dyer. There was only about two thousand dollars put into the business and the new concern had a hard time in getting along. Property was bought on the corner of Vine and Lowell Street, and the present shop erected, and new patterns were made for saw mills and traction engines. Mr. Dyer soon retired. Mr. Ritchie pushed the business and everything turned out splendidly. Selling agencies were established in all prominent cities north and south and west and the line of products was increased to include traction engines from ten to forty horsepower, and various sizes of saw mills, varying in capacity from three thousand to seventy thousand feet of lumber per day. About fifty traction engines and about three hundred saw mills are sold per year. Mr. Ritchie is President and Mr. Doeller is Secretary and Treasurer.

