Marble Firm At Batesville
Expanding
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Batesville, Aug. 31. — Edited
hitching their business charter to a bar,
B. H. Fowles and H. F. Wolford, a pioneer marble
man of the White river country, hitched their
business wagon outside the office of the
Batesville Commercial Company, this
morning. This company has been in
existence for 15 years, and has been
handled in the business for 10 years.
They appear to have developed a
market for marble in the States and
Missouri, five miles south of the
Batesville Commercial Company.

Marble from Batesville Used in
Philadelphia Buildings
Batesville, Aug. 31. — In an interview
recently with the officials of the
Philadelphia Commercial Company with
the Batesville Company here, the
officials of the Batesville Commercial
Company here solved that the company
was using the marble in the construction
of the commercial block, a 15-story
building in the new construction of
buildings in the city. During the last
three years the Batesville company
has been in the business of importing
marble from Arkansas, which it is
submitted, is the only Arkansas
company that is in the business of
mining and selling marble in the
United States. The company is
considered to be not only an equal to
any other marble company in the
United States, but it is considered to be
one of the finest marble companies
in the world. The company has
imported marble from Arkansas into
the United States for the last three
years and has been able to
supply the demand for marble in the
United States. The company is
considered to be one of the finest marble
companies in the United States.

Batesville Marble in Good Demand
Batesville, June 17 — Hoyt, nce,
operating the Batesville Marble
Company, has said yesterday that
Batesville Marble Company has been
in good demand for the last several
weeks. The company is filling orders
for marble blocks for the construction
of buildings and for marble blocks
and dimension material cut from
the company's quarry.

The black marble terrazzo mill is also
in good demand. The mill is
furnished with black marble by
crushing and screening the rocks and
making the stone suitable for
laying floors. After the black
mill is in operation it is
considered to be a fine marble
quality and is considered to be
one of the finest marble blocks
and dimension material cut from
the company's quarry. The
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fill orders for marble blocks
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the company's quarry.

A new market for black marble that
devoted during the last few
weeks furnishes an outlet for
an unused marble. The black marble
blocks are used for making terrazzo
or cutting and finishing into
specification of the company. The
company has been able to
sell the blocks for a
brick and the price
is on a par with other
blocks. The company
has been in good
demand for the last
few weeks and has been
able to fill orders for
blocks at a
reasonable price.

Batesville Marble
Discover Deposit of
Masons in Izard County
Guzon, June 17, S. E. Stone, county
superintendent, on the White River
Railroad, has received word that
the first shipment of marble from
the company will be shipped.

The shipment will consist of
four varieties of marble, S. E. Stone,
black marble, and green golden
ether. Four varieties of marble are
sold in the state of Arkansas.

In the state of Arkansas, there is
a deposit of marble that can be
considered to be one of the finest
sites in the state. The marble is
considered to be one of the finest
sites in the state. The marble is
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sites in the state.

Arkansas Marble to Be Used in
Long Island Courthouse
Batesville, Aug. 31. — S. E. Stone,
superintendent of the Arkansas
Marble Company, has said today that
a deposit of marble has been
located in the state of Arkansas.

The deposit consists of black marble
consisting of black marble, which is
considered to be one of the finest
sites in the state. The deposit is
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Batesville Marble Laboratory
Established
Special to the Gazette

Arkansas Black Marble Company has established
an experimental laboratory on the Roy
D. Crut, engineer in charge of construc-
ti on of the company's new plant at
Allum Pit, with two Bate-
sville marble quarries, they went down hunting this afternoon
and brought back 16 birds, the limit.

Black Marble Laboratory
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Black Marble From Arkansas

Increased Demand and Better Transportation Facilities Are Resulting in Wider Use of Valuable and Beautiful Marble From Independence County.

By Walter Scott.

Many indications have been given during recent months of increased recognition for one of Arkansas' most interesting natural resources—black marble.

The result of this increased use has been a boom in the black marble quarrying industry in the vicinity of Batesville. To speed up production, one company, the Arkansas Black Marble Corporation, has moved its operations from Batesville to its quarries eight miles south of the city. The change permitted the company to increase its daily capacity to 80 tons, double the former capacity.

Black marble is utilized in two forms for commercial purposes. The large pieces are cut into slabs and used for interior trim. Small pieces are crushed and screened to uniform sizes for use as a top layer on concrete floors to make them decorative.

Because of its dense black color and its susceptibility to polishing, the marble is much prized and has passed rigorous government tests and is used for interior trimming in many public buildings. It is also in demand for table tops, fireplaces, soda fountain bars, pedestals, statues and ornamental novelties.

Before Arkansas black marble became popular, the quarries near Namur, Italy, furnished most of the black stone, although a fair grade has been produced in Vermont, New York, Virginia and Texas. But authorities declare that the Arkansas black marble is the true variety yet found in this country, and because of its freedom from impurities, is of highest quality.

It is hard to understand that in chemical composition black marble is very much like sandstone. But sandstone has calcium or magnesium carbonates that are non-crystalline, while in black marble heat and tremendous pressure has caused them to crystallize.

The black color comes from bitumnesent particles. Since black marble is very porous, it does not wear well in the open and therefore is utilized largely for interior decorations, where the water and wind can not erode and crack it.

The existence of a high grade of black marble in northern Arkansas has been known nearly 100 years, but its production for commercial use started only about a decade ago. David Dale Owen, pioneer Arkansan geologist, reported as early as 1859 the presence of the stone, which he found in Independence county, near Oil Trough. Twenty years later one wagonload of the stone was quarried on a ridge west of Oil Trough, hauled by ox team to White river, and shipped by boat to Louisville, Ky., to be finished. A year after that, in 1880, three wagonloads quarried near Leslie, in Sevier county, were shipped to Kansas City.

But lack of good roads for hauling the heavy stone impeded development of the black marble mining industry until about 10 years ago. Even then, many were the disappointments encountered by pioneers in the business. In many instances deposits that appeared to be excellent, proved to contain marble with fine, white siliceous lines running through it when polished. In other cases the stone was found in boulder formation, too small for commercial blocks. Because the quarrying and processing of black marble requires heavy investment, many of the early prospectors were forced to abandon their efforts.

George Terry, one of the owners of the Arkansas Black Marble Corporation, is one of the pioneers who persisted until successful. But his efforts were based on thorough study and analysis of all possible deposits. He had numerous tests made of all samples before definitely launching into the development of his claims.

It would not seem, at first thought, that a bridge could have any important bearing on the development of an industry. But it was the completion of the new bridge across White river at Batesville in 1928 that made the proven deposits accessible and started industry. But it was the completion of the new bridge across White river at Batesville in 1928 that made the proven deposits accessible and started industry. But it was the completion of the new bridge across White river at Batesville in 1928 that made the proven deposits accessible and started industry. But it was the completion of the new bridge across White river at Batesville in 1928 that made the proven deposits accessible and started industry. But it was the completion of the new bridge across White river at Batesville in 1928 that made the proven deposits accessible and started industry. But it was the completion of the new bridge across White river at Batesville in 1928 that made the proven deposits accessible and started industry. But it was the completion of the new bridge across White river at Batesville in 1928 that made the proven deposits accessible and started industry. But it was the completion of the new bridge across White river at Batesville in 1928 that made the proven deposits accessible and started industry. But it was the completion of the new bridge across White river at Batesville in 1928 that made the proven deposits accessible and started industry. But it was the completion of the new bridge across White river at Batesville in 1928 that made the proven deposits accessible and started industry.
Black Marble Terrazzo Demand
Unusually Heavy.

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 Batesville, March 7—The demand for black marble terrazzo, which is manufactured by the Arkansas Black Marble Company here, is unusually heavy, and its terrazzo plant has been put in operation. Terrazzo is a chip made from black marble and is used in hotel lobby floors, public building floors and other floors. It is laid in concrete until the latter sets, then buffed and polished off to floor level.

Because construction of public buildings has almost stopped because of war, the demand for black marble is weak. Most of the terrazzo now being used for floors is going into rebuilt floors. The black marble quarries in Independence County are the only quarries in the United States now producing true black marble. They are located about 18 miles west of Batesville. The terrazzo plant is located at the quarry.

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Black Marble
Firm Doing Big Business

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Batesville, Feb. 8—Enjoying the best season in its history, the Arkansas Black Marble Company added additional men to its crew and installed an immense new derrick to facilitate production this week. The firm operates several quarries and a terrazzo plant near here.

But weather has hindered operations in the quarries, making activity during good weather hum.

The company has its marble finishing plant, and the commercial blocks go to a large concern at Carthage, Mo., for finishing. It does operate a terrazzo plant, however, and this plant is in operation most of the time. Terrazzo is made by crushing the black marble into small pieces, which are laid in concrete floors. These terrazzo floors are becoming increasingly popular for all types of public buildings, and black marble is one of the most popular materials used.

The company expects a record business the coming spring, and is getting ready to take care of it.

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