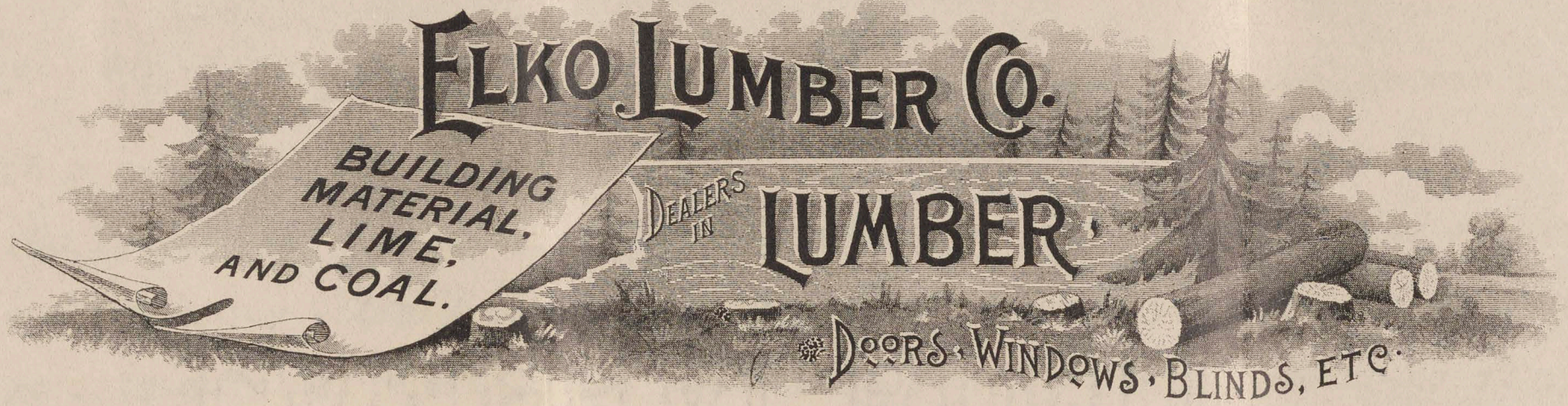


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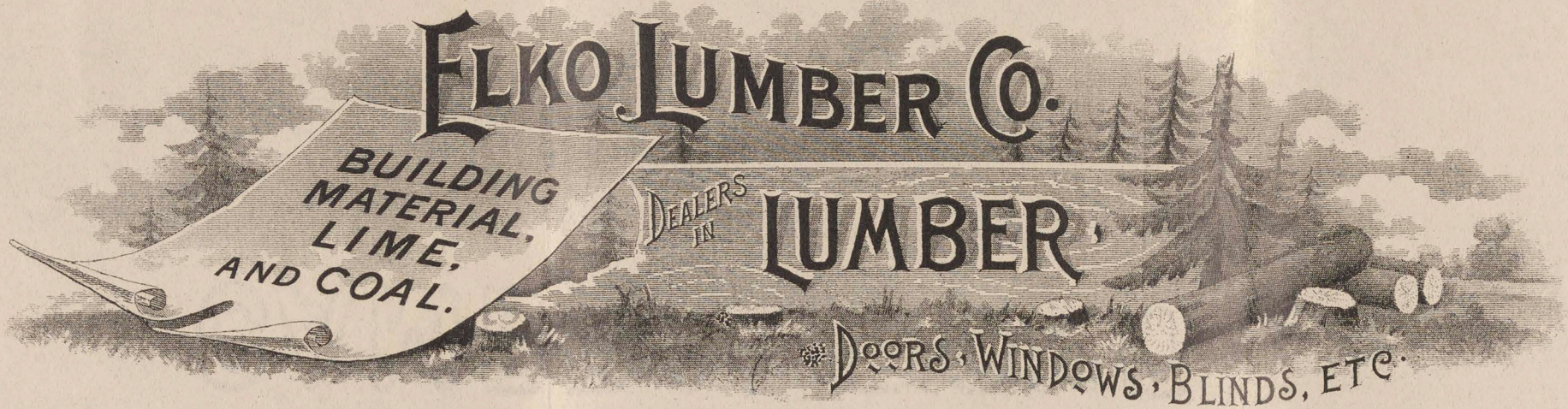
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Dear Chas:-

I have a confession to make to you but I know you will be lenient with me when you know how it was. I went to Truckee with Ethel to Joes funeral and I came down to Reno on the motor and had phoned Prof. Scrugham that I wanted to see him so he asked me to have supper with him and as I thought I would have time to see you after that I did not phone you. By the time we had supper and had gone to the university to look at some maps I barely had time to get my train. I would have stoped over one day but my father was here alone in the yard and this is a very busy time for the lumber yard. I also have put off a trip to Lamoille to measure the water out there as this is the lowest it has been for 20 years I must get the measurement.

I was sorry I could not have let you know that Prof. waste come out in time so you could have made the trip with him. We had a pretty hard trip to get to see much in the time they had to be there but they were well pleased with it and the plans are to put in a small plant now. He is making an estimate on it and as soon as he has the figures I will start to raise the money. We intend to incorporate for 25,000 and hold 10,000 in the treasury and sell the balance out there in the valley We will sell our interest for about 5,000 cash. or hold some stock in the company which I think would be much better. I, will let you know more of the plans when we know what the figures are on the plant and what we will be able to get out of it.

I recd. the power of attorney and will not use it unless we can sell



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to Wingfield as they are going to put in a power plant on South Fork and the one on Lamiolle would be far better for them and Prof. is going to see them and they may take it over. Dont mention the Wingfield matter as I am not supposed to know that they are going to put in a plant.

Well Chas there is no nwws of importance and I will close for tonight

Will write again as soon as we get some figures and tell you all about it.

*Yours,
B. J. M.*