

AT STILLWATER, MINN.

The Stillwater, Minnesota *Messenger* of July 31st furnishes the following information :

LOGS AND LUMBER FOR WEEK ENDING
JULY 31.

The regular monthly meeting of the Stillwater Lumbermen's Board of Trade was held yesterday. Ernest Hospes, president, and Sam Judd, secretary, in the absence of J. S. Proctor.

Present—Ernest Hospes, Ivory Mc Kusick, L. E. Torinus, Sam Matthews, Chas. Bean, Isaac Staples, Smith Ellison, E. W. Durant, Sam Harriman, Win. Staples, R. F. Hersey, Jacob Bean, D. Tozer, S. L. Cowan, John O'Brien, Sam. Judd, J. N. Castle, D. Bronson, Jas. Mackey, A. Tozer.

The president and secretary were instructed to make a pro rata assessment and collection of the scale made of the St. Croix corporation drive.

Voted, That on joint drives the pro rata of men allowed be in the proportion of two for long to one for short logs.

The price of scattering logs was fixed at the same figures established last month—\$10 for No. 1, and \$7 for No. 2.

The attorney for the board was instructed to proceed in the case of Lacy's scattering logs.

Trade until the middle of the week was very dull, including two small lots sold by Torinus to Sauer & Co., Prairie Du Chien, and one lot by Durant & Wheeler to Zimmerman & Pelan, Guttenberg, also a million feet small loose logs for sawing about the lake, three strings sold by Bronson to C. S. Getchell & Co., Afton, for shingles. This last mentioned lot were fair Yellow river logs and sold at \$11.50 rafted.

Wednesday Messrs. Schulenburg, Bloecker & Co. came into the market to buy stock for their mills here. Their purchases so far include James

Roney's Yellow river logs at \$11 per M feet on the stringers, Tozer & Maloy's Yellow river logs \$10.75 on the stringers, Walker, Judd & Veazie's Tewksbury logs cut on Yellow river \$10.50 on the stringers, Albert Tozer's Yellow river logs, Jas. Mathews 1,000,000 Yellow river logs, \$11. As there are but few more choice marks of short logs, Schulenburg will quite likely buy these in order to secure sufficient stock to keep their mill going the balance of the season. There are several fair lots of rafted short logs in the market, including Smith & Clendining's, Smith Ellison's, Ellison & Standard's, Samuel McClure's, Judd Orfi's, Walker, Judd & Veazie's Yellow river, Hersey, Staples & Bean's, besides other lots of desirable short logs.

We quote prices at from \$11 to 12.50 per M for choice short logs. There are in market a few Totogatics held at \$13.50 rafted and fitted of long stock. There is an abundance including all grades of white pine and Norway. There is but a light stock, however, of first-class long white pine, with a large stock of common long dimension logs.

The operations at the boom have been somewhat retarded by scarcity of help, a large number of the men having left to seek employment in the grain fields in this vicinity. Should the water not fall too fast the St. Croix boom will finish its labors for the season by August 15th. Present appearances, however, indicate that low water will prevent a considerable portion of the logs from coming through the boom.

The St. Croix has fallen from its highest stage reached at the last rise fully 9 feet and is now declining at the rate of 5 inches every 24 hours.

SHIPMENTS

Include one raft per Mark Bradley to Savana Bay for sale, Belle of Bellevue 8 strings, shipped by Torinus, Staples & Co., to Sauer & Co., Prairie du Chien.

Bro. Jonathan one log raft from Durant & Wheeler to Guttenberg, Bellevue and Cat Tail Slough.

Minnie Will, one raft from Gillespie to Lyons and Fulton.

The McDonald and Pearl came in yesterday and are waiting for trips.

The Penn Wright has completed her repairs and will arrive at the landing to-morrow. The Louisville will be in Monday and will go out for Cat Tail Slough. The Stillwater will get in Saturday noon and will leave at once for Muscatine and points above.

We learn that Capt. S. N. Cowan has purchased of S. I. Smith of Lyons Ia., all of this gentleman's Pine lands tributary to the St. Croix in Wisconsin and Minnesota. These lands are among the most valuable of the pine lands on Totogatic, Nemacogin, Clam and Yellow rivers, and Frog Lake. It is estimated that there are between thirty and forty million feet of No. 1 pine on the land purchased. The price paid is \$50,000, \$10,000 and \$0,000 a year for four years.

Mr. Smith retires from the lumber business, having erected an extensive paper mill in Lyons at a cost of \$70,000, and is manufacturing about 25 tons of paper per week, for which he finds ready sale for cash.

It is an unusual thing to start a fleet of lumber for the Mississippi on the present low stage of water; in fact we don't know if such a thing was ever before attempted; but the Weed lumber manufacturing company of Barnum started a large fleet last week. Their mill is so favorably located as to permit of their so doing with every prospect of getting out with no material hindrance. We wish the daring and enterprising company success—abundant success—*Grand Rapids, (Wis.) Reporter.*

A CONVENTION TO BE HELD AT CHICAGO.

A circular will soon be issued, by the lumbermen in Chicago, inviting a convention at Chicago in September next: The circular, we understand, is to be generally sent to the lumbermen of the Northwest, asking their opinion of the necessity of such a convention, and also asking pledges of attendance. If satisfactory replies are received by the Lumbermen's Board of Trade, such preparations as only Chicago can make, will be immediately undertaken by the Chicago lumbermen to render the convention something of unusual interest and benefit. The readers of THE WISCONSIN LUMBERMAN will soon receive the circulars asking co-operation and attendance. There is not a manufacturer or dealer in the Northwest who can afford to be absent from the convention if it is appointed to be held. Matters of vital interest to the trade will be discussed; and undoubtedly great good will be accomplished if the lumbermen of the Northwest can be made to fully realize the present situation of the trade and come to some agreement about the best policy to pursue in bringing the business of lumbering up to a point where it will at least pay a small interest on money and labor invested. Chicago is easy of access. No lumberman can afford to be absent. Pledge yourself to attend a convention at Chicago, and then go with the determination to take an active part in the proceedings, laboring for the future good of the trade.

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