

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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