LUMBERMEN’S CONVENTIONS.

Lumbermen’s conventions are getting popular. Three or four years ago a lumberman’s association was a rare thing. Now almost every important lumber market or lumber manufacturing locality is possessed of a “Lumbermen’s Association” or “Exchange” or “Board of Trade.” The lumbermen, as a class, are beginning to recognize the value of association, and the result is seen in the numerous organizations effected this season. Wisconsin and Minnesota, thus far, have not fully appreciated the situation in this respect, but it is to be hoped that the lumbermen of the northwest proper, will commence this winter the foundations of associations that will be calculated to be of decided value to themselves and to the trade. Lumbering in Wisconsin, especially, needs systematizing. We want a thorough inspection law based upon the standard adopted by the Chicago Lumbermen’s Board of Trade. The law is needed as a measure of protection, if not for the facilitation of business. There are other measures of importance for legislative action. Thoroughly organized associations can best secure results needed. It is time then that Wisconsin lumbermen began to form associations in different localities, and then all pull together for mutual good and benefit. Organizations are needed at Oshkosh, Green Bay, some point on the Wisconsin river, Black River Falls or La Crosse, Eau Claire or Chippewa Falls and at Milwaukee. The only way to obtain influence is by united effort. The lumber interest is the greatest interest in the state and it should be respected as such. Only through the medium of associations can the power for good of the lumbermen be concentrated. Let us then first have local organizations and then attempt something like a state association. Good will come of the effort. Let it be made.

THE LUMBERMEN’S CLOTHING HOUSE.

Simonds & Brooke’s—The Favorite Clothing House in the Northwest—How Mr. Simonds Went Back on Lumbering and has Established the Most Popular Wholesale and Retail Clothing-House in Wisconsin.

Simonds & Brooke’s great clothing house, 382 East Water street, Milwaukee, is the most popular house of its class among lumbermen. It is also one of the largest business houses of the northwest, their stock ranging up among the hundred thousand of dollars in worth, and occupying four entire floors of one of the largest stores on East Water street. The firm of Simonds & Brooke has always made quite a specialty of the trade from the lumbering district, and is known for its liberal dealings with its customers from those localities. Long years ago, when western New York boasted of its forests of pine, Mr. Simonds handled lumber largely and refers back to the time, thirty years ago, when clear stuff pine lumber could be had for five dollars per thousand feet; that too, in the valley of the Genesee. Coming to Wisconsin, Mr. Simonds was naturally attracted to the lumber regions and spent much time among the pineries of Wisconsin where he formed