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The Valley of the Lower Fox—The Water-powers—The Iron and Timber Resources of the North—Manufacturing Towns.

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GREEN BAY, Wis., Aug. 5.—Wisconsin presents to capital no grander field for investment, with the assurance of liberal profits, than the valley of the lower Fox river from Neenah to Green Bay. The waterpower is simply immense and very judiciously scattered as it were, nearly the whole distance of thirty miles. The raw material—iron and wood—in quantities almost inexhaustible, are barely more than a stones throw away. The grand forests of pine and all kinds of hard wood cover the entire stretch of territory from Fox River to Lake Superior. The beds of iron ore under lie thousands of acres of the same region, while Lake Superior even with its mountains of rich metal is only a days ride away. The advantages for shipment by railroad and water are not excelled by any locality. Labor is cheap because fuel and food are cheap. So that all the conditions of cheap manufactures are here fulfilled. Something has been done already, but not a tithe of this water power has been used, nor a hundredth part of this vast source of wrath utilized. A bare fringe of the forests of pine have been wrought into lumber. Before the days of railways in northern Wisconsin, many thousands of acres of valuable hardwood lands were cleared away, logged and ruthlessly burned by the early settlers, to make way for the advancing hosts of later civilization, and to provide subsistence for those already

on the ground. But now, with our railroads penetrating these forests, a value is fixed upon the timber of a considerable portion of this territory, and it only awaits the hands of capital to place it on the market and turn it into money.

At Neenah and Menasha large flouring mills and wooden manufactories have been put up and successfully operated. At Appleton an iron blast furnace, a woolen factory and several wooden manufactories are actively and profitably engaged. At Kankana and Depere large establishments of a similar character are being run with satisfactory returns, and yet many millions of dollars can find profitable investment in manufactures on these great natural water powers.

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THE total shipments from Williamsport for the season up to July 12th, is 141,737,169 feet, against 126,050,629 feet in the same time last year; or an increase in shipments this year of 15,687,530 feet. A pretty good showing for "dull times."

THE WISCONSIN LUMBERMAN speaks not of things or subjects political; but we would like to see so fine a man and lumberman as Mat. Wadleigh represent the 8th congressional district of Wisconsin, at Washington.

THE amount of logs run through the Black River boom at Onalaska is estimated at 175,000,000 feet. It is also estimated that the La Crosse mills will saw this season about 50,000,000 feet.