

THE CHAMPION SAWING.

Three weeks ago Saturday, the circular saw in the mill of E. Colby & Co., near Stanton, on the Iona & Stanton branch of the D. L. & L. M. R. R., did the champion job, which we think will be generally conceded. In eleven and one-half hours, one circular saw in this mill cut 236 logs, making 91,577 feet of lumber, 75,000 feet of which was inch stuff, and the balance inch and a half and two inch stuff.

This is 15,000 better than any other record by one saw in the same time. The men who did the work were E. H. Percy, head sawyer, Robert Black, setter, and H. Sholton, edger. Mr. Sholton alone put all this lumber through a patent gang edger. If any mill, in this or any other state, can show a record like this, they would like to see it. The lumber was well scaled, and the men will make affidavit to the work if necessary.—*Valley City Grand Rapids Enterprise Mich.*

THE MIDLAND.

A meeting of the directors and stockholders of the Wisconsin Midland railroad was held at the Boom Company's office with a very good attendance, President J. L. Dorrance occupying the chair. Nearly all the interests of the road were represented. The meeting being called for the election of officers, that subject was somewhat discussed and it was resolved to postpone the election until August 5th. There seemed to be a sanguine feeling among those present that there was still a chance for the Midland road, and that with proper effort on the part of the business men along the line, it could even now be built. The judgments against the company in favor of Mr. Mallett for teams furnished the engineers who surveyed the route, have all been settled up, and the company, although claiming no particular resources, is

proud to say that it is out of debt.—*Oshkosh Northwestern.*

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AN ARKANSAS SAW MILL.—I walked out south of the village one day, along the creek, and came upon a little saw mill, where a circular saw, something larger than a Mexican dollar, was slowly eating its way through a pine log, sixteen inches in diameter. It took two men to manage the little log, and each had time to enjoy a short but refreshing "cat nip" while the saw was laboriously eating its way from one end to the other of the ten foot log. Then the machinery would be stopped, and the two bony and sinewy yeomen would hold consultation as to the best method of turning the log. They'd squint at it out of one eye, squirt tobacco juice, and go around to another point of observation, squint at it with the other eye, squirt tobacco juice, compare notes, argue, and finally arrange for scaling the other side. Then the saw would be started, and they would take another nap. I timed the saw and the men, and made a calculation as to the amount of lumber they would cut in a day, but I'm afraid to publish the estimate, lest I should be accused of lying.