

Chips.

H. STEVENSON & Co., Fairfield, Me., lost 100,000 feet of timber last week, by the breaking of a boom.

AN insect, known as the elm tree beetle, is causing widespread destruction to the elm trees in the eastern states.

THE saw mills of Louis Goudreau, located at St. George's, Beauce, Que., are totally destroyed by fire June 18.

SIXTY men were drowned while endeavoring to remove a log which had caused a jam in a drive on the Mattawa river.

IT is stated that \$6,000,000 was represented at the late meeting of the Menominee River Manufacturing (boom) Company.

EXTENSIVE forest fires have been raging near Big Lake, not far from Calais, Me. A large force turned out to fight the flames, and at last reports had them under control.

A PARTY of Chicago capitalists were lately at East Jordan, Mich., looking up hardwood land. They propose to buy a large tract, erect mills and build nine miles of logging railroad.

THE lumber inspectors of Ludington, Mich., report the quantity measured to date, to be less than half that of the corresponding time last year.

THERE is a black walnut tree on D. Olmstead's place in Shabbona Grove, De Kalb county, Ill., which measures 16 feet in circumference, and is without a limb to the height of 60 feet.

IN a recent trial, a cedar log 20 feet long was taken to California match factory and in 30 minutes was sawed, split, glued, dipped in sulphur, labeled and the matches boxed ready for shipment.

A CURRENT item states that the redwood posts of a fence erected in Napa, Cal., 32 years ago were recently removed and found in as good condition as when first put into the ground.

ON June 30th fire wiped out 800,000 feet of lumber belonging to Thompson Smith's Sons, Duncan City, near Cheboygan. It was valued at about \$10,000, covered by insurance.

FOREST fires have lately burned over several thousands of acres in the southern part of Wisconsin, and the northern part of Ossineke townships, Alpena county, Mich. in some cases clearing the land bare of timber, so that it is said that two men can clear an acre a day.

A CHICAGO despatch says: The Grand Trunk railway is perfecting arrangements for the construction of a tunnel under the St. Clair river between Port Huron and Sarnia, to connect the Chicago and Grand Trunk with the Great Western division. This will give the Grand Trunk an all rail line from Chicago to Niagara Falls and Buffalo.

THE CONDITION OF THE SPRUCE BUSINESS.

The spruce manufacturers in the eastern states are from all accounts on the tip toe of expectation. For several years there has been a surplus of logs, and with the demand in all the markets steadily declining, the result has been to gradually increase the supply of manufactured lumber, and the buyers have had it very much their own way in the making of prices. But just now the tables seem to have been turned, and the manufacturers evidently intend to improve the opportunity, and regain, as much as possible, the opportunities which have been lost. Nature seems to have come to the rescue, and by withholding the usual spring rains the streams have not risen sufficiently to float the logs, and many mills now find themselves without a stock of timber to keep the saws going. In the various eastern markets there is a steady demand for spruce dimension stock, and with the present outlook it is impossible for the supply to meet this demand through the season. Already there are mills shut down for want of logs, and others are refusing to sell their lumber, unless special inducements are offered. Values are firm and it would seem must show an advance in the near future.

The position of the spruce manufacturer is what might be termed governing: that is, by force of circumstances, they are in a position to govern the sale and value of the manufactured

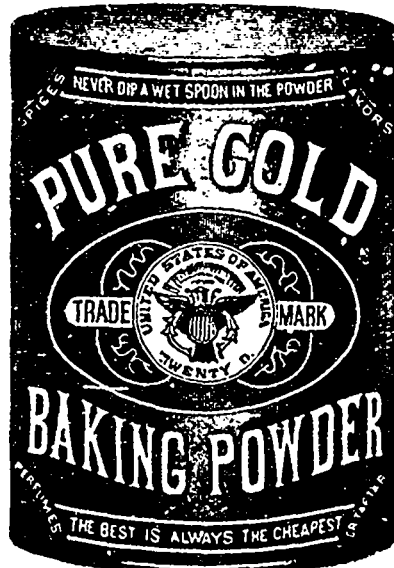
lumber. The demand is good and the supply seems to be in doubt, at least sufficiently so to cause the market to react in their favor. It remains to be seen if the manufacturers will in the future, profit by the lesson of the present season, or whether they will, as in many previous seasons, pay no attention whatever to the prospective demand, but allow their gangs to cut all the logs possible regardless of consequences.

The spruce manufacturers association in the East has heretofore taken much pains in an attempt to regulate prices, but the effort was unsuccessful, as has generally been the case with other combinations. The trouble all arose from the fact that regulating always began at the wrong end, and if the members of the association had from the outset bound themselves not to cut over and above a certain amount of logs the product would have been on a level with the demand, and prices would in a manner have regulated themselves. But under the past method the manufacturers have found themselves largely overstocked, and have made desperate efforts to dispose of certain amounts in the distributing markets, and the result of such efforts has brought about a state of trade the evil effects of which can be overcome in no other way than by an actual shortage in the supply. This much has been accomplished, and the spruce manufacturer is at present on the high side of success, with everything in his favor provided he does not again adopt the methods of the past, and place the business in position where it will be at the mercy of the consumer. —Northwestern Lumberman.

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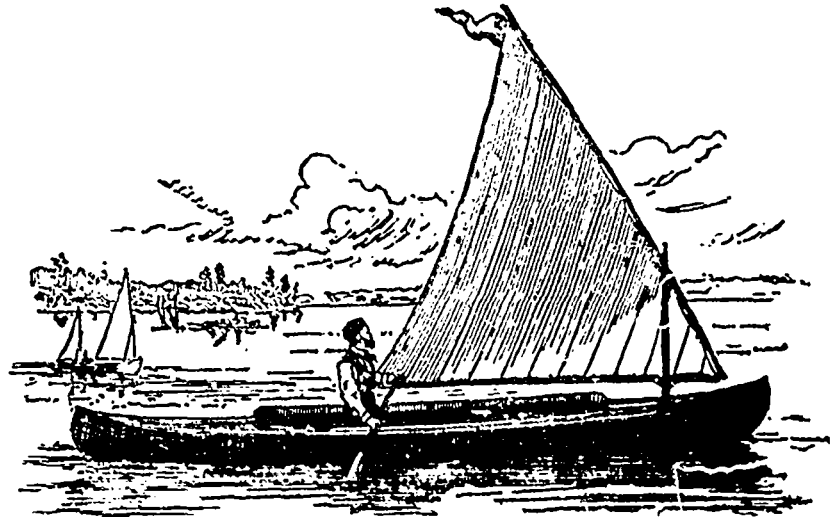
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