

Chips.

THE Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad Company has issued a notice to railroad contractors that hereafter it will accept only sawed end ties, eight feet long, and up to standard specifications otherwise.

MR. W. S. GILBERT, the dramatic author, has just built for himself a dwelling house in Harrington Gardens, South Kensington, on which it is said he has expended £30,000 on the house alone, before an article of furniture is put into it.

THE Oconto Lumber Company proposes to buy a tug to tow its lumber from its Sturgeon Bay mill through the canal and across Green Bay to Oconto for western rail shipment. The move is significant. The company will handle 40,000,000 feet next season.

A rather curious story is told of how a workman in the sawmill of Prewitt, Spurr & Co., Nashville, Tenn., was by some means thrown towards the circular, and evidently thinking he was going upon it, died from fright, which was the verdict of the coroner's jury.

A LOCAL paper at Manistee, Mich., estimates the amount of logs in the waters tributary to that point as follows: In Manistee Lake, 80,000,000 feet; in the river, 30,000,000; in south branch of the Manistee, 16,000,000; and 12,000,000 in Little Manistee, or 80,000,000 feet in all.

THE Orillia Packet under the heading Wau-
baushene, says that a boom containing about thirty thousand logs broke away from its moorings by the force of the big storm, on the night of the 11th Nov. The logs in many places were carried high up on the shore by the waves. It will require a great amount of labor to float and gather them all up again. The logs belonged to the G. B. O. Lumber Co.

THE wholesale destruction of forests in Australia is bitterly complained of by scientific observers. Thousands of acres of timber land are annually killed by cutting a ring around the trees, either into the wood or else by taking a ring of the bark off. Miles and miles of country can be travelled where nothing is found but bleached and dead trees, killed in this manner to "improve the pastures," as the inhabitants think. The wood of these trees is not used, for the dead trunks are allowed to decay on the spot unless burned by some accident.

THE Timber Trades Journal of Nov. 17, says:—There is another long list of arrivals to record this week to London; no less than 75 of one sort and another putting in an appearance. The sailing ships are one ahead this time, being 38 eight to 37 steamers. There is not such a great quantity of deal and batten cargoes in the list, but, nevertheless, sufficient to keep the docks active for some time to come. Sweden contributes a dozen complete cargoes out of the 21, and the other Baltic ports with Canada make up the balance. It is expected that when the dock returns are made up we shall still be about a million pieces short. Last year at this date we had to record 54 arrivals to London, but then the freight was quite different to what it is now. The winter promises to begin early, and frost appears to have set in, and a telegram from one of the Gulf ports stated that snow was falling.

THE Timber Trades Journal of Nov. 17, says: At Messrs. Churchill & Sim's sale last Wednesday, the 3rd pine, ex War Spirit from Quebec, which fetched a uniform price of £9 10s., may be reckoned as well sold, but the 2nd quality spruce 3x7 by the same ship did not go nearly so well, and must have sunk money at £7 and under. The River Onella 3rd pine, we understand, was not a very first-class lot, and at £8 15s. for wide stuff and 5s. less for regulars fetched its full value. The low prices which the Miramichi spruce ex Winchester, described as 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, realized was no surprise to those who had inspected the goods. In fact, they have been mentioned to us as one of the worst cargoes of spruce that have been shipped, and though it was said that the 4th had been taken out the appearance of the stocks did not seem to warrant the statement.

It is estimated that 29 per cent. of the acreage of Europe is still in timber. Forty per cent. of the enormous territory of Russia is in forests, and of this 200,000,000 acres are in pine woods. Thirty-four per cent. of the territory of Sweden and Norway is occupied with woods of useful timbers; twenty-six per cent. of Australia, 27 per cent. of Germany, 17 per cent. of France, seven per cent. of Spain, the timber being cork, oak and chestnut, 5 per cent. of Portugal and four per cent. of Great Britain. Scotland is the only part of the British Empire (including the colonies) in which the planting of timber is going on to any considerable extent. Sweden is now the country from which the world's supply of fir timber and deals chiefly comes.

A remarkable instance of the rapid growth of the forest trees recently came to light, which was the result of a search for the original survey marks, placed upon a beech tree by the surveyors about twenty-seven years ago. Messrs. Jos. Russell and W. N. Marr were searching for a corner of section 7, town 17 north, range 2 west, and found it by chopping into the side of the tree about three inches and splitting a section off which uncovered the original mark, which shows the letters "N. T. B." which were indented in the flatted surface by the government surveyors. The wood is perfectly sound and solid, and the black paint still adheres to the surface. The specimen will be placed on exhibition to satisfy the curiosity of the public. —*Lumberman's Gazette.*

THE London Canadian Gazette of October 19 says:—Holders of New Brunswick Land and Lumber Company's bonds will be interested in hearing what the directors of the parent company have to say concerning the Lumber Company. The Railway Company own all the Lumber Company's shares (14,000), and they guarantee the bonds. The Lumber Company own 1,650,000 acres "of the best farming and lumber land in the Province of New Brunswick," and by reason of the increased facilities which the way now offers for transportation, as well as of other advantages leading to the better marketing of lumber, the shares of the company are expected to prove a valuable asset. To date, the Lumber Company owes to the Railway Company \$145,810.

THE Northwestern Lumberman says:—There recently arrived in this city from Humboldt county, California, the largest plank ever seen in Chicago. It is 52 inches wide, three inches thick, 14 feet long, and was cut from one of the monster redwood trees. Accompanying the plank were several bunches of shingles, and the perfection of their manufacture shows that on the Pacific coast they are not behind their Eastern friends in shingle making. Some of the shingles are of the regulation pattern, while others have rounded and pointed butts, fitting them for use where fancy work is wanted on spires, mansard roofs, or on houses on the Queen Anne style of architecture. It is probable that a redwood lumber yard will be established in Chicago in the near future.

THE first semi-annual meeting of the National Association of Lumber Dealers, says the Northwestern Lumberman, will be held Wednesday, December 5, at the Tremont House, Chicago. It will be remembered that at the last annual meeting, held in May, it was decided to meet twice a year, on the ground that a more frequent coming together of the members would increase their zeal, and have a generally beneficial result. From appearances there will be a well attended and interesting meeting, and judging from the questions that have been agitated, and the complaints and inquiries which have for some time flooded the Lumberman office, there will be several grievances and a kick or two to spice up the proceedings. It will at least furnish opportunity for the members to have an understanding on various important points, and those who have any matters to adjust or discuss should make it a point to be on hand for that purpose.

HE SPEAKS FROM EXPERIENCE.—R. N. Wheeler, of Everton, some six years ago was attacked with a severe form of inflammation of the lungs, leaving him with a severe cough. He speaks highly of Hagar's Pectoral Balsam, which cured him, the complaint not having troubled him since.

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