

A LOG SUIT.

An interesting case has just been decided in the circuit court at Muskegon, Mich. The North Muskegon Lumber Company brought suit against Roys & Co., of East Saginaw, for \$30,000 damages, on account of a failure to deliver a lot of logs sold by defendants to the plaintiff in the spring of 1882. They were to be got in to the river at a specified time, but the big strike rendered it impossible for the firm to fulfill their contract except in part. When the boom men struck, the mill men released the company from damage by the non delivery of logs, and Roys & Co. set up that the North Muskegon Lumber Company was a party to that agreement. Consequently the defendants in the suit met the action for damages by asking for a judgment of \$10,000 for the logs which had been delivered to the company and disposed of by it. The case occupied several days in court, and resulted in a verdict in favor of Roys & Co. for \$6,102.92.

Kimwood Blocks.

Mr. Wm. White, F. S. A., in a recent letter to the *Bulder*, says, in reply to an inquiry made as to the use of elm for wood-block floors, "I introduced this material in the floor of the new church at Morristown, near Torpoint, fifteen years ago; and the blocks have lasted and worn perfectly. But they were two inches thick, and were burnitized before laying, which process does not seem to afford any certain protection from decay, though it seasons the wood by driving out the sap, and makes it less liable to the same amount of shrinkage. With elm, again, there is not the same danger of decay from a damp bed as there is with other wood. They should be laid, nevertheless, in a waterproof composition, so as not cause the wood to swell in the laying and shrink in the drying. The floor above alluded to has been kept in a fine condition by rubbing with wax and turpentine, and is quite ornamental."

The Horse in Winter.

Care should be taken that the horses are so shod that a sudden icy spell will not confine them to the stable from fear of slipping. Too many valuable horses are strained and injured by carelessness in this matter, or are kept in the stable without opportunity for healthy exercise. Remember also that they now have their winter coats of hair on, and after a smart drive the roots of the hair will be moistened with perspiration, which should be rubbed off before allowing them to stand in a cold stable, to avoid danger of sudden colds. Especial care should also be taken to clean and dry the feet and ankles, as snow, ice and frozen mud allowed to remain there over night is a severe drain upon the vitality of the animal, and a frequent cause of thrush, grease and rheumatism. Horses should never stand where a current of cold air can strike them while in the stable. Particular care in this respect is needed when they come into the stable warm after being exercised.—*American Cultivator*.

A Big Tree.

The *Pembroke Observer* says:—A big white pine tree was recently cut down and made into logs at George Car's shanty on Messrs. Bronson & Weston's limits on the *Ille du Grand*. They were cut up into twelve good logs of the following measurement: 16 feet log, three of 19 inches in diameter, one of 20 inches, one 21, one 38, and one 41; 13 feet logs, one 13 inches, two 14, one 15 and one 17. These twelve logs measured made 18 standards and 75 parts. The value of the tree may be conceived when it is known that each standard is worth about a dollar and a half in Pembroke. A wood of trees of this kind would make a very valuable crop.

SNOWSHEDS are a feature of Western mountain railroads. Charles Croker, vice-president of the Central Pacific road, first suggested them. Some have steep and some flat roofs, and the cost ranges from six thousand dollars to twelve thousand dollars per mile. Snow accumulates on them in places to the depth of fifty feet. In a shed ten miles long a locomotive, with tank, etc., is kept, ready to flood any portion in which a fire may break out. Automatic electric fire alarms are provided.

The Building Boom.

In Bradstreet's list of the valuations of new buildings constructed or started so far this year are these: Chicago, \$12,780,000; Cincinnati, \$11,000,000; St. Paul, \$9,580,000; Minneapolis, \$8,310,000; Cleveland, \$3,750,000; Detroit, \$2,580,000; Kansas City, \$2,000,000; Toledo, \$1,490,000; Pittsburgh, \$1,420,000; Indianapolis, \$1,250,000. The estimate for Chicago is considerably less than the total last year, though by general acknowledgement the number of new structures this year is about equal to the number in 1882. This can be said, however, that a large proportion of the houses built in Chicago this year are of the small store and residence kind. The year has not closed yet, while building permits are being issued in large numbers weekly.—*Northwestern Lumberman*.

Lumbering in Arkansas.

In Arkansas the lumber industry has been developing very rapidly. In 1880 there were 319 saw mills in the state, and the number has more than quadrupled since then. The whole state is heavily wooded, the short leaved pine alone being estimated at 40,000,000,000 feet. Manufacturing is receiving considerable attention. There are now several cotton mills, while the cotton seed mills are the most important in the state, and produce the finest qualities of refined oil. There are also large mineral resources, as coal, iron, copper, etc. Building and real estate are making rapid progress.

The Forestry Exhibition.

Amongst the names of the members of the General Committee of the International Forestry Exhibition to be held at Edinburgh in 1884, we notice those of Sir Charles Tupper, K. C. M. G., High Commissioner for Canada, Prof. George Lawson, L.L.D., Halifax, Nova Scotia, and W. D. Dimock Esq., B. A., (late secretary, Canadian Court, London Fisheries Exhibition, London,) Ottawa.

RAILWAY ACCIDENT.—Frank Spink, Wilton Avenue, Toronto, some time ago received a bad injury by an accident on the G.T.R. The severe contusions were quickly healed by the use of Hagar's Yellow Oil.

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