

Condition of the Lumber Trade.

Under the above caption the Wisconsin Lumberman for October gives some very sensible suggestions on the present state of the lumber business particularly in reference to any immediate operations in cutting logs. It is an assured fact, that though, there has been, in one or two directions and as to certain dimensions of lumber, a very slight advance in prices, yet there is nothing, even in this slight advance or in the condition of trade, whether as to general business operations or the special interest of lumber, to encourage the hope of early improvement. It is stated by our contemporary that "the most reliable estimates place the amount of lumber now in pile at Chicago at seventy-five million feet more than there was at this time last year." A similar increase in stock has undoubtedly taken place at other distributing centres and on the piling grounds of the mills in every lumber region. Even if general business should remain as quiet as seems likely to be the fact for the next year, there is undoubtedly enough manufactured lumber now in pile to supply the whole demand for 1875. And yet there is reason to fear that the effort to curtail production came too late, and that it has failed to secure such effective co-operation as will produce the desired result. If this shall be so, there will be no probability that prices can, during the next year, advance sufficiently to make manufacturing profitable. There is, rather, the prospect of still further decline, with hardly a doubt of numerous suspensions and failures, through the trade. In any event, even that of curtailment, equal to the largest amount of reduction proposed in any quarter, it seems clear that no one who shall participate in it, or who shall refrain entirely from logging or manufacturing provided he is in such condition that he can shut down, will on that account lose an opportunity for profitable sales from a deficiency of stock. Better inaction for months, if the manufacturer or the logger will make up his mind to it, than that capital shall be put into stock to depreciate, when if left as it is, it will hold its own, if not increase in value. The Wisconsin Lumberman says, with truth, "Pine lands cannot depreciate in value, pine logs can."

PIKE and Wayne have redeemed themselves from all imputation. The notorious Dimnick, who suddenly resigned his seat in the legislature last winter to escape summary expulsion, for being engaged in blackmailing the banks, has been defeated for president judge in the district composed of those two counties, by C. P. Waller, Esq., a brother of Rev. D. J. Waller, of Bloomsburg. When the Democracy nominated Dimnick for the high and responsible position of judge with the memory of his rascally acts clustering freshly around him, all good men, who respected the office, and did not wish to see the judicial ermine soiled by coming in contact with such a creature, lifted up their voices and earnestly prayed that he might be defeated. Their prayers were granted. Three cheers for Pike and Wayne.—G. & B.

RESPONSIBILITY OF ENDORSERS.—In cases where there are several endorsemments on a note, says the Philadelphia Ledger, there is this difference in responsibility namely, successive endorser are equally liable to the subsequent holder, and their relation to each other are in the same order. That is, any one of such endorser upon whom the obligation is pressed, may claim from either or all of those before him, but not from any who succeeded him. Joint endorser are equally liable to the holder who is not one of them, but as between themselves, the recovery is to be equally divided. So, if the drawer fail and there are two joint endorser, both solvent, either may be called on to pay the debt, but they must then divide the sum between them. It makes no difference which signed first if they were joint endorser in fact.

THERE is little danger of Massachusetts becoming a Democratic State very soon, and the gleeful Democracy may as well remove it from their pyramid of victories. While Gaston, Democrat, defeats Talbot, Republican by 7,022 majority, through the determination of the people to try something more practical than prohibition, the Republicans elect the remainder of the State ticket their Lieutenant Governor having 12,013 majority; Secretary of the Commonwealth, 22,439 majority, State Treasurer, 21,842; Auditor, 22,788, and Attorney General, 22,676 majority.

Gleason & Fell, dry goods merchants of San Francisco, have failed for \$200,000.

There is a firm feeling in all the leading Chicago grain markets but with more buyers than sellers.

TERRIBLE TORNADO

TUCUMBA, ALABAMA, PARTIALLY DESTROYED.—ELEVEN PERSONS KILLED AND 100 HOUSES IN RUINS. Tusculmia, Ala. November 21.—The storm here Sunday evening was of such unprecedented violence that in the space of two minutes over one hundred buildings were destroyed, eleven persons killed and thirty wounded. The first intimation of the approaching tornado was after dark. Suddenly a sound like rushing thunder was heard, and before the inhabitants were fully aware the storm had passed over them. Houses were blown down and the streets filled here and there with tumbling walls and shattered timbers. Senator Morris's wife was found dead on her bed with two immense timbers on her neck. Her two children were dead beside her, crushed beyond recognition. In one house, Mr. Hodgkins, his wife and four children were found dead. In another Mrs. Winston was found dead, and the house, valued at \$4,000, was a total wreck. The estimate losses of property will reach half a million. The Memphis and Charleston Railroad lost twenty thousand dollars.

Memphis, November 24.—Passengers arriving from Tusculmia confirm the reports of the tornado there on Sunday evening. The course of the storm was half a mile wide, and strewn with demolished houses, trees and fences. An engine and two cars on the Memphis and Charleston Railroad were precipitated into Springfield Creek by the gale. The engineer, John Hall was the only person injured. In some instances the roofs of houses were carried a distance of a quarter of a mile. A large number of horses and cattle were killed, and the gathered crops destroyed.

It appears that there is not to be a Democratic negro in the next House after all. A dispatch received at Washington from Charleston, says that Samuel Lee, the negro who was supposed to be elected in Rainey's place as a Democrat, is really defeated by nearly 800 majority. The whole delegation in the next House from South Carolina will be Republican.

After reading ex-Governor Seymour's letter a second time the Democratic journals of New York State are coming to the conclusion that it is not so final in its declination as to prevent him from accepting the position of Senator should the Legislature elect him. Leading journals of the party, the Buffalo Courier, the Troy Press and the Elmira Gazette, still urge Mr. Seymour for the office, claiming that he will honor the party more than any other man.

THE ALDINE for December comes to us in good time and as usual freighted with all the good things of art and literature. This being the holiday or Christmas number of the year, it need scarcely be said that pictorially it fills the very sense of satisfaction. Four pictures of the seasons, "Spring," "Summer," "Autumn" and "Winter," each with a verse of illustration, present at once some of the most pregnant designing and the finest engraving and printing, to be found even in this high-class publication. The "Old Mill in the Jura Mountains," after C. E. Dubois, a young American artist of great promise, has a world of rugged strength and design, blended with careful and elaborate detail. Two charming pictures appropriate for the season, "Winter Pastimes," and "The First Lesson," tell pretty and interesting stories in a graceful manner; and the same may be said of "Caught!" which develops one of the dangers of the protrusive petticoat, and "The Rivals," which shows that there may be other jealousies than those beating under broadcloth or lounced silks.

John S. Davis seems to have given us one of the most careful of his embodiments of a sad idea, in "Mary of the Wild Moor," the pictorial story of a well-known tragic ballad. "Here's your Christmas Dinner" is full of the softest lights and delicate shades of the old Flemish artists who so loved to depict market scenes; "The Zaccanelli, Bohemia," opens to travelers a cascade of great beauty, little known in books, though deserving place among the most popular resorts; "What Keeps Him?" leads to a painful doubt whether there can be any lover at once recreant enough and silly enough to keep the owner of that face and form waiting long enough even to ask the question; and the pictorial list is completed by a general and two interior views of "St. Asaph Cathedral, North Wales," keeping up the Aldine's specialty of portraying the great religious houses of England in rapid succession.

Literarily, this number opens with an oddly titled story, "My Christmas Revenge," bearing a name new to THE ALDINE, one Kitty Wing, who may be a matron or maid, but who certainly tells a domestic tale very naively. "Lost Lillian Bracy," the serial story, rumored to be a literary remnant of G. P. R. James, increases in interest, and introduces a rare figure in the new servant coming to Bracy's Hope, around whom may very possibly be woven more of the plot of the story than shows at the first glance. The number, from holiday reasons lacking a little in prose variety, is especially rich in poetry Mrs. L. M. Blinn contributing a sweet little poem called "New Year Bells;" William H. Kernan a sadly strong one, with the chill title of "Winter and Sorrow;" Henry Morford a reasonable one, and odd as seasonable, "The Mistletoe in America;" and the illustrated old ballad, "Mary of the Wild Moore," coming back with mournful pleasure to many recollections.

The Aldine Company has determined to establish an Art Union, similar to the well-known Art Union in England, and distribute its works of art, both sculpture and paintings, which are constantly collecting among its subscribers. Art premiums valued at \$2,500, will be distributed among each series of 500 subscribers. Subscription tickets, at \$6.00 each entitles the holder to THE ALDINE for a year, to the new chromo, and to a ticket in the distribution of art premiums. The Aldine Company, publishers, No. 58 Maiden Lane, New York City.

We some time since stated that Geo. W. Daicy, formerly postmaster at Phillipsburg, had been sentenced to fifteen years imprisonment in the penitentiary. We knew at the time the information came here through a private source, but supposed it to be correct, but find that we were mistaken, as he was not sentenced until Saturday last. The Pittsburg Telegraph after introducing the case says:

Before passing sentence, Mr. Reed, U. S. Attorney, stated that Mr. Daicy had served as a soldier during the war of the rebellion and had lost a leg in the struggle for the maintenance of the integrity of the union, and whilst the offense would justify a severe sentence he asked of the Court in view of his patriotic service to his country, and the good character given him by his friends in Centre, that the sentence be as light as possible under the circumstances.

Daicy was then directed to stand up and His Honor Judge McCandless sentenced him to undergo two years imprisonment at hard labor in the Western Penitentiary. He was remanded to jail.

There is much sickness in Mobile. The small-pox is raging among the negroes particularly, through some whites have been attacked. The Marine Hospital, the City Hospital and the Sisters' Hospital are reported full, though it is not at all probable that most of the patients are afflicted with the small-pox. It is reported that forty-five deaths from this disease alone occurred last week. Of course the negroes, having no one to take charge of them, defiant of any authority, and naturally careless and dirty, fall easy victims to the disease. All attempt is being made to vaccinate the population, and within the last three days at least 2,000 have been vaccinated. But, as the measure is not compulsory, the class will not be reached that stand most in need of such prevention. There have been a few cases of "pernicious" fever in the city.

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