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The DSS&A has issued the following: "The DSS&A will buy, on and after December 1, 1888, hemlock railroad cross ties delivered on the line of the road, until further notice and will pay 16¢ each." Truly the South Shore must be getting hard up when they have the gall to ask honest labor to furnish hemlock timber, cut up into ties and pay a team \$4 a day to deliver it, at such rates. Why it's a disgrace to the company and a slur to the laboring man. They didn't make wages at 22¢ last year. Wonder if the railroad expects the homesteaders to give away their stumpage? Not much.