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TALLY-SHEET.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BENJAMIN F. McMIL-LAN, of McMillan, in the county of Marathon and State of Wisconsin, have invented a new 5 and useful Tally-Sheet; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of said invention, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, and to the letters or figures of reference marked to thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This tally-sheet is especially intended and adapted for checking off and making up a record of the pieces and amount of sawed lumber as the lumber is handled, either in putting it on or taking it off from a car or wagon or in piling it in a lumber-yard.

The drawing shows a sufficient portion of the face of the sheet to illustrate all its parts and show the manner of using it, though portions of it have been broken away to reduce the space in which it is exhibited and to obviate, the making of a large number of figures.

This sheet is ordinarily of paper, on which are printed the words and lines indicated by the drawing, though a slate or other tablet might be prepared to accomplish the same

purpose. The sheet is prepared with a number of 30 heavy horizontal lines A A, parallel to each other but at a distance apart, between which are lighter horizontal lines B B, parallel with the heavier lines A A, whereby the spaces between the heavier lines are divided into nar-35 rower lateral spaces. There are also some heavy longitudinal or vertical lines C, C', and C", which cross the lines A and B at right angles, the line C being located near the lefthand side of the sheet and the lines C' and 40 C". being located at a distance apart near to, but at a little distance from, the right-hand side of the sheet. In the spaces at the left-hand side of the sheet bounded by the lines A A and C are figures commencing with a 45 small one, (shown in the drawing as 6,) which occupies the first or upper space, and is followed by 7, 8, 9, 10, and succeeding figures in the regular order of numeration in each succeeding space, to as high a number as there 50 are spaces on the sheet, which may be car-

ried to a number which shall correspond with

the greatest number of feet that are liable to be found in any single piece of lumber.

In the drawing the spaces between the lines A A are divided by the lighter lines B B 55 into three smaller spaces D, E, and F. If desired, the lines A A may be placed a greater distance apart, and more light lines B B may be drawn between them, thereby providing a greater number of spaces corresponding with 65° the spaces D, E, and F. Across the lines A and B are other lines G G, running longitudinally or vertically of the sheet, at a little but regular distance apart, from the line C to the right-hand edge of the sheet, where- 65 by the spaces D, E, and F are divided into little squares or parallelograms. In each of the laterally-extending series of squares in the spaces D D is placed a series or column of figures, commencing at the left hand 70 with the same number as is placed in the space bounded by the lines A A and C, and continuing toward the right with numbers increasing in regular arithmetical progression, by the amount of the number in the first 75 space, continuing across the sheet laterally to the line C'. Thus in the drawing, at the upper left-hand side, is a figure 6 in large character in the space bounded by the lines A A and C, and in the first square in the space D 80 is the figure 6, and in the second space the figure 12, and in the third space 18, and so on, continuing to the last space, in which is "300," which is the fiftieth space. The same order of numbers occurs in each one of the col- 85 umns—as, for instance, in the column headed by 15 the numbers increase regularly by the addition of 15 to 30, 45, 60, 75, &c.

The lateral spaces E and F below the figures in the space D are left blank, and in 90 using this sheet, as a piece of lumber is placed on a car, (it being measured by the ordinary lumber-rule or the number of feet contained in it ascertained in some other way,) a check, preferably in the form of a short line H, is 95 made in the lateral column E or F in the square at the left immediately under the first figure in the column D in which the number corresponds with the number of feet in the piece of lumber, whereby the one piece of 100 lumber is tallied on the sheet, and when additional pieces of lumber of the same number

of feet each are loaded on the car they are also tallied in the same column E, each in the next succeeding blank space; and as pieces of lumber are placed on the car having an-5 other number of feet in them each piece is checked or tallied in another column E or F, corresponding with the number of feet in the piece of lumber. If in loading a single car a greater number of pieces of lumber occur ro containing the same number of feet than are sufficient to carry the checks entirely across the sheet, the tally-keeper may commence at the beginning of the column again, making a second check in the nature of a cross-check— 15 such as is shown in the drawing in the columns 10 and 12—or other character proper to indicate a second tally, in the same square which had already received one check. The two columns E and F are convenient for entering 20 therein, respectively, two grades of lumber, as first and second quality, and additional columns may be made on the sheet for other. qualities, grades, or kinds of lumber, if desired. The spaces at the right of the lines C' 25 and C" are used for entering the total of the amount of lumber indicated in the spaces already tallied in the columns E and F under the figures in the column D, and the amounts of the first quality of lumber appearing in 30 the column E are preferably carried into the first column of totals, and the amount appearing in the column F are preferably carried into the second column of totals, and these columns of totals may be added together 35 individually, and the entire amount set down in the lower right-hand spaces bounded by the line A and lines C' and C". A heavy line A', parallel with the lines A at a little distance above the first line A, with the lines 40 C C' C" and G G continued thereto, form a series of spaces, in which, for convenience, are placed figures in the regular order of numeration, commencing with 1 and continuing across the sheet to the line C', which line of 45 figures may be used conveniently for ascertaining the number of pieces of any particular number of feet each that have been loaded on the car, and the space at the right of the lines C and C', respectively, contains the 50 word "totals" at the head of the vertical columns thereunder. A space K at the head of

the sheet is preferably left unoccupied by the lines and figures hereinbefore described, as a convenient place for entering data of the kind of lumber, whether of pine, maple, or 55 other wood, and of the car on which it is piled, and of the names of the persons who made the measurement and tally.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure.

by Letters Patent, is—

1. A tally-sheet having thereon several series of numbers in arithmetical progression, one of which series is headed by a small number, and each succeeding series of which several series is headed by the number next larger 65 than the one at the head of the preceding series, in combination with blank spaces adjoining and corresponding with the several numbers in each series of numbers, substantially as described.

2. A tally-sheet having several series of numbers in arithmetical progression, in each of which series the progression is by the amount of a corresponding number placed in larger character at or near the head of the 75 column of the series, which numbers in large characters occur in the regular order of numeration, and the same numbers appear at the head of each of the corresponding columns of figures in arithmetical progression, 80 in combination with one or more blank spaces opposite to and corresponding with the figures in the columns in arithmetical progression, substantially as described.

3. A tally-sheet having thereon several suc- 85 cessive columns of figures, in each of which columns the figures are in arithmetical progression, and each successive column commencing with the next succeeding number in the order of numeration, in combination with 90 spaces opposite to the numbers in said columns for receiving checks therein, and spaces at the ends of such series of spaces for checks for entering therein the totals indicated by such figures, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in

presence of two witnesses.

BENJAMIN F. McMILLAN.

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