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## HURT LUMBERING IN BRAZIL

Lack of Capital, Excessive Taxes and Poor Business Methods Hamper Industry, U. S. Observer Reports.

The lumber industry of the Amazon at present is coping with many difficulties, of which the following are most in evidence, according to a report recently made for the Brazilian department of agriculture, industry and commerce: Insufficiency of capital, lack of knowledge and correct business methods, and excessive export taxes, says Assistant Trade Commissioner M. A. Cromer. Every one is suffering from the lack of capital. The lumber merchants have been particularly affected by the situation and a number of them have failed. Money rates are high, some banks obtaining as high as 2 per cent a month. This retards the establishment of mills, acquisition of boats and land and exportation in general.

The lack of knowledge of correct business methods is evidenced by the fact that lumber merchants look only for an immediate profit, failing to take the future into consideration. It will be necessary to place properly graded lumber on the market; and not continue marketing in the primitive manner pursued at present, says Mr. Cromer.

For the last five years the export taxes on lumber have been increasing, so that it is getting to be the most taxed product of the State of Para. This fact makes the business of exporting very unprofitable and insecure for investment. At present the port tax on lumber at Para is very high, due to the fact that it is a bulky article and its value is small in proportion to its weight. At the time the classification of taxes on exports was made, very little lumber was exported and therefore it was included in the general classification.

Necessary minor improvements worthy of consideration are, according to the report: Sanitary regulations and better living conditions should be enforced in the lumbering districts; the weight of the various kinds of woods should be officially established, and a complete study should be made of their strength; samples of the most important woods should be placed in all Brazilian consulates so that these woods may become known abroad and misstatements prevented regarding their origin when re-exported; freight rates should be reduced, and small state custom houses to collect export taxes should be placed in two or three places in the state.

## His Qualifications.

One Job Wilson, the colored applicant for the position of butler in a family living in one of the fashionable suburbs of Washington, strode in to impress his would-be employer with his entire fitness for the place.

"Oh, yes, sub," he said. "I's shorely well educated, sub. I've passed a civil service examination."

"Indeed," responded the gentleman, "that is very fine, I'm sure, but I can't say that that will be of any particular value to me in a butler."

"No?" said the surprised applicant. "It shore is strange how gemmen's tastes do differ. Now, Mr. Clark," naming his former employer, "he say, 'Job, one thing I demand is civil service to my guests,' an' he done gave me an examination right there, sub, an' that's the truth."

Then the gentleman saw a great light. He replied: "Yes, you are quite right, Job. Civil service is a very important and rather unusual virtue, so if you have passed that examination I think we'll consider you engaged."—Philadelphia Ledger.

## Seaweed a Table Delicacy.

England is far behind other nations, especially eastern nations, in appreciating the non-animal food that comes out of the sea; so the projectors of a factory to be established at Etronsmouth for the production of a new patent food from seaweed will have a good deal of prejudice to overcome. At least seven British seaweeds make good eating—laver, samphire, dulse, dillisk, sea holly, eringo and carrageen. Yet few ordinary households ever sample any of these delicacies. Samphire used formerly to be cried in the streets of London as "crest marines," but now it is no longer heard. Samphire refers to the fact that samphire grows on the sides of steep sea-washed cliffs, where its dark green patches make a beautiful contrast of color with the chalk. Of all seaweeds laver appears to be most in demand, and even laver is rarely seen exposed for sale except in Wales.—Manchester Guardian.

## His Hobby.

"There is old Mr. Piffle," said Gladys. "Now, listen, Gladys, I like to be nice to the old gentleman and all that," remarked Elizabeth. "He has few interests in life. But if we stop to talk with him don't get on the subject of teeth."

"Why not?" "If you do he'll take out his new set and show 'em to you."

## ODD SEA MONSTER IS FOUND

It is Eight Feet Long and Resembles an Elephant Without a Trunk and a Whale.

There has been exhibited in Buenos Aires what South American scientists believe to be a hitherto unknown sea monster, captured some twenty-five miles from the coast near Mar del Plata. It was at first supposed to be a shell-less sea turtle, but expert examination shows this is not the case. It resembles rather an elephant without a trunk, or more properly, an enormous elephant's head with ears almost perfectly identical with those of that animal. It also has some features similar to those of a whale. Its color is brown, the mouth is large and spherical.

It is nearly eighty feet long and approximately four and a half feet in diameter. It has two vertical fins behind, one above and one below, reminding suggesting the screws of a propeller. The flesh is almost as elastic as rubber.—Living Age.

## HORSE PASSING IN MARYLAND

Retiring From Transportation Field at Rate of One and One-Half Per Cent a Year.

Old Dobbin is retiring from the transportation field on the state roads at a rate of 1 1/2 per cent a year.

Traffic tests taken on the main arteries of the state roads system show that he is exactly 1.45 per cent weaker as a competitor to the motor driven vehicles that he was last year. The tests covering 48 hours were taken recently. In the old days when horse-flesh was supreme on the roads Sunday was his big day. The recent Sunday tests show now that on 24 roads the horse-drawn vehicular traffic was only 82-100 of 1 per cent of the entire traffic. Dobbin's big day is Tuesday. Then he can claim only 4.98 per cent of the entire traffic.—Baltimore News.

## Record Mountain Climbing.

A record of climbing 36 mountains at the rate of one every day has been made by a California schoolmaster. On a camping trip in Glacier National park, Norman Clyde of Weaverville, Cal., set out to reach the tops of as many peaks as possible in the shortest space of time, and, according to the bureau of national parks, his total of 36 is unique. The last peak climbed by Clyde was Mount Wilbur, the summit of which is almost 10,000 feet. Clyde, who is thirty-eight, has had long experience in mountain climbing as a member of the Sierra club of San Francisco. He claims that evidence shows him to have been the first to attain the summit of 11 mountains.

## Fur Raising Increasing.

Important progress has been made in investigations pertaining to the rearing of wild fur-bearing animals in captivity. Fur farms are reported from 25 states where foxes, skunks, raccoons, minks, opossums, martens, muskrats, squirrels and beavers are raised. It is estimated that 500 ranchers are raising silver foxes in the United States, that they have between 12,000 and 15,000 foxes in captivity, and that the value of the investment is about \$8,000,000. The discovery of the fact that martens breed the last of July and in August has solved the problem which has heretofore prevented the successful rearing of these animals in captivity and has opened up an important field to the fur farmer.—Scientific American.

## Anyhow, He Had It.

President Emeritus Elliot of Harvard died recently at a New York hotel, where the man who takes care of the hats at the dining room door is celebrated for his memory about the ownership of headgear. "How do you know that is my hat?" the collegian asked, as his silk tie was presented to him. "I don't know it, sub," said the dark doorman. "Then why do you give it to me?" insisted President Elliot. "Because you gave it to me, sub."

## Acquaintances.

"Jonesy, who is that man who tried to speak to you; the one you cut?" "He? Why, he's a bootlegger. He should be locked up." "I agree with you. And the one you spoke to so cordially, who is he?" "That's Morton, the steward of our Gentlemen's club. He has the keys of the club's locker. Splendid fellow Morton; invaluable!"—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

## A Double Killing.

Higgs—Now Dora is what I would call an efficient girl. When she got married she killed two birds with one stone.

Higgs—So everybody was satisfied, eh?

Higgs—Not exactly. The man she flitted shot himself out of disappointment and the man she married committed suicide when he received the first month's bills.

## USE RADIO IN RESCUE WORK

Series of Experiments Are Being Carried on at Colliery in England.

In the near future radio telephony will probably play an important part in the work of colliery rescue parties. As the rescuers carry out their duties, constant communication will be kept up with those directing operations from a base. That is the object underlying a series of experiments being conducted at Ashington colliery in England. A considerable measure of success has already attended their efforts, and quite recently speech and music were successfully received underground. A party equipped with a three-tube receiving set descended the shaft of the Carl pit and fixed a 20-foot aerial on the baulks supporting the roof. Only one head phone was used, but so clear was the reception that the five men composing the party all heard distinctly. Experiments, have already been carried out to depths of 300 yards; and it is expected to test reception at depths of 1,000 yards.—Scientific American.

## WHERE WILD GAME ABOUNDS

Yellowstone National Park is Greatest Preserve in the World—Wide Variety of Animals.

The region of Yellowstone National park is the greatest game preserve in the world, both in point of number and variety of animals. It is the home of the largest herds of elk, buffalo, antelope and mountain sheep within the United States.

Several hundred moose range the park area. There are deer of white-tail and mule varieties, many beavers, foxes, badgers, porcupines and lesser animals. Dozens of grizzlies and black bears which entertain the tourists during the summer, sleep in Yellowstone's caves during the winter.

The white gulls on Yellowstone lake leave in the fall for the Pacific coast or Great Salt lake, but a great many geese and ducks and grouse winter in the park.—Detroit News.

## Rhode Island School Leader.

The first public school in New England, believed to be the first in the United States, was launched at Newport, R. I., 233 years ago, when the men of Rhode Island voted to support such an institution to be conducted by the Rev. Robert Lenthal, a Church of England clergyman.

In the colonial days in America little thought was given to the education of the children of the "common" people, and among the well-to-do the opinion generally prevailed that such people were better off without any education.

The Rhode Islanders did not share this view, however, and when Rev. Mr. Lenthal proposed to "keep a public school for the learning of youth" he found ready support for his project. He was granted 100 acres of land to be "laid forth and appropriated for a school, for encouragement of the poorer sort, to train up their youth in learning."—Capper's Weekly.

## When Tin Catches Cold.

You would scarcely suspect a metal such as tin of being able to catch cold, but it can do so for all that. In countries like northern Russia all sorts of utensils are likely to become useless in winter time. A tiny grayish spot makes its appearance on the surface of the tin; it grows in size, and then others appear. In time the metal crumbles into a dark-colored powder. Some years ago a whole shipload of blocks of tin, stored in the customs house in Petrograd during the winter, was found the following spring to have crumbled to dust.

What really happens is that the cold causes tin to change from one of its forms to another. Tin is often found in mines in the gray powder form which is quite useless. When it is heated it turns into the well-known shiny metal, but under the influence of extreme cold it may return to its other form.

## Reverse Action.

Little Esther was hardly more than a baby, but she objected when bedtime came around, as children will. Finally, father offered to lie down on the bed until she was asleep, and for a while everything was quiet.

The minutes passed—ten, fifteen, twenty, and mother, sitting in the parlor, wondered why father didn't return. She continued her sewing, however, and presently the silence was broken by the pit-pat of naked feet. Next moment Esther appeared in the doorway, her tiny fingers raised for silence.

"Sh-sh, mummy, I've just got daddy off to sleep at last."—Boston Transcript.

## Experienced.

Bartender—"Why don't you get out and hustle? Hard work never killed nobody." Mose Lazibones—"Dat's an infernal lie, sub! I's lost four wives dat way."—Baltimore Times.

## BLIND FIDDLER IS WISE MAN

Psychology Teaches Him Where to Play to Get Coins From the Public.

It is the fad to talk psychology these days, but few put it to such practical use as does one blind fiddler. Somebody told him that a well-known violinist was to give a recital at one of the large concert halls. A half hour before the recital, just as the early birds were arriving, the old fiddler chose the curb in front of concert hall for a recital of his own. He unpacked his well-worn instrument, dropped his shabby black hat and started his repertoire. "The Last Rose of Summer" was followed by "When You and I were Young, Maggie," "The Old Oaken Bucket," and others of the same school.

The enthusiastic crowd grew so large pedestrians had difficulty in passing, says the New York Sun and Globe. As time for the recital inside the hall drew near, the crowd regularly dispersed, but not without first filling the old hat with bills and coins.

Nobody knew what the old fiddler muttered as he packed up his fiddle and went on his way. Maybe it was "They know good music when they hear it." But just as likely it may have been "You've got to know when and where to catch 'em."

## Queer Probation Suit in India.

Twin babies of unequal size are the starting point of a unique probation suit. A rich Indian merchant, Devkaran Nanji, died leaving his fortune to his male children, of which he had several by his first wife. His second wife, a young Indian woman of thirty, gave birth to twins soon after her bereavement, while traveling in a train from Bombay to Baroda. It was given out that the twins were a boy and a girl, and the widow immediately entered a claim for a share of the fortune on behalf of her son. The apparent difference in the ages of the children, however, aroused suspicion among the other heirs, and it is now alleged that the woman exchanged one of the twins, both of which were girls, for a boy baby from a foundling asylum. The case is in the courts.

## World's Onion Seed.

In Santa Clara valley, Cal., on the lowlands the world's onion seeds are produced. The seed is not, of course, employed for edible purposes, inasmuch as they are allowed to grow until they are far too "old" for such use. Nearly 20,000 acres of land are used in the culture of the product. It is reported that one cultivator has under way a process whereby the stalks can be made into paper, much as wood-pulp has been for many years. About 2,000 flat-carloads of stalks are turned out each year.

## Over the Fence is Out.

A Scottish farmer was noted for his strength and skill. A young peer, a great pugilist amateur, had come from London to fight the athletic Scot. The latter was working in an inclosure a little distance from the house when the amateur arrived. His lordship tied his horse to a tree and addressed the farmer thus:

"Friend, I have heard a great deal about you and I have come a long way to see which of us is the better wrestler."

The Scotman, without answering, seized the young man by the middle of his body, pitched him over the fence and returned to his work. When his lordship recovered his breath he stood silent.

"Well," said the farmer, "have you anything more to say to me?" "No," was the reply, "but perhaps you'll be so good as to throw me my horse!"—Edinburgh Scotsman.

## Some Block System.

A man traveling in a train that had made several abrupt stops and sudden jerks, became a bit anxious. There had been numerous accidents on the line of late, so he had been told, and there was cause for fear. Calling the porter aside, he said: "George, is this train safe?"

"Safe as any, sub."

"Is there a block system on the road?"

George's grin extended from ear to ear. "Block system, sub? Why, boss, we has de greatest block system in de world. Ten miles back we was blocked by a load of hay, six miles back we was blocked by a cow, and I reckon when we gets farther south we'll be blocked by an alligator. Block system, sub? Well, I'll say it is!"—Country Gentleman.

## The Better Way.

Mrs. Arthur Nevins, head bacteriologist of the new Tennessee Shell-stock hospital, said at a dinner in Johnson City:

"These women who go about wondering men are as stupid as they are cruel. Give me the woman who, instead of resorting in despair to a revolver, declares with a gay laugh: 'A man is like a telescope in my hands. I draw him out, see through him, and finally shut him up.'"

## CAUGHT IN PASSING

College professors, in a way, are waneurers of the mind.

The old fellows may not attend, but they like to be invited. A man is more apt than a woman to go crazy when he falls in love.

A woman is never seriously ill until she loses her interest in romantic novels. You can make a man weary by mentioning the weather every time you meet him.

"Fortune knocks once," but misfortune drops in frequently without knocking. The man who never told a lie is foolish to risk spoiling his reputation by saying so.

When a man gets up in the world a good reputation comes in handy as a parachute.

Wise is the man who doesn't sign his name to a friend's note or his own love letters.

Don't make yourself common; the world only sits up and takes notice of the uncommon.

The average woman's idea of an honest greaser is one who attends the same church she does.

Nothing is better calculated to give a self-made man a jolt than a bill-of-fare in French.

A good memory is one that enables a man to forget the things he does not care to recollect.

Some people display the best of taste by cutting out originality from their conversation.

A married man is glad that there is no place like home when it is filled with his wife's folks.

Many a man who humbly speaks of his own insignificance gets mad if other people allude to it.

Many a man gets a reputation for being good-natured because he is too lazy to stand up for his rights.

What a miserable crowd of pessimists we would be if we could see ourselves as others see us.

It may be better to be born lucky than rich, but the man who is born rich is lucky from the start.

When you see a young man at church every Sunday night it doesn't take a puzzle expert to find the girl.

While you may know a splinter like a book, it isn't nice to remind her of the fact that she is on the shelf.

At the age of sixteen a girl knows a lot more about men than a man at the age of sixty knows about women.

There is no satisfactory reason for believing that a woman who is always "harping" will make a good angel.

The woman who realizes she has made some other woman jealous is satisfied that she hasn't lived in vain.

It is unwise to judge a man by the criticism of his enemies. Only his friends can properly denounce him.

Public officials should be cheered when they do their duty. They need all the encouragement they can get.

After piling up a fortune many a man can see where the honesty of other men was a good policy—for him. Don't cast your bread upon the water, today and expect it to come back in the form of sponge cake tomorrow.

It isn't until a boy has celebrated his eighth birthday anniversary that he begins to notice his father's ignorance.

## The Same Thing.

When Mr. Wombat came home and announced that he would have to cancel his vacation plans Mrs. Wombat demanded to know what was wrong. He explained that he couldn't leave business. Whereat she was, to put it mildly, peeved.

"You put aside a thousand dollars for this trip, didn't you?" "I did."

"Here I am expecting a trip to the seashore. You've got the money, and now you say you can't leave business?" "You take the \$1,000," suggested Mr. Wombat calmly, "and buy some new clothes. Probably do you as much good as a trip to the seashore."

## Remarkable.

Speaking of childish wisdom, we have this contribution from Sierra Madre: "I was trying to mend Vera's much-battered dolly while my baby toddled about the yard. After watching me awhile, Vera exclaimed: 'Goodness, aunty, how long you've had that baby, and he hasn't even lost an arm yet.'"—Los Angeles Times.

## Convenient Relatives.

He-it wouldn't be much trouble for us to marry. My father is a minister, you know.

She-Well, let's have a try at it, anyway. My dad's a lawyer.—Mam. Tech Voo Doo.

## Great Help.

"I want a tall trombone player." "Why tall?"

"Well, you know orchestra space is limited. If the trombone player is tall he can play over the head of the feller in front of him."

## Knew What Was Good for Them.

Mrs. Reilly—What makes these mar-dines so high? Grocer—They're imported, ma'am. Mrs. Reilly—I'll take the domestic ones—those that had the brains to swim across to this country.

## GET IODINE IN SEA FOOD

Increased Consumption of Fish Will Lessen the Thyroid Disease, Doctors Claim.

According to a fisheries service bulletin of the Department of Agriculture, it has long been known that the proper functioning of the thyroid gland in man and animals is conditioned upon the presence of an adequate amount of iodine and that the lack of iodine is associated with disorders such as goiter, cretinism, etc. Iodine usually is administered in some form as a preventive or treatment for thyroid enlargements, but as a general preventive of such troubles in a whole population it is recognized that some more generally applicable means must be found. Physiologists and physicians recently have called attention to the probability that sea foods might constitute an agreeable and convenient source of iodine for the public at large. If so, it would be necessary only to encourage the consumption of sea foods to prevent the thyroid troubles referred to.

In order to supply exact information on this subject an investigation of the iodine content of sea foods has been undertaken in the fishery products laboratory of the bureau of fisheries. The iodine in oysters, clams, lobsters, etc., several important species of food fishes from salt water and fresh water, and those that pass part of their lives in salt water and part in fresh is being determined quantitatively. Dr. Donald K. Tressler is conducting the investigation, which is expected to continue for two or three months. At present the only precise information available on the subject deals with species of fish found in Europe.

## LEGEND OF GOLD IN RHINE

Lorelei, Its Guardian, Dragged Down the Misers of Old to Their Doom.

According to the story, at the bottom of the Rhine was the vast Rhine-gold, a treasure of incalculable richness. It glistened beneath the waters and the Lorelei were its guardians. Those crabbled masculine souls who prized the beauty of gold above the beauty of charming women, who preferred gold in metal to the golden skins and golden hair of the Lorelei, were dragged down to their fate.

The hair of the Lorelei was said to be spun of impossible fine strands of the golden store and the gold of their lovely cheeks was supposed to be a powder made of the mass of gold at the bottom of the stream, beaten by pebbles.

But this gold the miserly did not see, and their punishment was to see the treasure below them on the clear bottom of the river and becoming crazed with the sight of it, to try to dip their hands in it and fall in, lamented by nobody.—Detroit News.

## Six Stock Salesmen to Avoid.

The Northwestern Banker (Des Moines) puts a deal of good advice into small compass when it tells its readers that the six stock salesmen for the investor to avoid are:

The man who tells you how stockholders in similar concerns became rich over night.

The man who wants to help you in "keeping the contract away from Wall Street."

The man who talks about the "transferability" of stock.

The man who says that the stock will later be "listed on the exchange."

The man who wants you to buy because "the price is surely going up."

The man whose chief selling points are letters of recommendation from "leading citizens."

## Shop Talk.

There was a new attendant at the spiritualistic circle, and he had formerly been employed in a big drapery shop.

The fact came to light when a client requested him to tell the medium that she wished to speak with a Mr. Green.

"Certainly, madam," said the attendant. "Can you give me his Christian name?"

"I'm afraid I've forgotten it, but he died quite a short time ago."

The attendant cleared his throat and approached the medium. "Please show the lady some of the latest shades of Greens," he said.

## Tough on Daddy.

Daddy was confined to the house with Spanish influenza, and mother was busy sterilizing the dishes which had come from the sick-room.

"Why do you do that?" asked four-year-old Donald.

"Because, dear, poor daddy has germs, and the germs get on the dishes. I boil them, and that kills all the horrid germs."

Donald turned this over in his mind for several minutes. Then: "Mother, why don't you boil daddy?"

## The Best Dates For Wheat Sowing.

Raleigh, N. C. Sept. 16—It is not alone important to look carefully after the seed bed and fertilizer requirements of wheat to be successful with the crop. It is well to know the best varieties for a certain section, and then, according to Professor Franklin Sherman, Chief of the division of entomology for the Experiment Station and Extension Service, one should also give careful attention to his planting dates.

Prof. Sherman has worked out standard ten day periods for sowing wheat in all sections of North Carolina based on damage done by the Hessian Fly and winter killing from freezing weather. "The plan by which we calculated our dates," says Prof. Sherman, "was sent out by the United States Department of Agriculture and has been coordinated with what we know of the Hessian Fly and the practical experience of wheat growers from all over the State. We have worked out its application to nearly 1,000 localities in all parts of North Carolina. These dates have been submitted to the agronomy workers of our experiment station, to experienced farmers and to our field workers before venturing to make them public. Since that time we have also visited a number of wheat fields and found that the actual yields have given confirmation to the plan.

"Let it be understood that these dates are recommended not merely with reference to Hessian Fly, but are believed to be the safest sowing-periods for general practice in average seasons, all things considered. We believe that if farmers followed these calculations with slight deviations for clearly abnormal seasons, that it would result in less damage by Hessian Fly than we have heretofore had, and less damage from winter-kill. We have found in one community at the same time a variation of nearly two months; some sown so early as to invite fly-injury, and some so late as to be hurt by winter-kill. The standard ten-day periods are aimed to escape both these dangers so far as possible.

"Favorable weather for sowing will usually be found within the ten-day period. If a drought extends into the period it is well to wait for a rain, but if drought persists it is suggested to sow as near to the end of the period as judgment may decide."

For this section the period from October 14th to 24th is best for wheat sowing according to Prof. Sherman's recommendations.

## Main Wheat Section.

Oct. 9 to 12, Marion.  
Oct. 12 to 23, Lenoir.  
Oct. 13 to 23, Reidsville, Danbury, Morganton, Hickory.  
Oct. 14 to 24, Burlington, Greensboro, Winston, Elkin, Wilkesboro.  
Oct. 15 to 25, Mocksville.  
Oct. 16 to 26, Ashboro, Lexington, Salisbury, Statesville.  
Oct. 17 to 27, Newton, Lincoln, Concord, Mooresville.  
Oct. 18 to 28, Charlotte, Mt. Holly.  
Oct. 19 to 29, Shelby, Gastonia.  
Oct. 21 to 31, Albemarle.

## Mrs. Crandall (Iowa) Tells How She Stopped Chicken Losses.

"Last spring, rats killed all our baby chicks. With I'd known about Rat-Snap before. With just one large package we killed swarms of rats. They won't get this year's hatchlings, I'll bet." Rat-Snap is guaranteed and sells for 35c, 65c, \$1.25.

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## Atlantic Coast Inventors.

The following patents were issued last week to Atlantic Coast Inventors; reported by D. Swift & Co., Patent Lawyers, Washington, D. C., who will furnish copies of any of the above patents, including the drawings, for 10 cents a piece to any of our readers:

Virginia—Alfred D. Bowen, Suffolk; Display rack. Rudolph P. Gill, Orange; Satchel alarm. Eugene G. Kerlin, Salem; Pasting device for packaging machines.

North Carolina—James G. Baldwin, Asheville; Oiling system for internal-combustion engines. James T. Beatty, Charlotte; Press feeder. Eugene M. Cole, Charlotte; Gear-positioning mechanism.