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## Forestry and the Destruction of Timber.

Man is the most wasteful and destructive animal upon earth and the American is the most destructive of all men.

In nothing is this more exemplified than in the destruction of our forest. We have been an observer of our fields and forests for lo! these many years and it would seem from that lengthened observation that man's minion on earth was the destruction of values, when man was placed on earth he was instructed to till the garden of Eden but not to destroy the forest. There was then probably around that garden immense forest, for the apple trees were in bearing and bore the forbidden fruit, "Whose mortal taste brought death into the world and all our woe," and their birth was simultaneous with the fruit.

When man was cast out of the garden probably his first work was the destruction of the forest. Our earliest infantile sight met first a burning log heap that strong men had piled together: at great labor and then turned to ashes by the incendiary torch of the unwise improvident and wasteful work of our ancestors.

They burnt up valuable timbers of pine, poplar, oak, gum, maple and other timbers which are rarely seen now and would now make the lumber men's hearts leap for joy to use them for veneering.

"Honest Tom Skinner" had he have lived at that day and owned Canaan which he says the Holy Scriptures defined, as the Garden of Eden he would have violated the sixth commandment in a tussle with his grand sire to stop his blows upon the forest trees about Parkville.

When we look around and see the destruction of the forest in our progress from youth to old age, we become a second Jeremiah in our lamentations and the wild boar that roamed our forest, the honey bee that sings his lullaby in the dewy morn, and the denizens that dwell in communion with the grandeur of nature join us in our lament and regret that our fathers were no more wise.

There is much to lament in the past but there is much to rejoice at in the present. The mill man's axe has destroyed the forest and the possum and the coon, the wild cat and the buffalo have been driven back and their homes abandoned.

But the government is doing a good work in its attempts to preserve the forest and restore its former value in the economy of nature, and we are proud to say that a citizen of Elizabeth City who is more conversant upon the subject of forestry than anyone who we have met, is in a prominent and confidential government position in the great work. Varied as has been his experience in all parts of the country he claims that the Albemarle country the land of his birth and his home is the most blessed of all lands. Why cannot this son of Betsy so accomplish in everything relating to his special department come home to North Carolina and establish a forestry department in some of our leading colleges or schools. This man is Anson E. Co-hoon, he has lived during his mature manhood in the wild forest of the west and theoretically and practically he is master of the subject of forestry.

## Insurance Investigations.

Investigation of the financial affairs of those in high places seems to be the order of the day; and it's well that the search light should be turned upon them.

The world is tired of worshipping the successful financier as a hero. The man who starts with nothing and in a few years amasses millions is no longer to be a model by which the rising generations will build their character.

Many a man, who is held up to the wondering gaze of mankind as a giant in financing is nothing more or less than a thief; and people are fast learning to look beyond the dol-

lars to the manner by which they were gained and measure the man not by his wealth but by his worth to humanity.

Insurance investigations is a thing to be dreaded by insurance officials, who have been receiving princely fortunes as salaries. Investigations reveals a deplorable state of mismanagement of funds intrusted to their keeping.

The former president of one insurance company has died since these investigations have begun; another one has been brought to death's door by the weary and anxiety entailed upon him, and now McCurdy, president of the Mutual Life has fled to France to escape punishment that the disclosure of the affairs of his company would bring upon him.

No doubt there are other insurance officials who are now quaking with fear expecting every day for these horrid investigations to let the "cat out of the bag" for them, too. Officials of corporations, which have hitherto been regarded as heroes in the industrial world; the pictures of whom have appeared in every newspaper in Christendom, are now hiding to escape court jurisdiction as the most abject criminal would.

The people are learning that a thief is a thief, and a dishonest man is a dishonest man, regardless of the conditions under which he steals or carries on his dishonest policies and as such ought to be punished along with chicken thieves and horse traders.

## Press Comments

The Vanderbilts are not likely to become infatuated with automobiling in the Italian style. To be assaulted by a discourteous mob, simply for running over a boy or so, is a little too much. Let them speed back to a country where accidents are easily adjusted by the chauffeur and a \$10 bill.—Times Dispatch.

You will never know the trouble and leisure of life until you raise hogs. They are a bother and a vexation to the spirit of man while they live, but bring joy and contentment to the soul of man when they die at hog-killing time. The American hog, however, is the dad-blamest, split-hoofed, long-snouted busybody animal we ever saw. He can make a fellow madder than other animals that infest the premises. He will always squeal and muddy your pants when he knows you are trying to feed him. He will get into your garden through a knothole and destroy enough produce in three minutes to feed your wife and children three months. He will pay no attention to a wide-open gate where you want him to go. He is the biggest nuisance and most profitable on the farm.—Moro (La.) Observer.

Tom Dixon should be happy. He is making money, enjoying notoriety, and doing something a great many people do not want him to do.—Littleton Times-Herald.

The correspondence between the News and Observer and Dr. MacArthur, who is to preach at the Trinity College commencement this year, is highly interesting. The New York Times reported Dr. MacArthur as saying that he favored social equality. Editor Josephus Daniels wrote Dr. MacArthur about it and secured a positive denial. Dr. MacArthur is insane in his admiration for Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Jerome but persons who gave the incident serious thought must have had their doubts as to the truthfulness of the report crediting him with social equality views.—Greensboro Telegram.

The condition of many of the county jails is no doubt due to the prevalence of the belief that anything is good enough for a man supposed to be a criminal, and that if it is not he cannot help himself.—Herald.

The difference between mob violence in Ohio and the South as regards crimes by negroes is again emphasized by the news of the riot in Springfield Tuesday night. Because of the fatal shooting of a white man by two negroes a mob which defied the police set fire to houses in the negro quarter of the town and a number were destroyed. In short, the crowd made war on all negroes because of the crime of two of their number. A Southern mob might have lynched the offenders, but it would not have molested innocent parties. An occurrence similar to this outbreak occurred in Springfield some two or three years ago.—Charlotte Observer.

It is an Ohio member of Congress, Representative Keifer, who introduced the other day a bill providing for

the reduction of Southern representation in the national legislature on account of the South's management of the race problem. The South restricts the negro, by constitutional means, in the exercise of the franchise. It tries to keep him out of politics, but it treats him fairly out of politics, but it treats him fairly as a human being. In Ohio, Representative Keifer's state, a mob undertook Tuesday night to burn the whole colored section of the City of Springfield because of a crime committed by one man, and the same mob tried to prevent the rescue of colored children from their father's burning dwelling. The Pharisee is always with us.—Landmark.

The House Committee on Agriculture has refused to recommend the usual appropriation for the purchase and distribution of free garden seeds as a congressional perquisite. The committee, by a bare majority vote, struck from the agricultural appropriation bill the item of \$240,000 which has for some years been carried as an annual appropriation to defray the cost of supplying each representative and senator with some 14,000 packages of farm and garden seeds for distribution among his constituents. Says the Washington Post: The original purpose of the free seed distribution was proper and worthy, the earlier appropriations being for the purpose of distributing rare plants and improving the conditions and quality of vegetable seed throughout the country. This purpose has been entirely lost sight of in recent years, and the appropriation has been used almost entirely for the purpose of distributing vegetable seeds purchased of seed growers or jobbers, without reference to their quality of rarity. It is simply using \$240,000 a year to aid members in their campaign work, and is no more justified than would be a like appropriation for the distribution of socks or shoes or tooth brushes. The committee has acted wisely in lopping off this form of official graft, and the House can get its share of the credit only by sustaining the action of the committee. The Post is right. This distribution of free seeds should be stopped. The \$240,000 so expended is practically money thrown away so far as the farmer is concerned. He receives them, it is true, but it is safe to say that in the majority of instances they are thrown aside and never used. Either they are used for which the farmer has no use or he does not use them because he distrusts their quality. The sole gainers from this appropriation in recent years have been the jobbers from whom the seeds are purchased by the government. The House should sustain the action of the committee in this matter. If it really wants to continue to help the agricultural classes of the country to the extent of \$240,000 a year, let it provide for its expenditure in such a manner that the farmers will derive some real benefit from it—in increased appropriation for the maintenance of experiment stations, for instance.—Virginian-Pilot.

## NEWS NOTES OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

Yesterday the United States Treasury's balance sheet showed a surplus of \$1,102,300 in receipts over expenditures. This is the first time since May, 1904 that there has been a surplus in the treasury's accounts. The treasury officials are highly gratified at the unusually heavy receipt. Yesterday's expenditures were also unusually heavy, \$50,000,000 being expended on the Panama canal and \$4,600,000 to the Louisiana Purchase Exposition company.

Henry St. George Tucker, president of the Jamestown Exposition is reported as saying yesterday that he was confident that Congress would make an appropriation for the exposition.

Secretary Shaw of the treasury yesterday appeared before the house committee on industrial arts in opposition to the passage of the bill which proposes the coinage of 1,000,000 two dollar silver piece.

Assistant Secretary Newberry stated yesterday before the committee on industrial arts that all the nations of the world would participate in the Jamestown Exposition. So far Siam is the only nation which has declined to participate.

Secretary Taft has indicated to the exposition company that the war department will make an exhibit similar to the one made at St. Louis and Portland.

The Santo Domingo treaty was reported to the Senate yesterday with alterations. The authority given to Dominican government to demand protection from the United States government was changed to read that the United States shall give such protection as it thinks proper. The United States by this treaty collects the revenues of the island, pays 45 per cent, to the Dominican government and holds 55 per cent. to liquidate the foreign debts of the republic.

The president's confirmation of the findings of the court martial of Sidney S. Burbank, first lieutenant in a company stationed in the Philippines was yesterday made public. Lieutenant Burbank while stationed with his company in the Philippines islands married a Philippine girl, upon being transferred to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, he deserted her and was on the point of marrying an American woman when the friends of his Philippine wife interfered.

It has been announced at the post-office department at Washington that the Jamestown Exposition is granted permission to have cancellation stamps in the postoffice at Norfolk, Portsmouth, Newport News and Hampton during the exposition.

The Blowes investigation came to

an end yesterday and the report will be submitted to the Senate today.

One hundred and fifty workmen were discharged from the Portsmouth navy yards yesterday on account of shortage in the appropriations of the national government, which precluded the possibility of keeping the men employed.

Mrs. Greenwood, the widow of the keeper of Jones Point light house for forty years, will be appointed light-house keeper in his place.

## CURIOSITY IN MEN AND WOMEN.

Women, it is true, are persistently and assiduously curious, but men also are not only persistently and assiduously but persistently and systematically curious. It is the character of

female curiosity that makes it apparently contemptible. Scientific men of every character have no *raison d'être* for their infinitely patient research save pure curiosity alone, and their curiosity has no more purpose in it than has the curiosity of the woman who can not rest until she finds out all discoverable facts about her neighbors or the cause of a mysterious sound by night. These two forms of curiosity, the male and the female, originated no doubt in the early needs of the race long before men appeared on the earth. The male animal is interested in the causes of remote things—things which, upon being run down, might turn out useful for food purposes. The female is interested in the quick investigation of near and small things which may turn out a menace in the lives of her young.—National Magazine.

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