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WHY LUMBER IS COSTLY.
Lumbermen Waste Half of Every Tree They Cut.

Dr. Bristol, chief of the section of wood chemistry, states that 50 per cent or more of the average tree as it stands in the forest is wasted before reaching the market in the form of lumber. He says, further, that the timber cut has increased from 18,000,000,000 board feet in 1880 to 50,000,000,000 board feet in 1906, and that our present consumption of wood in all forms is equivalent to at least 100,000,000,000 board feet annually, and possibly much more.

Further, it may be new to you that white pine, in former years the greatest of all our lumber trees and the only wood dignified with the name "pine," has, under the heavy drain upon it, so fallen off that its domination of the lumber market has practically ceased. In from ten to fifteen years the supply of other woods—for instance, the yellow pine and the Douglas fir—will be just as limited as that of white pine now. Rapidly decreasing also is our supply of hard woods, the price of which go up higher and higher. White oak went up from \$48 in 1890 to \$85 in 1907, hickory from \$38 to \$65, and yellow poplar from \$29 to \$53. Expert foresters proclaim that we are, without having made any provisions against it, dangerously near a hardwood famine, which will strike at the very foundation of some of the country's most important industries.

Since 1870 forest fires have each year destroyed an average of fifty lives and \$50,000,000 worth of timber. Not less than 50,000,000 acres of forest is burned over yearly.—Rudolf Cronan, in McClure's.

Tariff Paragraphs.

Vice President Zayas has come from Cuba to the United States to plead for a little further letting down of the bars, so that the Cubans may supply us with cheaper sugar, tobacco and pineapples. Of course any man that comes hither on such an errand is a public enemy and an apostle of cheaper living. Away with him and his pineapples!

There is too much reason to believe that the Congress of the United States, assembled in extra session to revise the tariff, is giving ten times the attention to schemes for the maintenance of protective plundering as compared with the attention of the masses and lowering the cost of living. The mandate of the voters is forgotten. Nothing is heard but the shouting of the lobbyists.

The Steel Trust has entered upon a desperate campaign, with a well-equipped force in the lobbies of Congress, to defeat free importation of iron ore from the mines of Cuba. This is now a more important matter with the Trust than the proposed reductions of duty on steel rails and building materials. In spite of its immense possessions of Lake Superior ore and its absorption of the Tennessee Company, the giant corporation still dreads the free competition of the mines of Cuba. It is said by naturalists that the elephant trembles at the sight of a mouse.

Most furs are dyed in Germany. There is a strong conviction in the trade that German dyeing is better than ours. But we have men who want to dye furs and sew them and repair the holes made in killing the animals, and for their benefit the Payne bill would raise the duties on all furs so treated from 20 to 35 per cent., the same rate as that on furs when made up. This is an injury to the furriers for the benefit of a small group of persons who do the preparatory work. It is one of the very many little jobs introduced into the Payne bill for the benefit of this man or that at the expense of a whole industry or of the consumers, or more often of both.—Philadelphia Record.

Our lives are albums written through
With good or ill, with false or true;
And as the blessed angels turn
The pages of our years
God grant they read the good with smiles
And blot the ill with tears.

—Whittier.

**GEORGE WOODARD WICKERSHAM
ATTORNEY GENERAL.**

George W. Wickersham, Attorney General in President Taft's cabinet, has been brought into prominence by his appointment to this position. Before Mr. Taft discovered him his name was unknown to the general reading public.

Mr. Wickersham was born in Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1858, and is 51 years old. He was educated at Lehigh University where he took a course in civil engineering. Later he entered the law school of the University of Pennsylvania from which he holds the degree of Bachelor of Laws. He began the practice of law in Philadelphia and later he went to New York. At the time of his appointment he was a member of the law firm of which President Taft's brother is also a member. He is a great lawyer and has served as attorney for a number of the big corporations. So far as we can learn he has never held office before.

The New York Sun, writing of Mr. Wickersham has this to say of him:

"And what manner of man is Mr. Wickersham? He does not carry mentally or physically excess baggage. He has the torso of a big man, and he is a short man. He is



GEORGE W. WICKERSHAM.

more interesting than handsome. At first sight his drooping iron gray mustache and large eyes—the prominent eyes and insistent gaze of the myopic—have recalled to some E. H. Harriman. He can be as solemn as a sepulcher or as vivacious as a southern Italian. His laugh is hearty, and he is not morbidly modest. His mental alertness is reflected in his quick pace and sharply decisive movements. The brow is wide and high, the mouth and teeth aggressively large, the jaw salient. A masterful man, a good hater, a man of quick temper, a man with a stubborn backbone, a man compact of energy, seemingly more Spaniard than American; dark skinned, exotic, and a gentleman. His religion—now far from the Spencerian days—is Protestant Episcopal. Yet by temperament he is not a conservative. Mr. Wickersham's attitude toward politics has been consistently the same for over thirty years. He believes in the Republican party for the Republicans. A man and a lawyer may do that and not be a spoilsman, though it may be admitted that the example is as rare as a blue moon. He was at one time deeply interested in electricity, and he was once an accomplished telegrapher.

The Mexican Herald has this to say of Mr. Taft's Attorney General:

"The Spanish scholar par excellence of the Taft administration is that most simpatico gentleman, George Woodard Wickersham, Attorney General, a great lawyer, who reads, in the original, the works of Cervantes, Lope de Vega, Calderon, Valera, and Galdos, having found time to master Spanish before he passed his law examination. And he talks fluent Spanish, as well as French and Italian. Don Jorge Wickersham can make a rascal or a bore walk Spanish, and, with his dark complexion, he might himself be easily taken for a native of the tropics."

Cigarette Caused \$150,000 Fire.

Philadelphia, Pa., April 5.—A cigarette stub caused a \$150,000 fire in the building occupied by the Stetson Piano Company today. The building was gutted. Five women music teachers were rescued from the building. As the firemen broke in the doors an explosion hurled them right and left, some flying all the way across the street. Three were injured so severely they had to be taken to a hospital.

Mr. W. W. Cole and Superintendent J. P. Canaday spoke at the close of Mr. N. B. Strickland's school at Myatt's school house in Cleveland township last Saturday. They report a good crowd as being present. In the afternoon there was a baseball game and at night the exercises by the school were held.

POLENTA NEWS.

Mr. J. W. Myatt is nearly through planting corn. He generally plants early, and always makes fine crops.

On Sunday there will be preaching at Shiloh by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Horrell, and those who go will certainly be paid for their trouble. Pastor Horrell never fails to entertain and instruct.

A farmers Union has been organized at Myatt's school house, Mr. H. V. Faulkner being president and Mr. W. H. Sanders secretary. The farmers need organization, and until they do organize they will work at a disadvantage. Every other calling is organized. Why not the farmers? An organization has also been affected at Mt. Zion, with Mr. J. T. Wrenn as president.

The following are sick with pneumonia: Mr. J. F. Hardee, who is said to be considerably better; two of Mr. J. W. Green's children, who are also improving; two of Mr. W. B. Godwin's children—one of them improving, the other not so well; Mrs. D. M. Lee whose trouble has not fully developed. We hope all will soon be well.

On the third Sunday afternoon Mr. A. D. Taylor will deliver a lecture on the life of Paul at Oakland, to begin at 4 o'clock. Mr. Taylor is a thorough Bible student and his lecture will prove instructive. Every body invited.

The Myatt Public school under the superintendency of Rev. Mr. Strickland, came to a close last Saturday. At 11 A. M., Lawyer Cole delivered an address, which is said to have been of high merit. Prof. Canaday followed in a short talk, which is highly spoken of. After the speeches dinner was served, and then came a game of baseball between Myatt's school house and Polenta. Myatt's boys came out victorious. At night the regular exercises took place, consisting of declamations, dialogues, etc., all the scholars rendering their parts nicely, and whilst all did well, the following renditions deserve special mention. "Taking the Census," dialogue; "Willie's Mishappen," dialogue. Rev. Mr. Strickland is a fine teacher and is to be congratulated on the management of the school.

No one in this section has planted cotton as yet. Some are ready but think the land too cold.

At Oakland on the fourth Sunday Rev. Mr. Vardell, of Red Springs, preached a sermon of great power.

The usual annual picnic after Easter will come off at Moore's Bridge next Monday.

During the summer Mr. J. E. Jones proposes to remodel his dwelling, making improvements which will add wonderfully to its appearance.

Squire D. T. Smith has bought three pups, and says he intends to show the neighborhood how to run rabbits this fall.

Mr. David Wood, attending school in Smithfield, spent Sunday with friends in this neighborhood.

Miss Margie Booker is confined to her room with mumps.

Small pox is said to be raging over in Elevation township.

Dr. McLemore has had an office built near his residence.

Mrs. Savannah Moore is on a visit to friends at Fremont.

Mr. Hubert Wood, of this section, and Miss Raynor, from near Benson, were married last Sunday night by J. E. Jones, J. . .

TYPO.

NOTICE—TAX SALE.

I, C. L. Eason, town tax collector of Smithfield, will sell to the highest bidder at the Court house door in Smithfield, N. C., for cash, on Monday the 3rd day of May, 1909, at 12 o'clock M. the following real estate to satisfy the taxes due for last year, 1908.

	Taxes.
Barnes, H. M. Sr., 1 lot	5.54
Barnes H. M. Jr., 2 lots	1.02
Barnes Patrick McKinley 2 lots	1.10
Barnes, West 2 lots	1.04
Fitzgerald G. 1 lot	4.70
Colored.	
Bynum, Whitfield heirs 2 lots	3.59
White, Jenkins 1 lot	3.30
Sanders, A. L. C. T. 1 lot	3.30
Ralford, Rosetta 1 lot	1.96
McCullers, Emily 1 lot 1907	1.55
McCullers, Emily 1 lot 1908	1.55
Lee, Henry 1 lot	2.30
Hicks India 1 lot	2.50
Hodges, Charlie 2 lots	7.02
Ennis, Richard 2 lots	2.82
Canaday, Parker 1 lot	2.70
Stevens, Stephen 1 lot	1.78

C. L. EASON,
Town Tax Collector.

Wilson's Mills, N. C., Mar. 19, '09.
Messrs Cotter-Stevens Co.,
Smithfield, N. C.

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W. E. Smith Co.,

Selma, N. C.