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Evolution of the Raft.

The canoe was one of the earliest of boats, but it is not in line with the later growth. The ancestry of the modern boat begins with the log and is traced through the raft rather than through the canoe. By lashing together several logs it was found that larger burdens could be carried. Therefore the beat of a single log grew into one of several logs—a raft. By the time man had learned to make a raft we see he had learned something else—he had learned to row his boat along by pulling at an oar instead of pushing it along with a paddle. Rafts were used by nearly all the nations of antiquity. Herodotus, the father of history, tells us that they were in use in ancient Chaldea.—S. E. Forman in St. Nicholas.

Thunder in Various Regions.

Java is said to be the region of the globe where it thunders oftentimes, having thunderstorms ninety-seven days in the year. After it are Sumatra, with eighty-six days; Hindustan, with fifty-six; Borneo, with fifty-four; the Gold Coast, with fifty-two, and Rio de Janeiro, with fifty-one. In Europe, Italy occupies the first place, with thirty-eight days of thunder, while France and southern Russia have sixteen days. Great Britain and Switzerland have each seven days, and Norway has four. Thunder is rare in Cairo, being heard only three days in the year, and extremely rare in northern Turkestan and the polar regions.

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THE SOCIAL EVENTS

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Bohon, Edna Coll, Margaret Gilhooly, Bertha Ehringer, Rose Kelly, Ray Cook, Agnes Kenny, Tot Kenny, Clemetine Brooks, Marie Tonnerre, of Decatur, Ind.; Roger Allen, Henry Reedner, Addie Knapp, Frank Ballweber, Emmett Durgee, Frank Grote, Otto Keller, George Montgomery, Clarence Zollinger, Louis Kestberg, Harold Keigwin, Wilbur Foster, Halbert Perry, Charles Smith, of Louisville.—Jeffersonville Star.

Miss Katherine Smith will entertain a company of friends at six o'clock dinner this evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Dyke Fristinger.

A PICKLE FACTORY

Deal Closed if Contracts for Two Hundred Acres Can be Secured.

GLASSER, KOHN & CO.

Big Chicago Concern May Locate a Branch Here Within Sixty Days.

A new industry was secured yesterday afternoon for Decatur by the Commercial Club when they closed a deal with Glasser, Kohn and company, of Chicago, for the erection of a pickle factory in this city within the next thirty or sixty days, provided they can secure contracts enough with farmers living within a radius of five miles of Decatur to grow pickles for the use of this plant. Of course to secure a plant of this kind it is an absolute necessity for them to at once determine whether or not they can secure acreage enough to raise pickles to keep their plant in running order and insure them that they can fill their orders promptly. This company requires that the Commercial Club secure for them contracts from farmers living within five miles of Decatur insuring them that they will raise from one half to five acres of pickles each season. No contract to be entered into for less than one half acre or more than five acres from any one farmer and that the total must reach two hundred acres as this is sufficient to keep the plant running practically the year around. This company also agrees to furnish seed at fifty cents a pound that they will guarantee to raise at least one hundred and fifty bushels per acre, for which the plant will pay for all pickles under 3½ inches fifty cents a bushel and all over that length fifteen cents a bushel. The company only asks for ground enough on which to erect their buildings and plant, which they estimate will cost them in the neighborhood of eight thousand dollars. The Commercial Club will secure them a site along the Erie tracks and should the solicitor, Frank Peterson, be able to secure contracts from farmers representing two hundred acres, the plant is assured for Decatur. This is another good thing and the farmers and citizens should take an interest in the plant and boost the same. They expect to employ in the neighborhood of fifteen men to start with and increase the force as the work demands.

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THE SESSION OVER

TRICKS OF THE TYPES

The Commissioners Closed a Busy Two Days' Session.

CONSIDER DRAINAGE

Four Ditch Sales Ordered —Two Liquor Licenses Granted.

The commissioners closed a busy two days' session, having in that time taken care of considerable business, Monday being an especially strenuous day. It being the last day for tax paying, brought many people to town, and they seemingly all had something to do or say to the board.

In the Marsellus Davidson ditch petition, it was referred to Surveyor Baumgartner, J. M. Willey drainage commissioner, and Samuel Durbin. They will meet November 7.

Liquor licenses were granted to Joseph Tonnerre and Joe Knapke, both of this city.

Surveyor Baumgartner is advertising for sale the Charles Kurber, Frank C. Wechter, August Heusselman and Harvey L. Smith ditch. The sale will occur on Saturday, November 23, at the surveyor's office.

The commissioners closed the session by the allowance of bills.

WILL SOON EXHAUST SUPPLY.

Government Says Timber Will All be Gone in Twenty Years.

Washington, Nov. 4.—In twenty years the timber supply in the United States government reserves and private holdings, at the present rate of cutting, will be exhausted." This announcement was made today by Gifford Pinchot, the government forester who has just returned from a six months' inspection trip on which he traveled 10,000 miles.

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