

CONSERVATION OF ITS FORESTS IS SOUGHT BY STATE

Minnesota Begins to Realize Her Loss in Allowing Spoil-
ation of Timber Lands in Past Years.

INTEREST BEING SHOWN TOWARD LUMBER TARIFF

Mills Now Are Idle and Towns Without Enterprises As Re-
sult of the Ruthless Devas-
tation.

Minneapolis, Feb. 13.—A keen interest is taken by Minnesota people in the discussion of the lumber tariff which is now attracting so much attention throughout the country. Not long ago Minnesota was one of the leading lumber producing states of the country, but it has now fallen to the 9th place on the list, though it is still first in the production of white pine. Only nine years ago Minneapolis was the greatest lumber manufacturing city in the world, but today there are a dozen places that surpass it in that respect, and its total annual cut has fallen from 600,000,000 feet to less than 200,000,000. There are many smaller cities in Minnesota which were once fragrant of pine and vibrant with the roar of saws that do not now turn a wheel to make a board. Minnesota is merely repeating the history of Michigan and Wisconsin, in each of which, with the passing of the white pine forests, the glory of lumber manufacturing has departed, even though hundreds of mills continue to nibble away at remnants, second-growth and species of timber not commonly used ten or fifteen years ago.

A Dying Industry.

In his annual report for 1907 J. E. Rhodes, secretary of the Northern Pine Manufacturers Association, made this striking statement:

"Since 1895, 248 firms representing an aggregate annual output of pine lumber of four and one half billion feet have retired from business, due to exhaustion of their timber supply. Plants representing approximately 500,000,000 feet capacity, which sawed in 1906, will not be operated in 1907."

The whole great business of turning white pine trees into lumber reached its climax in 1890 and has ever since been dwindling, until today the output of white pine for the entire country is not half what it once was. At one time there were a hundred saw mills on the Mississippi river between Minneapolis and St. Louis, and the great river was alive with the rafts of logs that floated down in a perpetual procession to feed the humongous saws that never stopped. Today there are not more than two or three mills in that whole distance, and they will soon close forever. Once there were 120 steam-boats employed in towing logs; today there are only five or six.

A large part of the region in which the great white pine forests stood was adapted to agriculture, and hence the destruction of the majestic forests that occupied them since time immemorial was inevitable and practically praiseworthy. But much of the land has been denuded of its forests in Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota is better adapted to raising trees than any other crop. The consequence is that today there are vast tracts in these states of "cut-over," and burned-over lands that are a veritable abomination of desolation.

High Price of Lumber and the Tariff.

The destruction of the forests and the ruin that has followed together with the high price of lumber that has naturally resulted has awakened intense interest in these states in forest conservation and in the repeal of

the lumber tariff, which is generally regarded as intimately associated with conservation. In fact, many of those deeply interested in forest conservation regard the tariff of \$2 to \$3.50 per thousand as a virtual reward for the more rapid destruction of the remaining forests. The better grades of finished lumber are entirely kept out of the import trade by the tariff, and the volume of lower grades imported is greatly restricted by the \$2 tariff. So, with the demand of lumber growing 10 per cent per annum notwithstanding the introduction of cement and other substitutes, the tendency is to apply the axe and saw without mercy to the timber that still stands.

Few persons, even regular buyers of lumber fully realize how greatly lumber has increased in price in recent years. According to a lumber trade publication white pine has ascended in wholesale list price all the way from 88 to 189 per cent in the last fifteen years. Add the cost of labor and other items entering into the cost of production has not at the outside increased more than 25 per cent, this tremendous increase largely reflects the diminishing supply of white pine and represents profits either for the manufacturer or the owner of the timber.

AQUATIC MEETING IS ARRANGED FOR

Y. M. C. A. Swimmers Plan to Hold a Water Carnival In the Large Tank.

WILL GIVE EXHIBITIONS

COACH VAIL OF EARLHAM COLLEGE, AN EXPERT SWIMMER, WILL GIVE LECTURE, ILLUSTRATING VARIOUS FEATURES.

At a meeting of the aquatic committee of the Y. M. C. A. yesterday afternoon, it was decided to hold a series of meets during the remainder of the indoor swimming season. The tank at the local building is one of the finest in the state. It is 60 feet long and sufficiently large to accommodate the swimmers in their contests.

It is believed the contests will tend toward the development of the young swimmers. It will give the members, who do not know the great water sport, an opportunity to learn. Instructions in different kinds of swimming will be made a part of the program.

Meet Next Saturday.

The first meet will be held next Saturday evening. Coach Vail, of the Earlham athletic teams, who is an expert swimmer, will give a talk on the art of keeping afloat in the water. He will illustrate his lecture by an exhibition. He also will explain how to float without any exertion of the muscles. A number of first class swimmers of the city will assist Mr. Vail in his lecture work by giving exhibitions.

Various Competitions.

The competition will consist of time swimming, distance diving, swimming under water for distance, etc. A twenty yard race and a one hundred yard race are expected to prove features. The latter will require five trips the length of the tank.

The aquatic committee is composed of Earl Henley, Mr. Vail, Mr. Foster and Charles Kauffman. It will endeavor to induce as many as are willing to learn to swim to do so by creating interest in the sport.

City Statistics

Births.
Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Hummer, 12 South West Second street, girl, first child.

Polo at the Coliseum Monday evening. Elwood vs. Richmond. 13-2t

TO FORM LEAGUE FOR BASKETBALL

Athletic Committee of Y. M. C. A. Decides to Create Interest in That Way.

NO ASSOCIATION TEAM

GREATEST GOOD FOR GREATEST NUMBER OBJECT OF THOSE WHO ARE PROMOTING LEAGUE PROPOSITION.

A Y. M. C. A. basketball league is to be formed. This will be welcome news to the followers of the sport and will be encouragement to certain members, who have complained that there has not been enough of the spirit of competition about the athletics. It is believed that a first-class league will be organized. It was decided by the athletic committee at a meeting last evening that an association league would prove more advisable than to attempt to perfect an association team.

It was pointed out that if the attempt was made to organize a team only, the list of candidates would be necessarily small and that less good would be accomplished than by a league. It is late in the basketball season and all the other Y. M. C. A. teams in this section have been in practice for months, and are in a condition it would not be possible for a local team to attain in the remaining time. It is the object of the committee to provide for the greatest good to the greatest number and it was this reason that prompted the suggestion of a league.

Candidates' Eligibility.

All sustaining, senior and intermediate members of the association will be eligible to the league. The committee will hold another meeting next Saturday, at which time definite arrangement will be made. All candidates for teams are expected to hand their names to Ralph Cain, secretary of the committee, before Saturday. A league of as many teams as the number of players permits will be formed. It is expected that upwards of thirty players will announce their candidates. It is the intention to form a league in which all teams will be nearly evenly balanced as possible. It may be that Y. M. C. A. pennant or some emblem will be awarded as the trophy for the championship.

ATTELL IS MATCHED

He Will Box Jem Driscoll Ten Rounds in New York on February 19.

GET TOGETHER AFTER SPAT

New York, Feb. 13.—Abe Attell and Jem Driscoll this afternoon agreed to box ten rounds at the National Athletic club in this city on February 19. The match was made after a long and bitter wrangle between Attell, Lippe, Attell's manager and Ted Johnson, who looks after the interests of Driscoll.

The boys are to box at 126 pounds, weight in New York at six o'clock on the day of the bout. Attell held out for 124 pounds and for a time it looked as if there would be no match. However after many arguments Lippe finally agreed to concede the two pounds. During the talk over the match both sides were accused of trying to dodge the issue. It seems, though that both were more than willing to fight, but wanted to secure the most advantageous terms possible.

A woman's idea of economy is to buy 5 cents' worth of anything on two separate occasions instead of blowing in a dime all at once.—Chicago News.

MEET ROSE FRIDAY

Earlham Thinks She Will Be Able to Take the Engineers Into Camp.

QUAKERS LACK TEAM WORK

When the wonderment and the solving of how Wabash defeated Earlham last Friday night at the Coliseum dies off, the students will begin to talk about what Earlham will do to Rose Poly Friday evening when that team journeys to this city to do battle with the Quakers. According to some of the students, Earlham will be the victor. They reason that since Wabash trounced the Quakers 51 to 25, and several weeks ago took the engineers into camp by the score of 51 to 17, the Quakers, as a result, are stronger than Rose Poly.

The wiser heads of the college claim that scores count for nothing, which was proven in the game last Friday. The elation over the game with Cedarville was too much for the Friends. What the Earlham team lacks is team work and throwing goals.

MAN FROM HOME A PLEASING SHOW

One Weak Member of the Cast Was the Only Thing To Mar Production.

KOKOMO GETS ADVERTISED

LEADING PART REPRESENTS A NATIVE OF THAT CITY AND THE PART WAS ONE EXCELLENTLY TAKEN.

An excellent play spoiled by one weak member of an otherwise strong cast, is "The Man from Home," as presented at the Gennett theater yesterday afternoon and evening. And of all things, when the weak "sister" is the leading woman, it is about like an excellent cake spoiled by poor icing. No better play has been presented in this city this season, than "The Man from Home," and no poorer leading woman has appeared than Rosina Henley. "Isn't it h— to butcher a good play like that with such leading woman?" asked one spectator as he was leaving the theater. That expressed it.

Had a Long Run.

The play ran for 342 nights at Chicago and was considered one of the best productions ever staged there. Last year it was in the east and New York received it with open arms. This year it is on the road and Richmond was fortunate to get it. It is a play of the character that can be appreciated easily. The central figure is a plain out-and-out hoosier from no place other than Kokomo, up the line on the Richmond division of the Panhandle. Daniel Vorhees Pike is his name and as depicted by Henry Hall, the audience is led to believe it sees one of its fellow townsmen on the stage. The author is Booth Tarkington and he knows the type with which the play.

Excellent staged and splendidly presented the play and proved a pleasing sensation. The audience laughed with him in his time of trouble. It pitted, also, the Russian fugitive and rejoiced at the manliness displayed by Duke Vasilivitch, but try as best it could, there was no way to become reconciled to Miss Henley. She appeared like a seventh grade pupil scared to death when delivering her first piece with mamma in the audience. Miss Henley is an understudy for the leading lady who is very ill.

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Will Have Plenty of Time.

"Let's force several of the largest of these bills over until the special session, when we will have plenty of time to scan the appropriations," is what the objecting senators are saying.

The naval bill, which will come up for consideration on Monday, may bring a show of strength. Among the republican senators who are disposed to join in the attempt to put the bills over until the extra session are La

Follette, Cummings, Borah, Dixon, Smith, of Michigan, Curtis, Bourne and Clapp. There is another object in view. If some of the appropriations should fail at this session the speaker of the house would be compelled to name several committees at the special session in addition to the ways and means committee.

Census Bill to go Over.

This would open the way for a good deal of general legislation which some of the senators and representatives want.

It seems reasonably certain that the census bill will remain dormant for the rest of this session, and this will make necessary the appointment of a committee on census for the special session. The elder senators are aware to the fact that there is a movement to delay the appropriation bills and beginning with next

Monday they will insist that these bills be pushed to the exclusion of all other business. The prospect is good for an interesting contest.

May Try Parcels Post.

The post office appropriation bill,

which will be reported by the senate committee on post offices and post roads Monday, will contain an amendment providing for an experiment with parcels post on rural routes in two counties. The amendment is not in the form of the Beveridge resolution offered last week, but in substance is the LaFean bill, introduced in the house.

The amendment will be subject to a point of order, and some senators are disposed to oppose it.

Shakespearian Comedies.

Shakespearian comedies, called "Much Ado About Nothing," also the most improbable event mentioned by Benedict is an earthquake, too, then

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BANK STATEMENT

The First National Bank

Richmond, Ind., Feb. 5, 1909.

ASSETS

Loans & Discounts	\$ 797,604.14
Overdrafts	2,368.06
U. S. Bonds	141,000.00
Other Bonds	41,753.99
Banking House and Safety Deposit Vaults	19,500.00
Due from U. S. Treasurer	5,000.00
Cash and Exchange	287,793.45
	\$1,295,019.64

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 100,000.00
Surplus and Profits	65,137.87
Circulation	99,547.50
Deposits	1,030,334.27
	\$1,295,019.64

Statement of Deposits

at first call of the Comptroller in each year for six years

January 22, 1904	\$ 403,728.15
January 11, 1905	\$ 443,226.26
January 29, 1906	\$ 477,852.93
January 26, 1907	\$ 707,834.77
Feb. 14, 1908	\$ 900,306.32
Feb. 5, 1909	\$1,030,334.27

HAS HETTY GREEN GIVEN REFUSAL?

Reported Wealthy Woman Has Refused Sanction Marriage of Daughter.

New York, Feb. 13.—There was a story in circulation today to the effect that Mrs. Hetty Green, the richest woman in the world, has not yet given her consent to the reported engagement of her daughter, Sylvia Green, to Matthew Astor Wilkes.

Mrs. Green was quoted as saying: "I have not yet given my consent to the engagement of my daughter and Mr. Wilkes. I don't know what those Wilkes people mean by telling people that it is so. Why they have even published it in the London Times. But I have not given my consent."

Miss K. L. Wilkes, a sister of Matthew Wilkes, was positive, according to a morning newspaper, that her brother and Miss Sylvia Green are engaged