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## THE GREAT DRAIN UPON THE FORESTS

They are being cut three times as fast as they grow.

Since 1880 the sources of lumber supply have undergone remarkable changes. The first change was in the regions from which the principal kinds of lumber were procured, and this was followed by the substitution of other kinds of wood in their places. Neither the centers of the lumber industry nor the leading classes of wood are the same as they were twenty-five years ago. In 1880 nine States--Michigan, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, New York, Texas, Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana and Washington--produced 52.8 per cent, or more than half of the total lumber production of the United States. In 1906 these States produced 51.5 per cent, practically the same proportion, but the changes which have taken place in the output of individual States are very striking. Michigan, for instance, cut 23 per cent. of the total in 1880 and but 5.6 per cent in 1906; Louisiana cut 0.7 per cent of the total in 1880 and 7.5 per cent in 1906; Washington furnished but 0.9 per cent. of the lumber production of 1880 and 11.5 per cent of that of 1906. The cutting out of the virgin timber in the North and East has been followed by increased drains upon the forest resources of the South and West.

Despite these conditions the amount of timber required has increased year by year. The increase in consumption of timber since 1880 has been more rapid than the increase of the population, and greater than any similar period in the history of the country. This shows in a striking manner how much the nation depends upon forest products, and indicates how greatly all interests must suffer as lumber becomes scarcer and dearer.

Statistics gathered by the Bureau of the Census and the forest Service show that the quantities of timber used last year for lumber, shingles, ties, pulpwood, cooperage stock, mine timbers, lath, distillation, veneer, poles, tanning, and turpentine and rosin, expressed in board feet, reach a total of approximately 50 billion board feet.

While these drains upon the forest are known with reasonable certainty, there are others of which there is no record. These are the demands for posts, fuel and domestic purposes, regarding which it is more difficult to obtain information, because the products often pass through no market, but are consumed on the farm where they are produced. Careful estimates, however, place the total of wood used for fuel alone at an equivalent of 50 billion board feet a year.

It will be seen, then, that the present consumption of wood in all forms is above 100 billion board feet annually. Estimating the forest area of the United States at from 500 to 700 million acres, and the annual growth at 60 board feet per acre, the yearly increase is from 30 to 42 billion feet. At this rate, the annual growth barely equals the amount consumed for lumber alone. Considering all the drains, the annual consumption of wood is probably three times the annual growth. Detailed estimates of standing timber range from 1,400 to 2,000 billion feet. Using the larger figure, and considering the annual growth of 40 billion feet, it appears that there is not more than a thirty-three years' supply of timber in this country at the present rate of consumption.

At present only about 22 per cent. of our total forest area is in State or National forests, the remainder being unreserved public lands or in private hands. The forest area is amply sufficient, if rightly managed, to produce eventually enough timber to supply all our needs. Yet private owners, as well as the State and National Governments must use their forest lands in a right way if we are to maintain our timber supply.

Circular 129, just issued by the Forest Service, contains a discussion of the drains upon the forests and the sources and the duration of the timber supply. This publication will be sent free upon application to the Forester, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

### Watched Fifteen Years.

"For fifteen years I have watched the working of Bucklen's Arnica Salve; and it has never failed to cure any sore, boil, ulcer or burn to which it was applied. It has saved us many a doctor bill," says A. F. Hardy, of East Wilton, Maine. 25c. at all druggists.

The fourth Lyceum number promised to the people of Tallahassee this season, was given Monday night. The Gamble Concert Company was the attraction, and a large audience gathered to hear this famous trio of artists. Many expressions of commendation and pleasure have since been heard. The trend of which seems to place this entertainment in the lead of all that have gone before. Criticisms of Miss Page's violin playing have been specially flattering, though the gentlemen's performance was also greatly enjoyed.

## OBITUARY.

In Memory of R. H. M. Davidson, Who Died at Quincy, January 18.

Hon. R. H. M. Davidson, who died at his home in Quincy, Saturday, January 18, was one of Florida's ablest, honored sons--a native of Florida.

He was born in Gadsden county in 1832 and the foundation of his education was laid in the home schools. He then attended law lectures at the University of Virginia, completing his studies and returning to Florida in 1853, immediately beginning the practice of law at Quincy.

He became active in politics and was elected to the lower house of the legislature in 1856 and 1858, and to the senate in 1860. He resigned this later office to raise a company of infantry, which was mustered in March, 1862. Starting with a captaincy, he was rapidly promoted for gallantry, first to major, then to lieutenant-colonel.

After the war he resumed the practice of law at Quincy and was sent as a delegate to the State constitutional convention in 1865.

He was an elector on the Greeley ticket in 1872 and was sent to congress in 1876, serving for fourteen years with notable ability.

In 1891, when Call was elected senator, Governor Flemming claimed there had been no legal election and appointed Davidson, whom the United States Senate did not recognize. He served by appointment in 1898, one term as chairman of the State railroad commission.

At the time of his death he was commander of the Confederate Veteran's camp at Quincy.

The funeral took place Sunday from the Presbyterian church, of which he was an elder.

### What Punishment for Murder?

Is the law cruel when it prescribes death by the rope for murder? If so, let us amend the law, change it or repeal it. Is imprisonment for life a penalty too great for murder with extenuating circumstances? Then let us prescribe a smaller penalty. Let us remove all penalties rather than make the law a mockery or declare that it is to be enforced on some, but not on all.

Just now, the enforcement of the law against homicide is a scandal and it shames the State of Florida because it is unenforced. Some are hanged when a verdict of guilty has been secured, but others are merely given a home at the expense of the State for a few months and then released. Even the "hard labor" that goes with the sentence of imprisonment is a mockery. A man kills another in broad daylight, in the presence of a dozen witnesses; the State spends thousands to secure the conviction, appeals and other delays are interposed lest there be a mistake, but after all the technicalities of the law have been exhausted there is a sentence to a term of imprisonment. Suddenly a pardon comes and the man who has killed returns to the world leaving behind him the petty thief, the burglar and the man who has struck only a blow in the heat of passion, to suffer a longer term and harder penalty.

We insist that here patience is no longer a virtue. Examples have been repeated till a consistent policy has developed and it is time that public opinion in the State of Florida spoke a word the board of pardons must hear. When the reason for pardon is based on no faintest suspicion of innocence, but merely on a plea of ill health after a nominal confinement, it is time to ask if the law is to be made ridiculous by those sworn to enforce it. --Times-Union.

### In Memory of Dr. Carter.

The St. John's branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions, at Tallahassee, Florida, wishes to place on record its deep appreciation of the great loss it has sustained in the death of its beloved Rector, Rev. W. H. Carter, who died on "Holy Innocents," 1907.

He was our wise counsellor and true friend, taking a kindly interest in all matters pertaining to our work. He will be greatly missed by all organizations with which he came in contact, but by none in a greater degree than by the Woman's Auxiliary of St. John's.

In the Church, in Mission work, in Prison work, he was most active and indefatigable, "faithful to the end," his works do follow him. But, while deploring his loss, no heart will regret that he has been called to his rest and to his reward.

The women of the St. John's branch of the Woman's Auxiliary will place upon their records the above memorial to their late beloved Rector.

(Signed) MRS. T. H. RANDOLPH,  
MRS. L. A. PERKINS,  
MRS. R. H. GAMBLE,  
Committee.

### Of Vital Importance

No other organs of the body are so essential to good health as the kidneys. Foley's Kidney Remedy makes the kidneys healthy so that they will strain out the impurities from the blood which is constantly passing through them. Commence taking Foley's Kidney Remedy at the first sign of danger. Sold by all druggists.

## HON. J. F. C. GRIGGS FOR CONGRESS.

Announced Authoritatively by the  
Apalachicola Times.

From his home paper, the Apalachicola Times, of the 18th inst., comes the following:

It is with infeasible pleasure that the Times announces with his authority the candidacy of our distinguished fellow citizen, Hon. J. F. C. Griggs, for Congress. He is a man of ability and large legislative experience, a public man known and appreciated throughout the State. He is a liberal minded, progressive citizen, popular, and at all times alive to the best material and political interest of his town, county, State and the country at large. He is, also, a Democrat of the old party school, believing in its tenets and policies as laid down in its written platforms as announced by Jefferson, Jackson, Tilden and their illustrious Confers. The greatest good to the greatest number, opposition to class legislation, and the giving of every citizen an equal showing under the constitution "in the pursuit of happiness."

Fully understanding the future in store for Florida, and especially the Gulf Coast in view of the completion of the Panama Canal, and the resultant need of deep water at the harbors of the coast, we are sure that he will bend his every energy, if elected to Congress, to secure proper and sufficient government appropriations to that end.

That Apalachicola would be immeasurably benefitted by having one of her trusted citizens in the National House of Representatives goes without saying. Sitting as she does at the mouth of the greatest systems of rivers east of the Mississippi, and traversing the most wealthy and fertile portions of three great States, and with practically two lines of railways, all concentrating the trade of vast sections to her very door, every one realizes Apalachicola's importance as a deep water harbor, and her interest in the Representative in Congress. Therefore, we fully believe that not only our immediate city and section would delight in the election of our fellow-citizen, but the three States interested would likewise facilitate him upon his introduction into this high office.

Apalachicola has long suffered the lack of an immediate representative at Washington, D. C. With Cooper Griggs there, the want in this regard would be fully supplied, and with the influence he could and would undoubtedly bring to bear from the representatives of other States also vitally interested in the building up of our city as a great commercial port, there would be something doing, to be sure.

Again, this is a Presidential year, and the two great parties--Republican and Democratic--will again line up for the contest. It is, therefore, necessary that we begin our organization, county, State and national, if we hope to change the government and confirm it to the principles and purposes for which the Democratic party stands. Who, then, could better serve us in this emergency than the loyal Democrat whose name stands at the head of this article. His fellow-citizens named him for this great office some time since; now let them see to it that he is made the nominee for Congress from the 3d District of Florida. A long pull, a strong pull and a pull all together will do the work.

### POSTAGE NOTICE!

It now requires two cents to mail and have delivered all letters in the city. Remember this and do not mail any letters at the Tallahassee postoffice with one cent postage on same.

### Card of Thanks.

The Confederate Veterans wish to return thanks to Mrs. R. H. Gamble for her kindly assistance in arranging the music for their Lee Memorial Service, also to the ladies and gentlemen who composed the choir.

### Col. Davidson Dead.

Colonel R. H. M. Davidson, one of the old school of Florida's loved citizens and statesmen, died at his home at Quincy at 9 o'clock last Saturday of indigestion. He was an honored Confederate veteran, having served his country and his people faithfully and well in every position, in life, he was called to fill. An elder of the Presbyterian church, he was laid to rest Sunday by his brethren who loved him for the great good he had done while abiding awhile among us. The lives of such men live after their taking away and continue to bring forth good fruit from the seed that was sown. It will always be pleasing to those who yet live that they knew and had an acquaintance with Hon. R. H. M. Davidson.

H. Parker Ackerman, who is well known as a band and orchestra leader, is the musical director of the Donnelly and Hatfield Magnificent Minstrels which will appear here Wednesday, January 29.

## GETTING WEAKER DAILY.

Many Conferences Held Lately and Something Definite Will Be Done.

WASHINGTON, January 21.--A secret poll of the Democrats in Congress, made recently, revealed that of all the Democratic Senators, but three favor Bryan for President, and of all the Representatives only nine. When Mr. Bryan comes to Washington January 25 he is to be informed by men who have supported him always and who, some of them, are even now ostensibly advocating his nomination, that he cannot win. He is to be told that he is becoming weaker every day and that it is his duty to withdraw and allow the members of his party an opportunity to agree on some man agreeable to all factions. A Southern member of Congress who has taken a leading part in the recent deliberations of his party, said that many conferences have been held recently, and the men who are to talk with Bryan when he arrives here Saturday have been chosen.

Ever since the so-called harmony dinner, given to Bryan here in November, it has been an open secret that he is a waning candidate. His most ardent admirers have been forced to admit it. Mr. Bryan's friends will endeavor to make it very plain to him that revolt is in the air and that the longer he remains even a receptive candidate the more remote will become the chances of his party to win next November. There are a few Democrats of national repute here who declare that Bryan will heed the warning, and at an early date announce his withdrawal. When he was here two months ago he discussed with one of his friends the advisability of retiring and supporting some man who could unite all factions.

But most of the friends of Bryan fear he will persist in remaining in the race because he pretends to believe Governor Johnson is the candidate of special interests. Several men who have talked with Bryan recently declare that the surest way to excite him is to mention the name of the Minnesotan. His representatives here paw the air and begin to send telegrams whenever an editorial appears showing that there are really other available men in the party besides the Nebraskan.

### Spicy Paragraphs.

Called from H. W. Johnson's last Apalachicola Times:

As there is considerable gum inokra, General Gilchrist ought to make his boomstick.

No, Franklin county raised sugar cane are not used for barge poles, but they would come in handy in a pinch just the same.

If the Hon. R. Hudson Burr expects to do any firing at close range, he should get busy and secure the substance ere the shadow fades.

And the Hon. Park Trammell is to try lances with General Ellis. If this thing keeps up much longer, the Hon. Park will land somewhere.

Congressman Lamar is reported as somewhat indisposed. Congressman Lamar needs a little of the Florida West Gulf coast sunshine to put him in trim.

General Ellis is doing all in his power to serve the people of Florida faithfully as a close investigation will prove, and Floridians will make no mistake by keeping him in the Attorney-General's office.

Editor Appleyard pays a high compliment to Congressman Frank Clark when he asserts that he is never found in the doubtful column. There is nothing small or mean about Frank Clark, and he is a strong man and fights in the open.

Your Uncle Jules Salomon says that things are coming his way, and that he will be one of the Railroad Commissioners of Florida. There is this much about Jules Salomon: He is a hard worker and never says die. Is straightforward, honest, and if elected he will give 'em the best in his shop.

### Two of a Kind.

The Times-Union personals of the 18th contains the following of two Tallahasseeans who have many friends all over the State: "Judge George P. Raney, of Tallahassee, and son, Judge George P. Raney, Jr., County Solicitor of Hillsborough county, were among distinguished Floridians in Jacksonville yesterday. Both gentlemen were here on legal business, and took trains in the evening for their homes. They made the Aragon their headquarters."

Horn Blankets and Lap Robes. Largest stock to select from at J. D. Cay's

The many friends of Mr. A. E. Colwell will regret to learn that there has been no improvement in his health during his stay in Denver. Being advised that the altitude there was too high for him, Mr. Colwell has now gone to Nogales, a town on the boundary line between Arizona and Mexico.

Don't make your final arrangements for the winter until you have called upon Miss Mattie Whalley, at her popular boarding house on North Monroe street.

Don't buy a Lap Robe before seeing my stock, J. D. Cay. 40

## THE EXPOSITION WILL OPEN ON 25TH

Governor Broward and His Staff to be There.

The program has been completed for opening same, and interesting features will mark the occasion. Governor Broward and his staff will be present, besides other distinguished citizens. Henry M. Flagler, Florida's greatest developer, will also be on hand, and this distinguished visitor will be given a most cordial welcome. The exposition gates will be open promptly at noon tomorrow, January 25th, and the special program and ceremonies will begin at 2:30 o'clock. The program is as follows:

"Exposition March," composed and dedicated for the occasion and played by Grunthal's Exposition Band.

Opening address by Mayor Sebring, introducing the Hon. N. B. Broward, Governor of Florida.

Welcome to Henry M. Flagler by Mayor Sebring and President Henry Monk.

Reception of a special wire from Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States, read with introductory remarks by Mr. W. A. Bours.

Address, "Jacksonville and Its Future," by C. E. Garner, ex-President Jacksonville Board of Trade.

Singing of national anthem by children from Miss Jacobi's Art School, under the direction of Mr. Tyler.

Address, "South Jacksonville's Future," by Judge H. B. Philips, introduced by Mr. J. M. Barrs.

Address, "The Military," by General J. S. Maxwell, introduced by Mayor Sebring.

Address, "Jacksonville's Prosperity as Shown by Its Postoffice Business," by D. T. Gerow, postmaster of Jacksonville, introduced by Mr. J. M. Barrs.

Address, "The Exhibitor," by John C. Christopher, introduced by Louis W. Buckley.

Address, "The Exposition: its Good Work," by John S. Fraaz, introduced by Mayor Sebring.

Addresses by President Henry Monk, Director-General Kusibiki, Treasurer E. J. Stokes, Secretary Moser and the formal declaring the exposition open by Louis W. Buckley, General Manager.

### In the Race to Stay.

Hon. Duncan U. Fletcher publishes the following card in the last issue of the Lake City Reporter:

Dear Sir--I notice in your paper of January 10, in your editorial column, the following: "There are some politicians who express the belief that the race before next summer's primary would be between Senator Bryan and Congressman Lamar, and that Mr. Fletcher would follow Mr. Trammell and withdraw."

I respectfully ask that you state in your next issue, that so far as I am concerned it is before the Democracy of the State of Florida to say whom they wish to represent them in the United States Senate. When I announced my candidacy, I stated that I would submit the matter before the Democratic Primary when it will be held. If I live, my name will be on the official ballot of that primary as a candidate for the United States Senate. Thanking you in advance for your courtesy in publishing this, I am,

Respectfully,  
D. U. FLETCHER.

### Personal Mention.

Captain R. E. Rose, State Chemist, is in the city from Tallahassee. Capt. Rose is one of the best known citizens of the State, and his Jacksonville friends invariably extend to him a warm welcome upon his periodical visits to the city. Well known Floridians at the Everett yesterday included Messrs. W. R. McKewen of Waldo, A. W. Duke of Tallahassee, and W. M. Barco of Ocala. Hon. Jefferson B. Browne, former Chairman of the State Railroad Commission, and a prominent candidate for gubernatorial honors, is in the city, and is making the Aragon his headquarters. Mr. Browne says that the outlook for his election to the Governorship is growing brighter every day, and that he is daily receiving assurances of support by friends throughout the State. He is in the city on business and to incidentally keep an insight on political affairs. --Times-Union, 21st.

No need to fear coughs and colds this year, as you can obtain Boes Laxative Cough Syrup now from your dealer. This is good news to mothers who fear croup and whooping cough. It is a gentle laxative that expels the poison from the system in the natural way. Cuts phlegm and clears the head. Guaranteed. Sold by Cobb's Drug Store. \*3

Hon. W. H. Ellis has returned from a pleasant trip to Indianapolis where he went to attend a meeting of the Grand Tribunal of the order of Knights of Pythias.

Tallahassee mail carriers are now all dressed in the pretty government regulation Confederate gray uniforms.