

State Forests.

THEY ARE GRADUALLY DISAPPEARING UNDER THE BLOWS OF THE WOODSMAN'S AXE.

The state forestry commission recently appointed by the governor has a wide and important work before it, the magnitude of which is doubtless fully appreciated by the gentlemen directed to consider the best way out of a serious situation, and if they discover some plan during the process of inquiry and investigation that will serve to restore wasted territory they will solve a problem that has long had the earnest force of public pressure back of it, a pressure in the form of public necessity.

It has been some years since arbor days were established as an avenue through which to repair the great losses annually suffered by the work of denudation carried on by the lumber interests, and the Pennsylvania State Forestry association has been an invaluable auxiliary as an agent bent upon acquainting the public of the permanent loss sustained in the general destruction of the once unrivaled forests that covered the northern and western central counties; but the results from these two sources have been feeble at best, and the state concludes at last by legislation to arrive at the core of the trouble through a forestry commission. This is a wise course to pursue. As a beginning it must eventually provide a sure foundation for future legislative action, and, the light turned on, the present condition of the timber sections means truth in all its forceful nakedness.

The Forestry commission will find a remarkable condition, for instance in Shuylkill, Luzerne, Lackawanna and Carbon counties, from whose mountain sides the standing timber long since disappeared to be used in the mines as supports. Nothing has been done to restore by growth the supply so taken, largely from the fact that the native wood were exhausted and no recreation was possible.

In other sections like those found in Clearfield, Clinton, Jefferson, Elk, Lycoming, Cameron and contiguous counties, where the axe and lumberman found virgin timber kingdoms fifty years ago, the despoliation has been of such a character as to cause much alarm even among the residents of the territory covered. For the first time this year the city of Lock Haven, once a thriving centre of the lumber interests, finds itself with a scant supply of logs for its mills, and in fact the great boom is practically closed. Williamsport has been the recognized head and front of the Susquehanna lumber trade, the mills there sending annually to market hundreds of millions of feet of finished and unfinished lumber, but the supply has been dwindling down until there is no longer scarcely a respectable showing.

Investigation will introduce facts to the commission showing that Pennsylvania's once inexhaustible supply of timber has really such a thing as a limit, and that the time has come to save the pine and hemlock wherever the course of salvation can be judiciously pursued. Only as far back as the year 1874, when John DuBois penetrated the wilderness from Driftwood along Bennett's Branch Lick, he found fifty miles of close growth in pine and hemlock as straight as an arrow. To-day there is hardly a stick left worth cutting, and his claim that the timber stretch was inexhaustible comes as a warning cry to care for that which remains.

If the commission can stop the pot-hunter from firing up the woods, and kindred to him the very many who cultivate the huckleberry and blackberry by burning over extensive areas yearly in order to have furious crops at the expense of the young timber shoots, they will eliminate the cause of much of the waste and destruction in state forests. If in addition to this the commission can induce the various corporations, companies and owners of timber tracts to set out again young trees in the place of those taken away, some day the virgin forests will return, but never again in the primitive purity the settlers found them a half century ago.

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The new central station for electric lighting will be opened in Japan this summer. The power in each case will be furnished by Pelton water wheels. All the equipment will be constructed in Japan.

The Pennsylvania Railroad at the World's Fair.

A GLIMPSE AT ITS INTERESTING TREASURES.

Of more real interest to the average visitor to the World's Fair than all the confusing array of locomotives, cars, ships, wagons, bicycles, and velocipedes in the great Transportation Building is the compact yet comprehensive exhibit which the Pennsylvania Railroad Company makes in its own beautiful little model railway station. What with signal tower, overhead foot bridge, automatic switches, tracks, ballast, and ditches just outside its doors, and the original "John Bull" locomotive, the oldest in America, with its train of antique cars, and the colossal iron vehicles upon which the hugh Krupp guns were conveyed from Baltimore to the Exposition standing in the shadow of its walls, it presents to the passer-by an appearance so distinctly characteristic that a careful inspection of the treasures of the interior is almost inevitable.

Once inside, you enter immediately into a study of transportation history in the United States on the kindergarten or object-lesson basis, and by means of models, ranging from the old Conestoga wagon, through a series of curiously fashioned cars, up to the standard locomotives and passenger coaches of to-day, you secure a most effective idea of railroad progress. Nor do the models here shown have to do with vehicles only. In the cases which line the walls of the cool, white interior are also to be seen models of track of all periods, various systems of signals in use at different times, and even tickets and time tables, not forgetting conductors' punches and lanterns.

In the way of models, the post of honor is given to a magnificent reproduction of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company's new double deck ferryboat "Washington," which plies between New York and Jersey City, a model complete in every detail, even to the electric lighting and the rubber mats at the doors. Maps, in relief, of a most interesting and instructive character are numerous, not the least important being one four feet wide by twelve feet long, showing at once the old Portage, the new Portage, and the present road of the company over the Alleghenies, all arranged to a scale, and giving a better notion of that wonderful feat of engineering, the Horse-shoe Curve, than can even be had by a trip over it.

To furnish a comprehensive idea of the magnitude of the Pennsylvania Railroad system no better method could have been adopted than that which is here presented in the shape of a perspective map, thirty-three feet long, showing the position of each train in motion on the system at 6 P. M. on Columbia Day, October 21st, 1892, the passenger trains being indicated by tiny gilt locomotives, and the freight trains by similar locomotives colored blue. In addition to all this there is case after case of photographs, posters, letters, bills, and other documents, all more or less interesting, and a number of wax figures, clothed in the uniforms of the Pennsylvania's working staff of employes, from baggage porters to conductors.

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Half Rates to the World's Fair by the Pennsylvania Railroad.

In order to afford an opportunity to the public to visit the World's Fair, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company has decided to run a series of popular excursions from Washington and Baltimore and other eastern cities to Chicago. The round trip from Washington and Baltimore will be \$17.00, and proportionate rates, a single fare for the round trip, will prevail from other stations.

This arrangement applies to all principal stations on the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad, the Northern Central Railway between Baltimore and Elmira, Philadelphia and Erie Railroad between Williamsport and Renovo, and principal stations on the Harrisburg and Pittsburg.

The parties will be carried on special trains composed of the newest and best standard passenger coaches, containing all modern conveniences.

The special trains will leave Washington 10.15, Baltimore 11.20 A. M., York 1.15 P. M., Harrisburg 3.25 P. M., Altoona 7.40 P. M., and, stopping at principal intermediate stations, arrive in Chicago 5.20 the next afternoon.

The first excursion is fixed for July 26th, others are fixed for August 2d, 12th and 23d. The return coupons of these tickets will be good within ten days, and will be accepted for passage only on trains leaving Chicago at 3.15 P. M. and 11.30 P. M.

Identifying Him.

Gummy—Poor Paddock has lost three thousand dollars betting on the races.

Gargoyle—Paddock? I don't think I know him, do I?

Gummy—Perhaps not, but he's the man who picks out the probable winners for the daily Blogun.—Judge.

Sensationalism and Cowardice.

The two chief evils which afflict our business interests are sensationalism and cowardice. Eliminate the sensational features from bank and business failures and give the precise truth, and eliminate the cowardice that makes tens of thousands each a panic in himself, and there would be a speedy reaction in substantial values.

Some of the newspapers yesterday announced under the most conspicuous and panic-inspiring headlines, that half a dozen banks had closed in Kansas and that several had suspended in Colorado. Of course, there can be no stability in financial operations in either Kansas or Colorado and no safety to any banking institution, but they bear no relation whatever to the great business interests of the country. Kansas has a wildly agrarian Governor, Legislature and State officers. Contracts payable in gold are illegal and communistic revolution is in the air inspired by a crazed Populist administration. Who can aid a Kansas bank or send money to that State under any circumstances short of imperious necessity? The same logic cuts Colorado off from financial support. It was her revolutionary silver convention and the blatant demagoguery of her Governor that made the Colorado banks suspend.

Several important banking houses and banks have been forced to suspension by the present stringency, but in the case of every legitimate banking institution, it was not insolvency but the inability to realize for cash that forced the closing of doors to protect assets and creditors. The other bank failures, as a rule, were only the inevitable collapse of institutions without capital or integrity. Yet these failures, which do not affect legitimate banks or legitimate business or legitimate values in any way, are heralded in the most sensational manner by many public journals, and every possible aid thus given to gamblers whose profession is to cheat honest investors by the depression of values.

Sensationalism would be harmless beyond the contempt it invites upon its authors, but for the cowardice that shrivels up common sense with many who have money. The best of dividend paying stocks are now purchasable at the lowest rates for years; but the cowardice that is cherished by thousands makes them hoard their money. They draw it out of banks and lock it up in boxes. They know that the banks are safe, but others are afflicted with cowardice and lock up their money, and they do it without reasoning on the subject. By and by, when the securities they could buy to-day at the lowest prices shall have advanced twenty, thirty or forty per cent., they will rush in and make investments; and when the banks and the business public will have no need for their surplus money, they will unlock their boxes and deposit it again.

Cowardice is the root of all our financial troubles to-day. There is no reason for distrust and least of all for panic. The shipment of gold has ceased; our exports of breadstuffs has been the largest within the last six weeks of any like period in the past; there is abundance of money in the country for all legitimate wants; the people of all business channels, outside of the petty silver States, are more solidly solvent than at any time in the last decade, and cowardice alone halts the return to honest values and general prosperity. Let sensationalism and cowardice be sent to the rear; let us trust our country, our government and ourselves, and prosperity will be speedily restored.—Times.

Are You Nervous.

Are you all tired out, do you have that tired feeling or sick headache? You can be relieved of all these symptoms by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla, which gives nerve, mental and bodily strength and thoroughly purifies the blood. It also creates a good appetite, cures indigestion, heartburn and dyspepsia.

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The first aluminum sea-going vessel is under construction in the dock-yards of the Loire, France. It is a cutter and its total weight is 2,500 tons. If constructed of the ordinary materials it would weigh 4,500 tons.

The Parisian Tramway Company, which some months ago placed electric street cars, operated by storage batteries, on one of its lines, is so well pleased with the result that all its horse cars on this line have been withdrawn.

I have been troubled with chronic catarrh for years. Ely's Cream Balm is the only remedy among the many that I have used that affords me relief.—E. H. Willare, Druggist, Joliet, Ill.

I have been troubled with catarrh for ten years and have tried a number of remedies, but found no relief until I purchased a bottle of Ely's Cream Balm. I consider it the most reliable preparation for catarrh and cold in the head.—Geo. E. Crandall, P. M., Quonochawntaug, R. I.

Sixty per cent. of the earthquakes occur during the winter months.

\$20, \$15 and \$12 Suits for \$8.50. A New York clothing maker was hard up for cash. We bought all his Men's Suits (made to sell for \$20, \$15 and \$12) at a price that enables us to offer them at \$8.50 per Suit. We are selling Boys' \$5.00 Knee Pant Suits for \$2.50. Hundreds to pick from. This was another clean-out. BROWNING, KING & CO. 910-912 Chestnut Street. WARREN A. REED. Opposite Post Office, Philadelphia.

A Chinese Courtship. HOW JOHN CHINAMAN PAVES THE WAY TO MATRIMONY.

In his own flowery kingdom the heathen Chinese who desires to become a benedict does not dream of approaching his desired bride until he has heard what her father has to say. The interview with papa on these occasions is largely occupied by a prolonged haggle over the amount the suitor is to give until the bargain is adjusted to mutual satisfaction.

Then the suitor, highly perfumed with asafetida, which is the smart scent among the Chinese, as it was among the Carthaginians calls on the bride's mother, and is introduced to the bride, whom it must be understood he has not yet seen. The visit consists largely of bowing, scraping, flourishing the hands, cringing in every posture, every kind of ceremonial and very little conversation.

The lover does not speak one word to his intended, and seldom glances toward her. Usually singing and dancing girls come in and furnish diversion. He remains in her presence for two hours or longer, during the whole of which time he does not get a moment alone with his intended, or even a fair look at her face—for it is not etiquette for him to scrutinize her too closely. When he has gone he sends a present. It is a good omen if he sends a gift of eggshells painted every kind of color.

All his visits are conducted on the same plan. He does not get a direct and full view of her face until they have "gone away," that is, until she has been brought in her palanquin to his house. There is some compensation in the fact that if he does not like her appearance he can send her back home. But this would cause such a scandal and be such an insult to the family that, as a rule, the question of looks is thoroughly inquired into by go-between of the fair sex before any serious formal step is taken in the matter.—Chicago Times.

The number of rods in the retina, supposed to be the ultimate of light, is estimated at 30,000,000.

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PAVIE LEAVES BANGKOK

Eastern Division of the French Fleet Sails for Siam.

CHINA EXPRESSES HER INDIGNATION

The Report That France Had Notified the Powers that She Intended to Blockade the Siamese Coast Premature—Latin Union Excludes the 2-3 Franc Silver Piece from Circulation—Other News.

BANGKOK, July 26.—M. Pavie, French Minister Resident, started down the river yesterday on the warship Inconstante, accompanied by the warships Latin and Comete. All is quiet in this city.

SAIGON, July 26.—The division of the Far East of the French fleet, which is commanded by Admiral Humann, has sailed for the Gulf of Siam. The merchant vessels lying off Bangkok probably will receive time before the blockade to leave the Menam river and put out to sea.

PARIS, July 26.—At the Cabinet council held at Marley-le-Roi, which President Carnot presided over, the deliberations were entirely devoted to the Siamese question.

After the council rose a semi-official statement of the proceedings was issued. This statement was that, in conformity with the unanimous vote of the Senate and the Chamber of Deputies, the government had taken such measures to safeguard the interests and dignity of France as were considered from Siam's reply to the French ultimatum to have been rendered necessary.

The report yesterday that the French Government had notified the various powers of its intention to blockade the coast of Siam were premature. No such notification has been officially addressed to the powers.

Lord Dufferin, the British Ambassador, and M. Develle, Minister of Foreign Affairs, will hold another conference presumably, on the question of the territorial demands made by France upon Siam.

TIENTSIN, July 25.—The Chinese government has received the news of France's territorial demands upon Siam with amazement and indignation. That France should lay claim to country up to the 23d parallel is regarded as an intrusion upon the rights of China, for at Peking the contention is that both banks of the Mekong, to a point well south of the 23d parallel are Chinese possessions.

The Mandarin party, which is bitterly anti-French, is trying to force the government to interfere.

WASHINGTON, July 25.—So far as the State Department is informed there are no American citizens residing in Siam except about a score of missionaries. It is not believed to be necessary to take any special measures for their protection.

The United States has no diplomatic representative in Siam and the consul general at Bangkok, Mr. Boyd, is in this country at present, leaving the office in charge of his son, the vice consul.

If the welfare of our missionaries should be threatened, which is unlikely, they can without doubt secure protection upon application to the minister of some other nation, as will be the case with the French residents.

The commercial interests of the United States in Siam are insignificant, the exports being very few and the imports being made up of teak wood used in ship building and some trifles of oriental and Malayesian decorative work.

Fatal Dynamite Explosion Near Havre.

PARIS, July 26.—Four explosions shatter the Ablon dynamite factory in Honfleur, near Havre, late yesterday afternoon. All hands were at work when the explosion occurred. Nine men are known to have been killed, twenty men were wounded severely and others were hurt seriously. Several bodies are believed to be under the burning ruins.

To Exclude the 2-3 Franc Silverpiece.

PARIS, July 26.—France, Italy, Switzerland, Belgium and Greece have agreed to exclude the 2-3 franc silverpiece from the international circulation of the Latin Union.

DESTITUTION IN DENVER.

Fifteen Thousand People in Need of Aid. Scarcity of Relief Funds.

DENVER, July 26.—Up to date 8,700 men have registered as out of employment and the list is steadily increasing. Means are being taken to furnish employment and provide food for the hungry and destitute. Dean Peck and Rev. Thos. Uzzell, who have been foremost in this work, announce that on account of the scarcity of the relief funds they cannot continue to feed the hungry longer than to-morrow.

Meetings are held nightly to provide means for aid in which Denver's most prominent people take part. It is estimated that 15,000 persons, men, women and children are in need of immediate aid. Food is being distributed at the various missions to-day.

It is developed that the destitution is growing.

Signed the Scale.

AKRON, O., July 26.—At a conference between officers of the Akron Iron company and representatives of the Amalgamated Association held here, that company signed the scale of wages submitted by the association. It is the one agreed to by Jones & Laughlin of the American Iron & Steel company.

Convicts as Road Builders.

SARANAC LAKE, N. Y., July 24.—State Engineer Schenck says the plan of working convicts on the roads is a good one, and that admirable work has been done during the past week. The experiment is under the State Engineer's direction.

Actor Curtis' Trial to Begin July 31.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 21.—The case of M. B. Curtis, charged with killing Police Officer Grant, called for trial in the Superior court yesterday, was by mutual consent continued until July 31. This will be Curtis' third trial.

No Bank Failure at Vernon, Tex.

WASHINGTON, July 24.—The statement made public yesterday that the First National Bank of Vernon, Tex., had failed proves to be erroneous. The First National Bank of Russell, Kan., has failed.

Dr. Briggs Declines the Offer.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., July 21.—Rev. Charles A. Briggs, who was deposed by the Presbyterian General Assembly, has declined an offer of a testimonial of \$50,000 which Captain Fisher of this city wished to raise.