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PROBLEMS OF THE LUMBER INDUSTRY

If you live in a lumber producing section, quite naturally you are or should be interested in the problems of the lumber industry, whether or not you are employed directly in the industry.

Since the time the first timber was cut in this section the problem of the mills is to dispose of the waste materials; materials which some day may go into an important product, but which up to the present time must be burned up or hauled away at the expense of the lumber mill.

You may or may not have heard of the statement made by a student who has or is supposed to have devoted considerable time in figuring out the percentage of wastage in the present methods of operating. According to these figures, which are unofficial, the percentage of timber actually used by the average mill is only seventeen percent and that's figuring everything that goes with the tree including roots and leaves. So far the main difficulty in finding a use for the by-products has been one for the chemist to solve. If and when this is solved, the industry will not only eliminate an apparent waste, but will be able to give employment to more men in the manufacture of a by-product.

The beneficial effects of such a discovery will be three-fold, namely, in creating an additional industry and payroll, in eliminating a waste and in prolonging the life of the lumber industry.

ORGANIZATIONS

Organizations are being formed on pretexts that approach the ridiculous. We have associations of high school and college classes; societies composed of high school, prep school and college alumni; college fraternity men are organized after graduation into interfraternity groups; former newsboys get organized; we have presidents' clubs, sales managers' clubs, noon clubs, night clubs, home town clubs, home state clubs, amateur musical clubs, writers' clubs, crossword puzzle clubs, literary clubs, dancing clubs, skating clubs, drama clubs, sociological clubs, philosophical clubs, esperanto clubs, and so on and on.

Only a man of strong will power, with a wide streak of meanness in him, can keep himself from being roped in. Once in, it is nearly impossible to get out without insulting someone. New presidents and secretaries are elected yearly—high pressure fellows, determined to make a mark during their administration. Membership campaigns are inaugurated, dues-paying weeks are announced, ambitious programs are launched.

By the way, here is a good idea: Next time you are caught without a good excuse for not attending some half-dead club, just say: "I'm awfully sorry, but the Solitaire Club meets to-night and I'm scheduled to preside!"—Exchange.

FREEDOM

The most priceless of all assets is freedom of choice.

If you want to make a boy happy, give him a nickel and let him spend it as he pleases. If you want to make a man happy, give him \$25 on Saturday and let him spend it as he pleases during the following week. Both the boy and the man will derive more satisfaction from the nickel and the \$25 than they would from five times those sums spent "for their own good" by someone else.

If all the undernourished families in this country were transported to a great encampment and given three meals a day, with the dishes chosen by a domestic science expert, they would beg within a month to be allowed to go back home. Some would long for cabbage soup, others for spaghetti and garlic—you can't please everybody—you can't even please a few for long.

That is why all plans to regiment people are destined to final failure. Not even your own brother wants you for his keeper.

U. S. Lumber Yield Statisticians figure that if all the lumber cut in the U. S. during the past 135 years were stacked, it would make a cube exactly one mile in each dimension.	Big Food Bill American families spend about eight billions annually for food of which 7.8 per cent goes for indirect taxes, reports the National Consumers Tax commission.
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CONFUCIUS SAY—

MAN IN BARREL IS LUCKY--
TO STILL HAVE BARREL.



THREE HOT POTATOES

There are three hot potatoes in this congress:

(1) The Hatch bill extensions to prevent political activity in state administrative departments disbursing federal funds—(2) the Smith committee's suggestion to get rid of the present National Labor Relations board, appoint a new one, prevent it from being both prosecutor and judge and make it impartial rather than a pressure bureau to force a particular form of organization on labor whether it wants it or not—(3) the Walter Logan bill to give quick, easy and inexpensive relief from czarism in the growing maze of little one-man governments by requiring them to proceed within their constitutional and statutory authority without the present necessity of long and prohibitively expensive court procedure.

Perhaps each of these provisions could be brought nearer to perfection by greater delay—but there has been delay enough. All three areas stink. All three need attention along the general lines of these proposals. This is so clear that even their opponents hardly question it. The direction of the abuses in all three cases tend toward political coercion and perpetuation of the party in power, toward arbitrary personalized government away from the stability of government by law and toward the caprice and tyranny of government by men with few statutory limits on their discretion.

It is true that a part of the opposition is from the minority party and to that extent sounds like building up campaign material and is tinged with partisanship. But that



Another tough question for Welles.

sound and taint are completely offset by the fact that standing alone that group is so far in the minority as to be futile. In every case, the sponsors and the strength of the supporters are Democrats.

But they are Democrats who, for the most part, are not radical and extreme New Dealers. There are notable exceptions, but the latter clique in congress is almost a unit in rabid and uncompromising opposition.

It isn't a pretty picture. This is largely the bunch that clamors for a third term for Mr. Roosevelt and who are so out of touch with their own party that they could hardly expect to survive in politics if he doesn't get it.

FARLEY 'FARMERS' DAY'
For an affair so widely advertised as "non-political," Henry Wallace's birthday party for the AAA was about the most powerful political stunt that has yet been pulled.

It was geared to get a capacity radio audience of our six to seven million farm families. They were also reminded that, from the moment the President took office, he began pushing for legislation, part of which they had so long demanded, and never stopped plugging until he got it.

On these facts, Mr. Roosevelt told them: "So it is more important than ever (due to the war) for the farmers to have a government in Washington that is looking out for their interests."

Mr. Farley warned them against taking it for granted that the farm "benefits" would go on unless they attended "to the votes in congress which keep it going, or to the views of men and parties seeking office." That is a good deal like Aubrey Williams' widely condemned advice to WPA workers to "vote to keep your friends in power" but it is effective politics.

Mr. Farley also proposed a national holiday—"Farmers' day"—to commemorate the occasion. Jim certainly is a talented political organizer.

If he could add a "WPA Workers' day" and a "Negroes' day" he would about complete the joining up of the "day" front of the minority class pressure groups upon which he must rely through public handouts for Democratic majorities.

Later on, when the youth and age groups are made a little more class conscious, he could add a "Youth day" and an "Old Folks' day."

The New Deal had a good opportunity and they made the most of it. But they go too far when they claim a monopoly on the policy of "conservation" for agriculture.

A group of Republicans, led by Charlie McNary and George Peck and a Democrat or two, invented most of the principles and arguments for their program. They were ita Peters the Hermits.

Paradoxical History

EARL E. COOPER
Nobility Seeks a Mate.

Today marriage conveys the thoughts of a heart stirring meeting, a thrilling romance, a proposal, a beautiful ceremony and a blissful future. Or did I go too far? This hasn't always been the procedure and in certain portions of the world isn't now. In Marco Polo's time choosing a mate was as much a business as the nobility as selecting an ambassador, minister or other public officer. For that matter this act is still a major influencing factor in the careers of this class. But for pure business-like methods in the venture of marriage try to beat the following.

The Polo brothers and Marco were stranded in China. To insure their safety there they had maneuvered themselves into the affections of Kublai Khan, the Chinese ruler. As long as this monarch lived so would they. But with his passing the Polos knew their lives would be the price of the position they now held in the court. A position that had won them not only jewels and gold but the enmity of envying lords and nobles.

They repeatedly begged the great ruler to permit them to return to their native Italy and Venice. To him they were delightful curiosities from a far-off land. They gave him added knowledge and not infrequently help. He was reluctant to let them go but a time came when he thought it best. And here we come to our romance.

The king of Persia had lost his wife and now had his heart set on a Chinese princess. He forthwith sent his order to Kublai Khan and the imperial ruler filled it. There was no Montgomery Ward and Company in those days.

If the princess was to take such a trip she needed capable guides. No better ones could be found in all the kingdom than the much-traveled Polos. As Persia was on their way home they were glad to oblige.

The princess arrived safely to find her prospective husband had died. But the trip was not in vain as a Persian noble took her for his wife. Thus she was saved a return voyage.

The Polos then sailed on home with their fame and riches.

LOOSE TRASHY FALLOW SUFFERS LEAST EROSION

MORO—Summer fallow work with the lister bottom or duck-foot machines suffered much less from erosion during heavy spring rains than was the case with land prepared with the moldboard plow or one-way disk, according to observations made on five farms in this region by Leroy C. Wright, county agent, and Joe Belanger of the Soil Conservation service. Most run-off occurred in the disk fallow, which was handled in a way causing the surface to be packed and smooth.

Where the disk plows were pulled at more than three miles per hour, the tendency was to bury all the crop residue, leaving the land in poor condition to take up the water. The duck-foot fallow had no run-off whatever, as all the crop residue was left on the surface and the fallow was in a loose, open condition.

Registration for Primaries to End On April the 16th

Registration is expected to be speeded up from now until the close of the precinct registration office, which will be April 16th, thirty days before the May 17th primaries. Registration offices will be closed on April 16th to reopen for the general election May 18th. Registration totals here from the four precincts will reach about

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1,350 according to unofficial figures but may go several hundred higher before the close of the period.

SPRING PLANTING
With sunshine ushering in a new week, spring planting of gardens and grain has been underway for several days. The normal acreage is expected to be sown to spring wheat and oats and there is a good prospect that the garden vegetable acreage may be increased due to prospect of a slight increase in home consumption.

Worth Weight in Gold
The seeds of some flowers, such as certain species of petunias and begonias, sell for ten or more times their weight in gold, reveals Collier's

Easter FOOD PARADE

Hams
Armour's Star Oregon Chief
The Better Ham
Priced from **17c** Half or Whole
Pound

BACON
Sugar Cured
By the Piece
Pound... **15c**

Eggs 2 doz. 29c
Grade A Large

SHREDDED WHEAT
3 pkgs. **25c**

Royal Gelatine
Package... **5c**

Coffee
Chase & Sanborn
Pound... **25c**

Crackers 2 pounds **14c**
Dainty Salted Wafers

Grapefruit Juice 46-oz. tin **15c**

Deviled Meats 3 tins **10c**

Pineapple Doles Matched Slices NO. 2 1/2 CANS **15c**

Starch 2 packages **17c**
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