

JULIAN BYRD - - - - - Message

The forests of the Philippines are thought to contain about 500 species, more than 400 being now known. There are 87 species of palms, 22 of the oak family, including two oaks, and 9 conifers, with only one true pine—the last named growing in a dense forest above a height of 4000 feet in the island of Luzon. At least 50 species are valuable. One of the most important is the yang-yang tree, yielding a much prized oil; but others furnish coconuts, gutta-percha, varnish, many dye woods, and some fine hard woods. A system of forestry has existed 35 years. Between 20,000,000 and 40,000,000 acres of government lands have been cared for by about 65 foresters and 100 subordinates, and the regulations have been on the most scientific European model. With usual Spanish laxity in administration however, chief attention has been given to collecting license and other revenues.

An editor who knows, says that the dreams of prosperity differ with the individual. The boy's idea of perfect happiness is six pieces of pie at a meal. The darky dreams of good ripe water-melons. The farmer's richest feeling is to mow over the 30 bushels of wheat—that he didn't plant. The bicyclist's most prosperous ideal is a smooth track around the world. The confidence man has the vision of the green mossbacks coming to town in a drove. The country editor's most extravagant dream is how nice it would be for a dozen or more subscribers to come in and pay up in one day.

Dick Croker has had an operation performed upon his neck in London. For carbuncle, the cablegram says, but it may have been but the simple operation of taking a few stitches in the gash in his political neck.—Denver Post.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

A seat on the New York stock exchange was sold the other day for \$50,000, but the fellow that bought it will probably have no inclination to just sit down and watch the proceedings.—Chicago Times-Herald.

A California man by the name of Pantz says he believes that if a woman is able to support a man he should allow her to do so. It is to be wondered who sports the Pantz in his household.—St. Paul Dispatch.

It seems that General Claflee is laboring under the impression that the Ten Commandments are a necessary feature of any plan to forward the march of civilization.—Baltimore American.

Corporations, they say, have no souls, but on the first of January next the Pennsylvania Railroad company will grant not less than 400 employes retirement with pensions for life.—Philadelphia Record.

It is to the credit of human nature that even the most beset head of a family these days does not make a bad joke by saying Santa Claus' name should be Bill.—Philadelphia Times.

An effort is to be made to restore capital punishment in Kansas, at a time, too, when a democrat really has more to live for than ever before.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

The Sultan of Turkey presented a large number of cigarettes to the crew of the Kentucky. This mode of attack is characteristically insidious and oriental.—Washington Star.

Johnny—Pa, what is the "servant girl problem?"

Mr. Gribble—Fooling how much money is due her at the end of the second day.—Judge.

Lights and Side-Lights.

Mrs. Starvem—How do you like the chicken salad, Mr. Joaksmith?

Mr. Joaksmith—Oh! that reminds, I bought a book, that was to be sent home today. Did it come?

Mrs. Starvem—Yes; but why should the chicken salad remind you of it?

Mr. Joaksmith—Well, the book is half cat.—Philadelphia Press.

"You need to say," suggested her dearest friend, "that he was one in a thousand."

"I still think so," answered the girl whose engagement had been broken, "but I have discovered that he is not the only one in a thousand."—Indianapolis Journal.

"When I get to Paris, papa, I want to know just how much money I can have to buy clothes with."

"Well, my dear, how would you say a thousand, do?"

"Now, papa, I know you don't want me to go about in rags."—Life.

"The vulgarity of wealthy people is so much more noticeable than that of poorer ones."

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