

ONLY A SAPLING

In 1902 a tract of Long Leaf Pine Timber was cut at Urania. A small sapling about 10" in diameter was left standing which with other suppressed trees commenced to grow rapidly. Year after year this tree bore seed which as they ripened were scattered by the winds and soon four or five acres were reforested with a fine growth of seedlings, some almost as large now as the parent tree at the time the forest was denuded. An occasional fire would sweep over the forest leaving a scar which would soon heal. Hogs exacted their toll and other enemies were constantly at work, but to-day there is a full stand of 500 to 1000 seedlings and saplings to the acre and regeneration is complete. In May 1920 Professors Chapman and Bryant with a class of thirteen students from Yale University were at Urania pursuing a course of study in Forestry and in studying tree growth decided to cut this ^{seed} tree, for that is just what it was, in order to make careful measurements and to cut sample sections therefrom to prove to the careless that Forests could be grown profitably and that seed trees must be left on denuded lands if our forests are to be perpetuated. "ONLY A SAPLING" has performed its mission - a young forest is growing. "ONLY A SAPLING" was hauled to the mill and sawed into lumber and here is a table which gives actual facts and figures: