

ENDORSEMENT OF LUMBERMEN.

At the close of this address, and on motion of Capt. J. B. White, of Kansas City, the Yellow Pine Manufacturers' Association, by a unanimous rising vote, placed itself on record as heartily endorsing the conservation program as provided for in the laws adopted by the Legislature of 1910, and tendered its thanks, as an organization, to the Hon. Henry E. Hardtner for his work in preparing and securing the passage of these laws.



Forestry of Louisiana and the Natural Resources of the State.

Address of The Hon. Fred J. Grace, State Forester,
before The Women's Federated Clubs of
Louisiana, in Convention Assembled, Shreve-
port, La., April 8, 1910:

Mrs. President, Ladies and Fellow Citizens:

Verily Louisiana is coming into her own. Only a few days ago quite a delegation went, with our Governor and the worthy Mayor of the Crescent City and other citizens of the State, went on a trip to Washington to interview our worthy President and Uncle Joe Cannon, and to give our Senators and representatives some information to use in assisting us in our fight for the holding of the grand Panama Exposition, which is to take place on the completion of the great Panama Canal, which will be one of the greatest achievements ever attempted by man. This canal will be completed in 1915, and then, dear ladies, we will put on our Big Show. Our State, with its chief metropolis is well located, and logically is the most desirable point for the grand Panama Exposition. If you will drop a plumb bob from the center of New Orleans, it will fall south just in the center of the great canal. Our country is bound to celebrate this grand achievement, and why, because it is the world's greatest waterway and will bring to us here in this grand old Pelican State, vessels from every country in the world, and you, good ladies, with your eagerness to build up this State, boost this grand idea of the exposition and get your clubs to endorse it with a set of resolutions, because you know that there is no success achieved without the help and assistance of you good women. Hon. Joseph E. Ransdell says that you good ladies gave him great assistance in his fight for waterways. Your help is the essence to success.

Louisiana, the Pelican State, which is named after the grandest bird of flight, that will pull the flesh from her own breast and feed it to her young—is situated almost in the extreme southern part of the United States, where the grand old Mississippi sweeps through our borders to the mighty Gulf, whose warm winds fan our shores and make our climate one of the most delightful in which to live. Our State has an area of over forty-five thousand square miles of territory, and twenty-eight million acres of land—thirteen million acres in alluvial and fifteen million acres in high or uplands, with a fine system of levees to keep out the water. With the wonderful progress that we are making in Good Road Building, in the reclama-