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Campaign for Constructive State Forestry.

A good deal has been said and written lately about the need for renewing our public and private forest lands. There is little chance of urging this matter too much. A few years back the nation was much stirred up over the rapid depletion of its forests, but that extreme interest has lapsed recently. It is time now for a serious, steady campaign of education followed by constructive action.

In a recent address before the New England Forestry conference it was stated that the original supplies of pine in the south will be exhausted in ten years, and that in six years 4000 mills will go out of existence. The states along the Great Lakes used to be large timber producers. Now they are paying \$6,000,000 a year in freight charges to haul lumber and other needed wood products in from other sections. Prices have risen so high that lumber is hauled from the west coast to New England at a profit to the Pacific dealers. Every year New England cuts twice its annual growth, and even at that destructive rate it is compelled to import from other regions more than 30 per cent of the lumber it uses, as well as considerable amounts of wood pulp.

Since less than two per cent of the mills of the country are working on public forests, it is evident that the problem is one of a constructive policy in regard to privately controlled forest lands. Every state ought to be looking after the timber land within its own borders. It is not a small matter of planting a few new trees here and there. It calls for a serious readjustment of such questions as taxation, fire protection, technical methods, labor, etc. It is something in which every citizen ought to feel himself deeply interested whether he owns tree-bearing land or not.

Farms for Soldiers Proposed.

The proof of the pudding is in the eating, and 35,000 soldiers have already signified their eagerness to eat the farms provided for them in Secretary Lane's plan.

The bill proposing the appropriation for these farms, as it well remembers, was one of those which, in the hurried days of the last congressional session, it was felt by many people at the time that this was one of the measures most necessary to pass; but take it all in all, it was not a bad thing. Secretary Lane has had

time to rewrite his proposal, elaborating and completing it, and the new bill will be better than the old. There will be, too, a better understanding of the plan by people in general, and the incontrovertible testimony of thousands of soldiers in its favor cannot be disregarded.

Should the bill become a law instead of merely a prospect, the numbers desiring to avail themselves of it would increase greatly.

When the new congress convenes, there is a lot of constructive legislation all ready to begin on.

Native-Born Americans Are Easy Prey to Drugs.

The government, as a result of recent investigations concerning the use of narcotic drugs, reports that native-born Americans possess less self-control in the use of these poisons in this country, and that except among those races with whom the use of opium and hashish is a national habit, the use of drugs is more widespread here than anywhere else in the world. This warning should strike home to American hearts, whose very lightness makes them the more easily subject to this destroying habit.

In the course of its report the government makes plain the great danger in narcotic medicines for the alleviation of pain, and reiterates the oft-repeated warning to physicians and patients as to their use.

With our national weakness brought home to us in these unflattering terms it becomes more than ever our duty to obtain a wider understanding of the danger and harm that lie in the use of the drugs, and to exert our influence singly and collectively to aid in checking it.

Uncle Sam in the Publishing Business.

A recent magazine article suggests that a "publicity general," with a regularly appointed staff, be added to the cabinet, to have in charge a wider advertising of the many publications issued every year by Uncle Sam, and too little read or appreciated by the public.

Whether the addition of such a person to the cabinet membership is desirable or not, it is desirable that the public should have a better understanding of what a lot of wide-awake investigation and research Uncle Sam is carrying on along almost every imaginable line, and how much valuable information can be had by the seeker as a result of these investigations.

The government publishes every year material on a host of subjects, which range from census reports, to coast surveys, bird lore and the best methods for planting onions. Some of this reading matter finds its way into real use; much of it, published at great expense, goes to the rubbish man because the public does not know about it. Failing the aforesaid cabinet appointee, the next best thing is for every postoffice to have prominently posted lists of these government publications and the proper avenues for securing them.

The last resort, and not a bad one at that, is for the individual desiring information concerning land, sea or better babies to write direct in Washington. A letter, though sent to the wrong department, will be answered, and the inquirer will be told which bureau handles the matter which he desires.

After all this to-do about the Monroe doctrine, somebody brings up the curious and entertaining fact that it was established by President Monroe purely on his personal initiative, with out the sanction of congress, and has been sustained and developed by other presidents without the senate ever having any official connection with it.

One of the principal reasons for selecting Geneva as the "world capital" was that Geneva didn't break her neck to get it.

Exodus of Aliens to Europe.

The rush to Europe, long foretold as an after-war probability, has started. Italians, Greeks and other foreigners are now leaving this country at the rate of about 1000 a day. The numbers may increase during the summer.

It is a perfectly natural thing, not calling for any such sensational explanation as that offered by the American Bankers' association; that these immigrant working people are being lured abroad by Bolshevist propaganda, to be stripped of their savings. Most of them have been waiting eagerly for years for a chance to get back home and see their friends and relatives and learn at first hand of the war's ravages and changes.

The movement, however, may not be so great as many alarmists imagine. The exodus might rise considerably above 1000 a day and still not exceed 500,000 a year. Our industries would not greatly miss that many in normal times; and if 1,000,000 of them should go in a year, as ships become available, we may reasonably expect that half of them at least will come back.

Except for the personal interest that takes so many overseas temporarily, the pull of America is doubtless as strong just now as the pull of Europe. It will be stronger still when our alien residents learn of the heavy war taxes and had industrial conditions they are sure to find in the old country.

The superstitious belief that only on the misfortunes of one nation can the happiness of another nation be built ought to have vanished with the flood," says Maximilian Harden. Very true! And the Germans don't believe it yet.

Before making any dry-time drinks out of straight alcohol, the prospective imbiber had better learn to distinguish between the two Alcohol sisters, Ethyl and Methyl.

The lodge rooms of the "American Legion" of war veterans are going to be called "dugouts," and everybody is rushing to get in on the underground floor.

ARKANSAS THOMAS CATS

The average man is so stubborn that he would rather break his neck than bow his head.

You will never make a hit with a middle-aged woman by telling her that she is well preserved.

Always remember that opportunity and dame fortune are the only knockers who ever made a hit.

Isn't it funny how honest and upright a man feels when the other fellow gets caught and he doesn't.

The pastor of the Thomas Cat is not able to say. He has seen all the pictures of her, and has never discovered anything on her yet.

Another reason why we send our sons to college is because when they graduate they can come home and sneer at how little we know.

About this time of year the last crop of June brides are coming down to breakfast in the morning wearing greasy kimonos and with their hair wadded into door knobs on the backs of their heads.

Yes, Ma'am, ye pastor once kicked the Gordon press and the cat, but that was a long time ago when he was devil in a little country print shop. That was before he commenced blossoming mental morning glories, and writing virtue copy for the Thomas Cat. Boys usually kick the Gordon and the cat in their tadpole period before they become the whole wigg.

ONLY A BACHELOR WOULD

Hang the crayon portrait of Aunt Annastada over the bad place in the living room wallpaper.

Hang a towel rack over the place where the genuine marble has peeled off the bathroom wall.

By keeping the player-piano going you can easily overcome the banging of the faulty radiator in the living room.

Place a large Japanese umbrella up against the ceiling in the library where the radiator upstairs has leaked through.

Back the sideboard up against the place where the wainscoting was blistered during a chaffing-dish party given by your professors.

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Advertisement for Nemo Brassieres. Includes text: 'Nemo Brassieres', 'Give stout women neat trim figures. They do for the upper part of the figure what the corset does below.', and the Nemo West & Co. logo.

Advertisement for Nujol. Includes text: 'The Hopper', 'Nujol brings about a return to Nature's methods by supplying necessary lubrication of the bowel contents...', 'Warning: Nujol is sold only in sealed bottles bearing the Nujol Trade Mark.', and an illustration of a hopper and a bottle of Nujol.