RAZORBACKS ARE SCARCER NOW

(By Associated Press)

GAINESVILLE, Fla., July 8. — "Somebody ought to have a genuine Florida razor-back mounted before they become extinct. They're hard to find, now."

Thus does no less an authority than the Bureau of Markets and Crop Estimates of the United States Department of Agriculture here officially confirm the suspicion that the porker around which so many yarns have been spun soon will be a candidate for the museum.

The Florida farmer is responsible for the passing of a pack of bones and bristles chock full of mischief. The razor-back, or native hog, usually could work his body into any place his nose could enter. He was reared on a farm but was permitted to roam the woods until he became half wild and only a photograph could portray the damage he could do once he wormed his way into a plot of cultivated ground. As an article of food he was worth little.

Florida farmers for several years have been stocking their places with pure bred swine, and now have reached the stage where discussion of a pig's pedigree is regarded as of extreme importance. Co-operative sales of fine pigs, boys' and girls' pig clubs organized and operated under the supervision of county agricultural agents, and numerous sectional organizations of hog breeders sounded the death knell of the razor-back.

There is every indication that the razor-back soon will be extinct. Floridians have said his backbone formed an edge sharp enough to cut a fence rail and many tourists believed the old yarn that the hundreds of thousands of pine trees on on turpentine farms in the state, with the bark chipped off on two sides to a height of several feet, were damaged by the razor-backs sharpening themselves preparatory to cutting another fence. Snakes and alligators are rarely seen outside of zoos and now the razor-back is passing.

LOCUSTS ARE USED AS FOOD

(By Associated Press)

MANILA, July 8—The general use of locusts as food by the people would soon rid the Philippines of that pest which is a menace to crops, in the opinion of Director Adriano Hernandez of the bureau of agriculture.

"To bring about rapid eradication of the locust pest in the Philippines the government should teach the people to learn more of the table delicacies that can be prepared from the insect and to eat more of them," said Director Hernandez. "If locust consumption can be made greater and more general in the islands the time may come when there will be no locust menace at all."

As a result of Director Hernandez' observations in several provinces he hopes to popularize the locust dishes and to teach the people to eat more of the insect. He has prepared a circular instructing provincial governors, farm advisers and municipal officials to teach the people how to cook various kinds of locust food.

A circular from the governor general's office also instructs provincial officials to take steps to eradicate the locust pest.

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The word "alloy" is derived from a literal Anglicization of the French phrase "a la loi"—"according to law." The phrase was transported across the channel in connection with gold or silver reduced in value by admixture with inferior metals in accordance with regulations established according to the law, but the English insisted on pronouncing the French "loi" as if it were spelled "loy" and finally dropped the second syllable entirely, thus coining the word "alloy."

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WATER LIFTER IS INVENTED

(By Associated Press)

LONDON, July 8—A water-lifting apparatus which seems to flout the natural law that water cannot run uphill, and by which the tremendous energy of the rising tides may be harnessed for use by man, is an invention of Thomas G. Allen, graduate of Washington University, St. Louis, and now a British subject. The "Hydrautomat", as the apparatus is called is the result of two years of experiments. A working model has been viewed by scores of engineers, some of whom have been baffled by the simplicity of the cycle of operation. It has lifted water 20 feet above the river level.

The hydrautomat is designed to raise water in any quantity from a running stream to any desired height without the use of standard equipment such as pumps, rams or water-wheels. The apparatus harnesses two natural courses of energy, the weight of a column of water and atmospheric pressure. By means of a series of tanks, one above the other, and a sluice-gate, which alternately brings suction and pressure forces into play, 80 per cent of the energy of the pressure water used is obtained. The height required is reached by carrying the series of tanks, alternating open and closed chambers, together with air conducting pipes, to the desired height.

It is believed there is unlimited scope for the hydrautomat on streams where hydraulic power developments are not feasible because of the small amount of fall. One of the first applications is expected to be on irrigation projects.

In a broad sense, according to the inventor, the purpose of the hydrautomat is to convert the contained energy of large quantities of water at a low head into that of a smaller quantity of water at a high head, or to compel a stream to hoist part of itself up over the land for commercial or agricultural purposes. The principal is fixed; the application is to be determined by local requirements.

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SERBS WORKING TOWARD IDEAL

(By Associated Press)

BELGRADE, Jugoslavia, July 8. —To make this capital a worthy setting to the magnificent territorial patrimony to which they have fallen heir, the Serbs are working swiftly. They are cutting new streets, paving them with asphalt instead of cobble stones, and erecting new dwellings and public buildings. A prize of $75,000 was awarded recently for a new city plan. Fourteen hundred new buildings went up in 1921 and 4,000 are going up this year. A new hotel has just been completed opposite the station. It was begun before the war, and used as a barrack. But its walls have been replastered and the building was completed and opened two days before the wedding of King Alexander.

The city is still over-populated. Residence has been refused to 60,000 persons. Prices in the city are very high and should the local money improve in value, Belgrade will rival Constantinople as a city of huge expense for living. House rents are prohibitive for the native, and for the foreigner, they range upwards of $100 monthly.

Farm land within 30 miles of Belgrade sells from $100 to $300 an acre, a big price when converted into the dinar currency of the country. The Hotel Moscow, within the city, recently sold for 14,000,000 dinars, or upwards of $200,000, a price that astonished strangers.

The best buildings within the city at the present time are the palaces of the king, located centrally and adjoining. A parliament building is partially constructed. In ditions for public uses are planned. Some portion of the American loan will be used for projected public buildings.

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