

POISON OAK IS CLAIMING VICTIMS

Wail of the Afflicted Ascending Unto Heaven Like Lamentations of Jeremiah.

From away back in the woods and camping places of the county is beginning to come the yearly lamentations like unto the lamentations of Jeremiah. Wails of grief are heard and a noise of indignation. Vacations have been nipped in the bud, outings of pleasure turned into in-junings of pain, beautiful faces disfigured and the deuce to pay generally!

What has done this, do you inquire? That old and insidious enemy of the maid in the mountains and the man in the woods—Poison Oak.

Not the Rhus Toxicodendron, or poison ivy of the East, but its Western congener which lurks along the highways and in the paths and trails and stings like an adder.

So far there have been six victims from among the smartest young women of the smart set—six whose faces are puffed and swollen and whose eyes are closed to mere slits and whose tempers are opened to tumultuous torrents. As beauty does not like to be advertised as even temporarily unbecoming, their names are withheld.

One young creature—normally as fair as a flower and sweet as the summer sky—writes of her woes and, being possessed of humor and talent for rhymes, unburdens her soul in the following vein:

"I went away with crazy folk,
To camp in a fragrant dell,
Where greened a secret oak,
Its tap root snapped from hell.

"My eye is swollen shut,
My throat is an itching flame,
Auburn is my aching nut,
Afire my fragile frame.

"My nose is a red balloon,
Bursting to rise and fly,
My face is a glowing moon,
Tinting the evening sky.

"My mouth is all awry,
Upwise and down and askew,
My ear is an Eastern fry,
I love poison oak—dout' you?"

REFORESTING BURNED OVER AREAS OF THE FORESTS

An investigation as to the practicability of reforesting the great areas of forest lands which have been devastated by fire and which are now lying barren and unproductive is now being carried on by the United States Forest Service in the Olympic National Forest in Washington. The area selected for the experiments comprises several thousand acres on the Soleduck river, and was at one time covered with a magnificent forest of Douglas fir. It was first burned over in 1890 and again in 1895. A third fire over almost the same area occurred in 1906, destroying the last remnant of the original forest, leaving the entire area treeless.

In some regions a second growth of trees will come in naturally after a burn, in the course of a few years time, and where this happens artificial means of securing reproduction is not necessary. There are, however, other burns, where new growth does not come in readily, but to adverse climatic conditions, absence of seed trees, or perhaps to the impoverishment of the soil by repeated fires. These areas are often of very large extent and in such cases some means, such as planting trees or sowing seed, is necessary to restore the forest. The burn in the Olympic forest is of this nature and the forest service is planning to conduct a series of experiments to determine the proper means of reforesting the area. Douglas fir will be the species used.

WASHINGTON, June 16.—Taft yesterday accepted the resignation of Frances E. Leupp, commissioner of Indian Affairs and announced the appointment of Robert G. Valentine as his successor. Leupp is in poor health.

BOY KILLED BY CARELESS HUNTER

Develops That Youth Who Was Found Dead Was Killed by Unknown Party.

ANTLER, (Shasta Co.), June 16.—William Condoli, a 13-year old boy whose dead body was found on the trail Wednesday afternoon two miles north of this place, was killed by some careless hunter and not by himself accidentally. That was the verdict of the jury that sat at the inquest called recently by Coroner Houston.

It developed that William Condoli and two other boys were out hunting in the morning. They went home at noon and left their guns. The three lads went fishing in the afternoon. Coming across some suckers, the Condoli boy sent his two companions back to the house to get a hand net to catch the suckers. These two boys had gone only a short distance when they heard a shot and also a cry of William Condoli. They went back to where they had left Condoli and found him dead with a bullet hole in his side.

Coroner Houston found that the bullet entered the right side, passed squarely through the body and came out on the left side on a level with the point entrance. The bullet also passed through the left arm. It would have been impossible for young Condoli to have inflicted such a wound even if he had had a gun with him.

No one has the remotest idea who was the hunter that caused the lad's death.

LARGE ATTENDANCE IS EXPECTED SUMMER SCHOOL

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, June 16.—Indications point to the largest attendance of teachers that the University has ever had at the summer session which begins June 28, running six weeks, and closing August 5. Announcement has just been made by Dr. H. D. Sheldon, dean of the session, that he has secured the services of Prof. Samuel B. Seward, Jr., of Stanford University, in English Literature and Rhetoric to take the place of Prof. Howe, who is unable to teach on account of illness. Prof. Seward is a teacher in summer schools. The courses that he will offer will be direct preparation for the August state examinations.

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