WANTED: ONE MILLION TREES

Forestry Would Prove Invaluable Asset to Work of Improving New York's Water Supply, Declares Engineer de Varona.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

New York, Dec. 26.—Interest in forestry service and the effect it can have upon the water supply is beginning to attract the serious attention of the New York city engineers who have charge of the water supply systems for the metropolis. Chief Engineer I. M. de Varona of the department of water supply, gas and electricity, has been studying the question for some time—not theoretically, but practically.

He has sent two or three expert foresters into the croton watershed to report upon the condition of the woodland there and suggest means of building up the forest so as to preserve, if not actually increase, the water supply.

"A department of forestry in the Croton watershed would be an excellent thing," said Mr. de Varona yesterday. "Other cities are adopting this plan to regulate the flow and volume of their water supply with very beneficial results.

"But if you ask if New York is likely to employ a forester in the immediate future, I can only shake my head. Where shall we get the money? With estimates so thoroughly cut, I would not dare at this time to send in a request for a forestry appropriation."

Boston and Hartford have already recognized the benefits of forestry upon their water supply. A few years ago the water commissioners of Middletown, Conn., began the planting of over 100,000 trees in the watershed district of that town.

Forestry Badly Needed.

One of the foresters who was asked to make a report on the woodlands of the Croton watershed is F. B. Meier, who for several years was the state forester of New Jersey. He prepared the working plans for the forests in the watersheds of Newark a short time ago, as well as for Hartford and other New England cities. Mr. Meier spent nearly two weeks last summer traveling through the 55,000 acres owned by the city, around the 15 lakes of the Croton watershed, and made a detailed report of the conditions to Chief Engineer de Varona.

Mr. Meier was asked yesterday at his office, 1 Broadway, if systematic forest work would increase or help the water supply.

"I will not say," he replied, "that the presence of trees increases the water supply, but given the supply, trees make all the difference in the world in retaining and regulating it. The forest canopy extends perceptibly the period of time rain takes to reach the soil, and in this way lessens the surface run-off. Also, by checking the velocity of the wind and covering the mineral soil with a thick layer of dead leaves and other material, forests effectively prevent soil transportation by wind or water."

Mr. Meier said that if proper forest work were begun at once in the Croton water district the financial returns within a few years would be sufficient to pay a large part of the expense. He advised the immediate planting of a large number, perhaps, 1,000,000, of white pine trees. In 20 or 40 years the trees could be thinned out and sold as lumber. At the current price of $4 per cord for white pine 40 years old as box boards, the profit per acre, after deducting all expenses for planting and interest on the money, would be, he contended, from $100 to $112.

"In the forests of the Croton watershed," went on Mr. Meier, "are many dead trees and hundreds of unsound ones, some of which are infested with insects. In other places the trees are too thickly placed, smothering each other and preventing the best development of the better kind. There are also waste places on steep hills without any trees at all, and throughout the district the humus—that is, the forest deposit—is thin and feeble.

"In my report I recommended, first, a proper system of tree planting; secondly, the establishment of a forest nursery, where desirable young trees may be raised at a reasonable profit; thirdly, the conservative thinning out of dead and unsound trees, paying particular attention to those attacked by insects or injured by fire, and, lastly, tree surgery.

Value of Protection.

"The value of forest protection has long been understood by water companies, but the full measure of its advantage is not generally appreciated. The forest is the guardian of a water supply. On it greatly depends the purity, regularity and volume of the flow, and the proper care and maintenance of its individual members insure protection of the storage basins and water reservoirs.

"Owing to the low temperature, the greater humidity of the air and the quieter state of the atmosphere, evaporation is considerably smaller in forests than in the open country. Statistics show that evaporation in the forest is but one third or one fourth that in the open country. The natural effect of this is that a considerably larger proportion of the rainfall is secured to the soil in forests than in open, desolate places.

"Above every other consideration stands the matter of sanitation, as a properly cared for forest provides its own sanitation and creates its humus. The humus hold sand checks excessive flow, and to a great extent filters the water before releasing it, absorbing for its own nutrition substances hurtful to man.

"As the forest thrives the humus deepens, and so you have the watershed itself a reservoir of nature constantly increasing in potentiality. In times of drought it will largely supply to the basin reservoir itself the daily drain made upon it by the water needs of the city. If limpid, clean and practically pure water is the desideratum, it must be had through the benign agency of a well cared for and properly wooded watershed."

Mr. Meier is the the son of a German government forester, and he points with pride to Germany's success in forest work. The average yield of wood per acre in the German empire was but 20 cubic feet in 1830 and in 1904 it was 65 cubic feet. Mr. Meier has compiled the following figures, showing that it is a paying proposition apart from the benefits conferred:

Country.	Expenditure Per Yr. and Per Acre.	Net Rev. Per Yr. and Per Acre.
Wurtemburg	$2.05	$6.60
Saxony	3.00	5.30
Baden	3.58	4.42
Hesse	1.25	4.29
Switzerland	1.32	2.50
Prussia	1.99	2.22
Bavaria	.95	1.75

"Statistics show that our present consumption of wood is at least 100,000,000,000 board feet annually," said Mr. Meier. "The forest area is 500,000,000 acres, and the annual growth does not exceed 60 board feet per acre. This gives a yearly increase of 30,000,000,000 board feet.

"In other words, the annual consumption of wood is more than three times the annual growth. There are 2,000,000,000 feet of standing timber. By using 100,000,000,000 feet annually and neglecting the growth we have a bare 20 years' supply."

The average man has his price, and, of course, the foreign nobleman is but an average man.

GOOD PICTURE OF MR. TAFT

This picture is from a snapshot of President-elect William H. Taft as he was leaving the Metropolitan temple, where he attended the dedicatory services for the McKinley organ recently.

LIFE IN PRISON MADE TOO HARD

Iowa Warden Would Relax Law's Rigor and Abolish Hateful Prison Garb.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Des Moines, Dec. 25.—Urging that inmates of the state penitentiary have tailor made suits, laundered shirts and polished shoes instead of the present prison garb, Warden J. C. Sanders of the Fort Madison penitentiary created a sensation before the state board of control at the regular meeting here this week. He finally told the board that so long as he is warden no prisoner will be beaten, that he purposes to abolish the solitary confinement and will do all within his power to furnish pleasure to the inmates of the penal institution.

He condemned many of the state laws, flayed judges and prosecutors and pointed out that it is the legislator's duty to abolish capital punishment and also life commitment on circumstantial evidence. The following are a few of Warden Sander's expressions:

"I believe it is a mistake to send a man to the penitentiary for life on circumstantial evidence.

"The right of society to defend itself is without question, yet with certain limitations. Might is not always right and the majority is not always just and fair. We are human. The juror or judge who acts on the theory that honesty is the best policy is the fellow you want to look out for after all, because he acts from policy and not from a sense of right. If a man steals a ride on a railroad he is called a hobo. If he steals the whole railroad his name is emblazoned in history as a 'financier.'"

ROMANCE ENDS; BRIDE WEARIES OF JEALOUSY

Eloper Says Husband Wanted to Know What Men Told Her—Parted in Few Months.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Philadelphia, Dec. 26.—Jealousy that manifested itself in the insistence of a husband to know every word that every man had spoken to his young wife that day is one of the reasons assigned by Mrs. Warner W. Croxton, who through her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Milton Steck, seeks annulment of her marriage.

Incidentally, action taken is the sequel to another "romance," love at first sight, an ardent courtship and an elopement last Eastertide.

Annulment of the marriage is sought upon the grounds that Mrs. Croxton, who was Miss Edna Berwind Steck, was too young at 17 to assume the marital obligations. Mrs. Croxton is well known in this city. Like her father, she is an enthusiastic automobilist, and can drive a car with skill.

Edward Milton Steck is a coal operator, a member of the Art club here.

According to the young wife, the jealousy of her husband resulted in her illness, which kept her on the verge of nervous prostration for more than five months. It ended her life with her husband after a few months.

Her marriage occurred last spring when her father was in Florida, having been president of the Florida East Coast Automobile association. The family then lived in the Rittenhouse hotel, Chestnut and Twenty-second streets, and the elder daughter, the present Mrs. Croxton, went to New York one day and returned home a bride.

Mr. Croxton was a general passenger agent of the Southern Railway company, with offices in Norfolk. Thence he took his bride. In Norfolk's fashionable circle the youthful Philadelphia bride soon won her way. As her popularity increased the husband's jealousy, she insists, became unbearable.

"Why," she said, in telling of it, "he would wake me up at 2 o'clock in the morning and demand to know just every word that every man had spoken to me that day. The climax was when the naval cadets of Old Point gave a ball and he became angry because I had danced with some boys I had known all my life.

"Although we had been married only two months, I had to leave him. He told men friends several times to leave me alone and not speak to me."

The meerschaum industry of Asia Minor, once the support of practically the whole population of the region where the material is found, has decreased until but 1,270 pits are now worked by some 5,000 men.

Over 1300 miles of Sweden's railways are to be electrified, power being supplied from five stations.

Chinese fishermen wear stockings made of human hair to prevent wet feet.

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STRAY TOPICS FROM OLD GOTHAM

Hotels of Metropolis Equal of Any in World—New York Proud of Lieutenant Mapes—Theatre Mad People—General Gossip.

New York, Dec. 26.—The hotel men of New York undoubtedly stand at the head of their profession—or should it be art?—and if there is one thing that New York may justly be proud of and boast of, it is the infinite superiority of its hotels. The accommodations they offer are perfect, or as nearly perfect as the cleverest advertisement writer could make them, and the prices—well, one has to have stayed at the St. Regis or the new Astor to believe and appreciate them.

There are hotels in other cities, in America as well as in Europe, that offer to their patrons lifts, private baths, meals and drinks, telephones and messenger calls, electric lights and steam heat, barber shops and clothes pressing establishments, liveried cabs and flower shops, doctors, nurses and pretty chambermaids, but what is all that compared with the advanced features which, for instance, the Knickerbocker offers to its guests. They may come to the hotel looking like tramps, and presto, by the aid of the hotel barber, the "gent's furnisher," the valet supplied by the management and a swell dress suit, also furnished by the hotel, they are transformed, at least so far as outward appearance goes, into gentlemen and may go to dinner in the magnificent dining room, undistinguishable from the real millionaires nursing their dyspeptic stomachs there. The arrangement is decidedly up to date and would be perfect, were it but possible for the hotel management to furnish its patrons not merely with borrowed plumes, but also with good manners. But that may come later. How would a school of etiquette conducted in connection with every one of the big hotels do for a starter?

Members of Clergy.

Archbishop Farley, Bishop Greer and other distinguished members of the clergy, supported by prominent men of affairs have started a movement to purify the press of New York. Heaven knows, it needs purification more than anything else, even more than literary style. It is true there are a few decent newspapers in New York, but there are two or three the viciousness, untruthfulness, disgusting pruriency and ethical degeneracy of which has not its equal anywhere. The idea of purifying these papers is commendable and deserves the support of all decent citizens, but the question is how to accomplish it. To plead with the owners of these papers would be about as effective as a polite request to a confirmed thief not to steal any more. The laws of the state in regard to libel and obscenity are idiotic and absolutely futile. It is true, the laws might be changed, but the members of the legislature are too much afraid of being branded by these yellow sheets as "enemies of the freedom of the press" to attempt tinkering with the libel laws.

Not the moral corruptness of the newspaper proprietors is the "raison d'etre" of the yellow journals, but the depravity of taste and low standard of moral ethics of the readers. The untruthful, obscene and sensational papers could not exist were it not that hundreds of thousands of persons crave the kind of filth, lewdness and irresponsible lying which these papers offer to them. Any attempt at reform must begin with the public. So long as the yellow journals can make millions by catering to the lowest scum of humanity, while the papers fit for decent people barely make their expenses, there is no hope of accomplishing anything by an appeal to the owners of the yellow sheets.

New York Proud.

New York is justly proud of its talented son, First Lieutenant William S. Mapes of the Twenty-fifth infantry, U. S. A., who has invented a new hand grenade which is said to break all previous records of deadliness. According to reports the new grenade, which is soon to be tried on the Filipinos, upon its detonation scatters 40 or more bullets with terrific force in all directions, killing or maiming everything living within a radius of its effectiveness. What a glorious achievement in the cause of humanity and peace! No doubt the inventor of this infernal machine deserves the next Nobel prize for furthering the interests of peace.

The general public will undoubtedly be chagrined to hear that the express companies are taking advantage of the fact that balloons are not included in their rate list, to charge double rates for transporting them. Undoubtedly this hogishness of the express companies will cause widespread annoyance and suffering, especially among the poorer classes unable to pay the high rates for the transportation of their balloons and airships. It is to be hoped that the interstate commerce commission will remedy this matter without delay, so as to protect the interests of the poor balloonists.

The people of New York are undoubtedly theatre mad. Theatres are as thick on both sides of Broadway as fakers along the Midway and yet scarcely a week passes that does not bring the opening of some new theatre or the laying of the foundation for one. It is difficult to understand how all these houses can continue to exist without going into bankruptcy. If the enterprising New York managers keep on building new theatres at the present rate, somebody will have to start a correspondence school of acting to supply the requisite number of "stars."

It is said that an open confession has certain advantages for the intangible ego called the soul of man. That must be so, for quite a number of distinguished Americans, whom even their worst enemies could not justly accuse of ever having done anything that did not benefit their pocketbook, their equivalent for a soul, Rockefeller, Carnegie, Harriman, Hill and several other model Americans have given to the public their version of the story of their success, after their attorneys had carefully expurgated the manuscript and eliminated all awkward and incriminating details. "What is good for Rockefeller should also be good for me," argues Oscar Hammerstein and promptly proceeded to enlighten the breathless public how it happened that he became the "only great and incomparable impresario" the world has ever known. According to his story a spanking which his father gave him upon a certain memorable occasion when he had awakened him from his sleep by playing on the flute was responsible for his becoming an impresario. It appears from Mr. Hammerstein's confession that his prime motive in selecting the career of an impresario was to have his revenge on music loving people and make them suffer for the spanking he had received in his youth. Mr. Hammerstein is entitled to congratulations. His success has been great.

RECALLS AN ATTEMPT TO REVIVE DEAD MAN

Former Vice Chancellor Pitney Interested in Life Tests on the Electrocuted.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

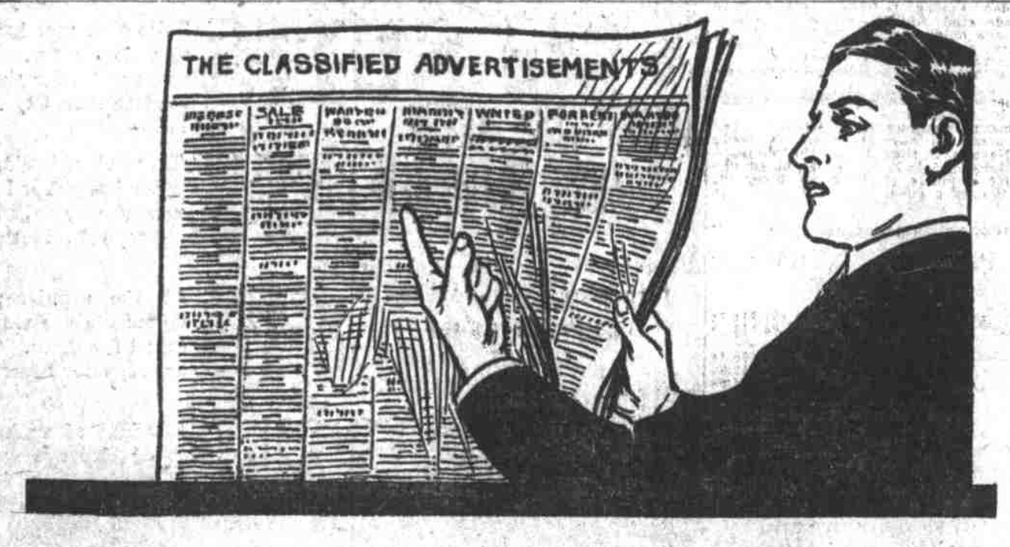
Morristown, N. J., Dec. 26.—Former Vice-Chancellor Henry C. Pitney, of this city, who is widely known as the "iron chancellor," has become interested in the propositions which have been made by physicians to apply tests of life to victims of the electric chairs. Mr. Pitney recalls vividly the experiment made at the Morris county courthouse more than a half century ago on the body of Antoine Le Blanc, a murderer, by Professor Joseph Henry, of Princeton college. Said Mr. Pitney:

The body of Le Blanc, the murderer of the Sayre family, was carried by Sheriff George H. Ludlow quickly from the gallows to the courtroom, and in the presence of several physicians and numerous gentlemen from various parts of the country, was subjected to the influence of a powerful current of galvanic electricity, applied by the then youthful professor, Joseph Henry, of Princeton college, afterward so celebrated as an investigator of electricity and finally secretary of the Smithsonian institution.

"The current of galvanic electricity was applied so as to affect the greater nerves and was moved from one system to another with the result of producing muscular movements of marked, and of frightful character. As I was at least 10 and perhaps 15 years younger than any other person in the room it is safe to say that I am the only person alive who witnessed the experiment."

Mr. Pitney is now 81 years old, and father of the present chancellor, Mahlon Pitney. Le Blanc was a farmhand employed by the Sayre family who lived near the present site of the Dana Seminary for Girls on South street, this city. He buried his victims under the barn. When the discovery was made the Frenchman fled, but he was captured in two days by the late Nathan Luse, near Newark.

Condemned to be hanged, he was taken from the county jail and brought to Morris Green, where a gallows had been built. Before thousands of people he publicly paid the penalty for his crime. It is said that people came to Morristown for miles around to witness the hanging, and that the man's skin was tanned and made into pocketbooks and purses.



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WINS BRIDE FROM RIVAL AT ALTAR

Spearfish, S. D., Dec. 25.—Robert Hughes, a Black Hills miner, induced Miss Ethel Berryman to marry him at the moment she was standing before a justice of the peace about to become the wife of Thomas Lafflin.

Hughes, who had been a suitor for Miss Berryman's hand for more than a year, and who had twice won her consent to become his wife, only later to be "cut out" by Lafflin, learned that his former fiancee was to be married to Lafflin.

He hastened to the scene of the proposed nuptials, to find Miss Berryman and Lafflin standing with clasped hands, about to take the marriage vows. He pleaded with the girl so eloquently that he persuaded her to marry him instead of Lafflin. Lafflin witnessed the ceremony.

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