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Deadly Enemies of Forest Trees Can Be Controlled

Throughout the Pacific Slope and Rocky Mountain regions grow the largest and most valuable coniferous tree species of the world; the pines, the spruces, the Douglas fir, the balsam firs, the hemlocks, the cedars, and the Sequoias (redwoods). Each one of these has at least one insect enemy which has killed trees in the past and is actually doing so to-day.

"Insect Damage to Standing Timber in the National Parks," is the title of a paper read by an expert of the Bureau of Entomology, U. S. Department of Agriculture, before the conference of national park superintendents held under the auspices of the Secretary of the Interior on September 11-12, 1911, and issued as Circular 145 of the Bureau of Entomology. In this circular a summary is given of the damage caused by a little group of "tree-destroying" beetles, and of the practical methods of controlling them, resulting from the investigations of the Bureau of Entomology.

In a national forest where there was no evidence of destructive fires for the last 20 years it was found that the standing and fallen dead yellow pine that had died within that period, and which had heretofore been considered as a natural and inevitable forest condition, represented in board feet nearly half as much timber as was then living. The sugar pine and Douglas fir represented 1-4 as much dead as was then living. Every dead tree examined in this estimate showed evidence that it had been killed by insects.

An irreparable loss was caused from an aesthetic point of view in 1904 and '05 by the death, through the attack of the mountain pine beetle, of the three giant sugar pines on the trail from Wawona to Glacier Point and the Yosemite Valley. The veteran sugar pine known as "Uncle Tom," along the road entering the Park, was also killed by this beetle.

The fact that it is plainly shown that this waste of natural resources can be prevented must interest not only the officials of our national and state parks and forests but every owner of timber large and small.

Governor West

There is a limit to every man's capacity. What the limit is no one knows until it is reached. As a general rule men become great not so much for the reason that they have better brains than other men, but because they can "keep coming." Can Governor West "keep coming?" It is this question that makes him one of the most interesting figures on the Pacific coast today.

Knockers

Cottage Grove has, we presume, a few people of the sort called "knockers." If it has not it is the only town of its kind in the United States.

The "knocker is a peculiar species. Described briefly, he is a person who "can't," "won't" and "don't." Progress must be made in spite of him. He is not without his value to a community, for the reason that a bit of opposition helps progress. But when he is in the majority he raises hob with progress. He makes progress look like a pale brown stick in a sea of dark green mud.

However, it is always well to remember that all so called "knockers" are not.

Give the "knocker" at least one respectful hearing.

Does Cottage Grove get its full share of benefit from the county funds? If not, why not?

8th Grade Exams Again

Attributing the failure of about 30 per cent of the students taking the recent eighth grade examinations to the fact that they had only been students in that grade about four months, State Superintendent of Public Instruction Alderman has announced that he did not intend to make the list of examination questions any easier, save in spelling and civil government, but that he would hereafter insist that teachers of the eighth grade do not permit students who have not been in it for seven months to take the examinations.

He also stated that the blame for the questions in these two subjects being too difficult should not be placed at the door of the County School Superintendents, as they had not prepared the questions, but that he had asked teachers of the eighth grade to suggest questions for the grade examinations, and from those suggested he and his assistant had prepared the questions in the examination list.

Possibly we may be mistaken in the matter, but we cannot believe that such results as followed the recent examination of eighth grade pupils can be due so much to anything as to a wrong system. Such results could not be due to a shortcoming in the natural ability of the pupils. If such is the case the shortcoming is so nearly general as to require other methods than those now in vogue. The standard of achievement is too high, the pace too swift. The average "kid" benefits little from the greater portion of the schooling he receives, because he is not given time. He recites, perhaps with credit, but when examination comes he has forgotten.

Lafferty.

Congressman A. W. Lafferty has filed with the Secretary of State at Salem his declaration to be a candidate on the republican ticket for representative in congress from the 3rd district to succeed himself. He presents a good platform of working principles.

But a good platform of working principles is not sufficient in the case of Lafferty to make his candidacy agreeable to all the people of Oregon. The notoriety he attained during the last session of the national legislature was not of a sort to be easily forgotten or readily forgiven.

We wonder what the voters of the third district will do to him.

The Cost

In counting up the cost of the primary and general election by the officials of the secretary of state's office at Salem it is figured out that the expense will be one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars.

With the 1082 precincts, the clerks and judges, will mean a total expense of \$77,902.

For the corrupt practices act pamphlets at the last election, it cost the state \$1538, and \$4436 for the general election, while for the initiative and referendum pamphlets the cost was \$18,425.

For the election to come, it is stated that the ballots will cost between \$15,000 and \$20,000. Pencils and sundries, last time, amounted to \$500 and tally books \$5000.

With the cost of the coming elections, with the expenses of the past in mind and the growth of the state and other things taken into consideration, it is figured, will be at least \$125,000.

Seventy-six experiments in nine lines of agriculture are announced by the Oregon Agricultural Experiment League in a new leaflet just off the press.

The Oregon Society of the Sons of the American Revolution offers prizes totaling \$100 to the pupils of the public schools of the State of Oregon, for essays on subjects connected with our War for Independence. If any of our readers are interested in this we shall be glad to give them further information upon application at this office.

An Important Matter

Delegations from the Portland Commercial Club and the Central Labor Council met recently and discussed plans for organization so that in the future no ill advised steps will be taken in giving the state publicity in regard to immigration.

The meeting was in response to a suggestion from Governor West after the Central Labor Council had sent broadcast a circular letter stating that Oregon is a wilderness and warning people against coming here.

Too much literature of a misleading character has been sent in to the east from Oregon, as well as from other states in the northwest.

The picture of conditions here has been painted in colors a bit brighter than is entirely warranted by facts, and as a consequence many people without means have come here only to find days of trouble. Yet, on the other hand, Oregon is sprinkled over with people recently arrived from other sections who have done, and are doing, well, and who could not be induced to return to their former homes.

A common-sense view must be taken of the matter. There are opportunities here, for the man who can assist, either with money or by the development of the land, such as exists nowhere else in the United States.

It is the unskilled man, dependent entirely upon daily wages, who is having all the trouble and is lifting up his voice in lamentation, and even he will find, after the first pinch is over, that he is better off than he was formerly—if he takes advantage of the chances that are offered him.

It is not necessary to tell more than the truth about Oregon. The truth is enough.

Secondary habits, lack of outdoor exercise, insufficient mastication of food, constipation, a torpid liver, worry and anxiety, are the most common causes of stomach troubles. Correct your habits and take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets and you will soon be well again. For sale by Benson's Pharmacy.

By what was said to be the most sweeping Federal action of its kind ever undertaken, the United States Government last Wednesday within a few hours arrested a majority of the 54 men indicted for alleged complicity in a nationwide dynamite conspiracy for six years.

When her child is in danger a woman will risk her life to protect it. No great act of heroism or risk of life is necessary to protect a child from croup. Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and all danger is avoided. For sale by Benson's Pharmacy.

Registration for the second semester is practically over at the University of Oregon and work is in full swing again, following the mid-term examinations. The registration to date shows 31 new students, most of them freshmen; a few are transfers from other colleges, notably Berkeley. This will make the total registration for the second semester practically the same as the first, the new students making up for those leaving.

Almost Lost his Life.

S. A. Stid, of Mason, Mich., will never forget his terrible exposure to a merciless storm. "It gave me a dreadful cold," he writes, "that caused severe pains in my chest, so it was hard for me to breathe. A neighbor gave me several doses of Dr. King's New Discovery which brought great relief. The doctor said I was on the verge of pneumonia, but to continue with the Discovery. I did so and two bottles completely cured me." Use only this quick, safe, reliable medicine for coughs, colds, or any throat or lung trouble. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by All Drug-gist.

The change that is coming over the country is illustrated in a rather marked degree when the suggestion can be made seriously that a woman be named for the Supreme Bench, without causing anyone to smile. The successful candidate for the Presidency next year will without doubt be one who makes an appeal to the woman voter.

The Commerce Court has been appealed to by the railroads to reverse the Interstate Commerce Commission in the matter of the one dollar "blanket rate" case on lemons. The lumber men and the lemon growers thought they had won signal victories, but it seems that they are only deeper in the meshes of the law. However, the people still feel they are safe in appealing to the Interstate Commerce Commission for justice.

You are probably aware that pneumonia always results from a cold, but you never heard of a cold resulting in pneumonia when Chamberlain's Cough Remedy was used. Why take a risk when this remedy may be had for a trifle? For sale by Benson's Pharmacy.

NOTICE

On Monday, February 26, I will gather up all the tin cans and other garbage in the city. A reasonable price will be charged.

J. J. Davies.

LOCAL AGENTS TO SETTLE

San Francisco, Feb. 16.—For the purpose of expediting business and getting closer to its customers through its local representatives, the Southern Pacific Company has issued orders to many of its agents at the principal stations along the route giving them authority to settle direct with consignees on ordinary loss and damage claims. At the present time the authority is extended only to certain agents in the more thickly settled territory. Claims for shortage and damage over which there is no dispute and which do not exceed a given amount can now be settled within a day or so after they have been filed with the agent.

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Cottage Grove, Oregon

Ethel Palmer, one of New York City's most brilliant pianists, has many admirers in Northern New York. We are always glad when we are privileged to hear this talented little lady. She is a great favorite among the Thousand Islands where she is always greeted enthusiastically.—Norwood News, Norwood, New York. At Cottage Grove Feb. 28.

We hear stories about town of a number of people who some time ago bought "Philippino fern" bulbs of a plausible stranger. The "fern" was a beautiful thing so the salesman said. In addition to its esthetic qualities it was recommended as a remover of flies and a promoter of peace and good will in the home; and was otherwise an article to be much desired. A number of the bulbs were sold here, but so far as we have been able to learn none of them have fulfilled the promises of the salesman.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF LANE COUNTY, STATE OF OREGON

In the matter of the estate of Alver H. Nowell, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned administrator of the estate of Alver H. Nowell deceased, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against, the said deceased to exhibit them with the proper vouchers verified, and required by law, within six months from the publication of this notice, to me, as such administrator, at Cottage Grove, Lane county, Oregon, the same being the place for the transaction of the business of said estate.

Dated this 29th, day of January A. D. 1912.

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WILLIAM LANE,
Administrator of the estate of Alver H. Nowell deceased.

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