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In Sylvan Shades

There is a peculiar charm about the woods, especially during the hot days. What refreshing mental pictures they suggest to those who are sweating in the blinding glare and torrid heat of the cities, of grateful shade under green boughs; of summer breezes which fan the tired wanderer's brow as he lies recumbent on the soft turf beneath the trees.

Unfortunately, although we have immense forests, yet we have none to correspond with Sherwood, the Black Forest or Fontainebeau. We have been principally occupied in destroying what Nature has provided with such a lavish hand. It is heartrending to see the ravages by the saw and axe of the lumberman and by the fire, thousands of acres having been denuded and laid waste and nothing done to insure another second growth. If only we had been discovered earlier or had not developed quite so rapidly, so as to have permitted romance and legend to render sacred our woods and hills! True, there are Indian myths, but somehow they not appeal so keenly to us, as they belong to an alien race. Minnehaha's Laughing Waters may be more romantic and picturesque than Plymouth Rock, but they cannot stir our emotions as the latter does.

However, in spite of the fact that our forests are not the haunt of wraiths, of fairies, hamadryads, or of fauns, yet their denizens are by no means uninteresting. The Indian and old pioneer trapper could read and relate the fascinating tales of the wild.

But the trees, themselves, could they but speak, what and scenes they might describe. I have stood in the Abbey grounds at Lorch in Wurtemberg, by an ancient linden which saw in its youth the armies of Julius Caesar marching past it. Again I have seen on the Isle of Runnymede, the walnut trees which circle round the traditional spot where King John signed the Magna Charta. If they were not then in existence, their parents were. We enjoy listening to some patriarch who forms a connecting link with the forefathers of our country. We feel when with him, carried back to those early days, as he tells us about their stirring events. How much more enjoyment then would be derived from the hoary monarchs of the forests with their centuries of history.

Some of us have tender memories and associations attached to certain woods, which are, on that account, particularly endeared to us. Such an one to me, skirts the shores of one of the numerous lakes in the North Star state. A road runs through it which calls to mind the nave of an old Cathedral, for interlacing branches of elm, oak, basswood and maple form a leafy roof that affords protection from the fiercest rays of the sun. Here and there are open spaces, now a clearing sown to grain or planted to corn, now a slough or marsh with borders of reeds and coarse grass, among which the pale iris or flaming tiger lily are interspersed. Glimpses of the waters of the lake flashing and sparkling in the sunlight, attract the eye as one saunters along. Ah, it is a goodly and pleasant scene in summer when the trees are dressed in living green. But

what words can describe the variety of shades and the splendor of their autumn colors, scarlet and yellow, crimson and orange? The ground then is blotched with large patches of plumes of golden-rod, of purple and white asters. Clusters of blue grapes hang on the vines in marked contrast to their sear and fading leaves. The sober brown of the trees is relieved by the crimson of the wild woodbine twining around their trunks or picked out in scarlet with berries of bittersweet. The apostle has told us that there is a glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; and surely there is a glory of the woods, both vernal and autumnal. On a slight knoll in this wood stands a small chapel, with God's acre sloping from it. There have I often worshiped, and there, some day, under the shadow of the cross and waving boughs, I would my mortal dust may rest in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life.

Vicious Methods

Down South a number of cases have been reported of people, both men and women, being seized by masked men, whipped and tarred and feathered. The reasons given have been that the victims were guilty of moral offenses, and in one case a clergyman, who had charge of colored work in Florida, that he had preached social equality and favored intermarriage among the white and colored races. In no case were the accused allowed explanation or opportunity for defense. The perpetrators are alleged to belong to the recently revamped Ku-Klux clan. Whether the parties who suffered punishment were guilty or not, such lawless procedure on the part of individuals, cannot be too severely condemned, as the method is most dangerous. It incites more to lawlessness and terrorism than it effects law and order, and will be used by the unscrupulous to wreak their vengeance on those to whom they bear a spite.

Farm Loans and Banks

The federal farm loan banks have again been in operation for about two months, and in some states considerable money is being put out.

In the Spokane farm loan bank applications have been piled up for over seven millions of loans, and a few small state farm loans are made.

To get federal loans farmers must take stock in the farm loan bank and the expense of making the investigation falls on the applicant.

These loans were originally made on low rate bond issues but the rate of interest on government bonds has gone to practically six per cent.

So the state and federal farm loans are not going to give relief to the farmers at any lower rate of interest than the private farm loan banks make.

The competition between the two systems will eventually benefit the farmers as the inequitable difference in interest rates has been wiped out.

As imports of gold increase money is becoming cheaper and good farm loans will probably be made for some time at lower rates of interest.—Exchange

Some Pertinent Questions

The Oregonian can render Oregon a great benefit if it will state openly and frankly its belief regarding the present educational programme.

Does it function as the general public would like to have it?

Are the colleges of Oregon turning out graduates fitted to take up life's burden's in a practical way?

Are the Oregon high schools graduating students well grounded in the fundamental branches of education?

Should cooking and other trades be taught in our schools at the expense of reading, writing and arithmetic? And is it not being done?—La Grande Observer.

The Oregonian is convinced that there is much waste, much lost motion, in the public schools and the higher institutions.

It is a good time, perhaps, for an educational survey—not by experts, but by men and women of intelligence, public spirit and loyalty to the school system.

—Oregonian.
 The questions propounded by the editor of the *Observer*, indicate the thoughts of many, concerning our schools, and should receive serious consideration.

The Story of Our States

By JONATHAN BRACE
 IV.—GEORGIA



ON JANUARY 2, 1788, Georgia accepted the Constitution and became the fourth state in the Union. The settlement of Georgia was conceived as a buffer against the depredations of the Spaniards and Indians, whose invasions of South Carolina had reached a climax in 1715 with a raid in which four or five hundred settlers had been massacred. To protect South Carolina from future inroads James Oglethorpe planned a colony to the south, and in 1732 he obtained from George II a grant of land. The new territory was consequently named Georgia, after the king. The deed stated that the land was granted "in trust for the poor." This referred to Oglethorpe's plan to have as the settlers the insolvent debtors who, according to the laws of that time in England, were cast into prison. Many of these were released from prisons and re-enforced by some Germans and Scotch Highlanders, founded the town of Savannah in 1733 and rapidly spread up and down the coast, where successful plantations of rice and indigo soon became established. Georgia continued to prosper until the population of its 59,265 square miles entitles it to a representation of 14 presidential electors.
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