

# THE ITEMS

SATURDAY JUNE 13, 1903.

## TREES ON NEBRASKA HILLS.

The Chicago Inter Ocean calls attention to the United States government's attempt to solve the serious problem of forest destruction and which is being watched with the attention the importance of the experiment warrants. It is proposed to grow new supplies not only on the cutover lands of regions once timbered but in regions where there is nothing but open plain.

Perhaps the most interesting feature of this large and varied undertaking is the attempt to cover with forests the sand hills of Western Nebraska—a seeming impossibility. Two reserves have been created in the sand hill region—one between the Dismal and Loup rivers of 86,000 acres, and the other of 125,000 acres between the Niobrara and the Snake rivers.

The experiment of the government is based upon the proposition that once this region was the bottom of a sea and that beneath these drifting sands is a subsoil that retains sufficient moisture to nourish certain kinds of pines which send their roots deep enough to tap the moisture contained in this substratum.

For a year or more the forestry bureau has been studying these reserves. A nursery was established at Halsey, in the valley of the Middle Loup river. Here 600 pounds of seed, principally western yellow pine and red cedar and jack pine, was prepared for the spring sowing. Various scattered areas have now been sown; later they will be united in one great forest.

It is evident that this is a marvelous undertaking. If this forest growing is successful it will change the face of these plains and the climatic conditions. If a man is a benefactor who makes two blades of grass grow where one grew before, what shall be said of the government's work in making forests to grow where before was only drifting sand?—The Dallas Chronicle.

President Roosevelt during a short speech at Glenn's Ferry last week said: "No law that the wit of man ever devised can make or ever will make a fool wise, or a coward brave, or a weakling strong. All that the law can do is to try to secure a fair deal, to try to give each man a chance to show the stuff that is in him; and if the stuff is not in him you cannot get it out of him because it is not there."

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It is said that a new danger to sheep herds in Montana has been discovered in alfalfa. It has been found that this forage, after being frozen, has been shown to produce many deaths a few hours after eaten, and all doubt of its having been the cause was removed by examination of the stomachs immediately after death. In every instance it was found that the alfalfa caked as soon as it entered the stomach and exuded a fluid poisonous in its nature. This fluid choked the sheep before they could expel it. As sheep-raising is one of the principal industries of the state, the danger thus presented arouses universal interest and a search is being made for some method of neutralizing the chemical action which extreme cold seems to have upon a product which enters so largely into the range-food of that state.—Baker City Democrat.

Dean Holgate, of the Northwestern University, is evidently a believer in the strenuous life. In a speech to the students of Evanston at commencement he said: "You are going out in the world to work. There will be no union to tell you not to work more than eight hours a day. You will come nearer working eighteen hours out of twenty-four. Some of you will get buried in your work. But keep at it, remembering the responsibility resting upon you to do good work, and you will have your reward." The gospel of work is here full recognized and honored. Not the man who regulates his working hours by the clock, but he who measures them by the requirements of his vocations and his ability, will mount the ladder of achievement.—Oregonian.

This nugget of wisdom is from the president's speech at Boise: "The forests and the grasses are not to be treated as we properly treat mining—that is, as material to be used up and nothing left behind. We must recognize the fact that we have passed the stage when we can afford to tolerate the man whose object is simply to skin the land and get out. We must handle the wood, the water, the grasses so that we may hand them on to our children and children's children in better and not worse shape than we got them."

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### WHO PAYS THE FREIGHT?

Who pays the expense of the President's junketing trip?—Ex. It is a stocky built man with a ratty mustache, a front of double pica teeth; and a jaw set with a Yale time lock; a man rather below medium height, inclined to be pussy, with a nose that needs a compositor—man named Roosevelt—T. Roosevelt to be accurate. He is the first President of the United States in recent years who has refused all courtesies from the railroads and pays his own way, and by the same token he is the first President in recent years, whom the railroads are going to fight.—Boise Clipper.

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### He Stopped the Paper.

I've stopped my paper, yes I hev; I didn't like to do it, But the editor he got too smart And I allow he'll rue it.

I am a man as pays his debts, And I won't be insulted, So when an editor gets smart, I want to be consulted.

I took his paper 'leven years, An' helped him all I could, sir, An' when it comes to dunhin' me I didn't think he would, sir.

But that he did an' you kin bet It made me hot as thunder, Says I, I'll stop that sheet, I will, If he cussed thing goes under!

I hunted up the measley whelp An' for his cunnin' caper, I paid them 'leven years an' quit! Yes, sir, I've stopped his paper.

—Manson (La.) Democrat.

### Additional Locals.

Celebrate in Burns.

O. J. Darst is among the visitors today.

The Burns Rod and Gun Club is preparing for a shoot to be held July 3.

E Johnson and wife, of Burns, were registered at the Elkhorn Hotel in Canyon City last week.

Miss Walton a sister of Len Walton arrived Thursday from the Willamette Valley on a visit to her brother.

The celebration Fourth of July week will be held at the Fair grounds. No admission will be charged except for men to the grand stand.

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Tom Whitmore was taken before the county examining board yesterday and declared insane and ordered taken to the asylum at Salem. The unfortunate man was started on the trip this morning, James J. Donegan and Postmaster E. B. Waters going as guards.

Art Stone and wife are over from their Harney County ranch visiting Mr. Stone's mother Mrs. Sam Morgan. This former resident of John Day is now farming near the city of Harney and while here will arrange for the removal of his machinery and farming implements to his ranch.—News.

Mr. D. P. Daugherty, well known throughout Mercer and Sumner counties, W. Va., most likely owes his life to the kindness of a neighbor. He was almost hopelessly afflicted with diarrhoea; was attended by two physicians who gave him little, if any, relief, when a neighbor learning of his serious condition, brought him a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, which cured him in less than twenty-four hours. For sale by H. M. Horton, Burns; Ered Haines, Harney.

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### The Blacksmith and the King.

Some time ago, while holding court in the royal palace, overlooking the Danube, Francis Joseph received a Hungarian blacksmith, who desired to thank the king for the decoration conferred on him in recognition of his having invented an agricultural machine. During the audience the blacksmith drew from his pocket two photographs representing the king and queen, and said, handing them to his majesty: "May I ask your majesty, and also the queen, for your signatures?" "And why?" demanded the king, smilingly. "Well, when I die the cross of merit which your majesty has given me will have to be returned and my children will at least have your majesties' portraits and signatures in remembrance of this audience." "The queen is absent from Hungary," said the king, "and I cannot give you my signature at the present moment, for I have neither pen nor pencil within reach." "I have brought a pencil with me," said the smith, handing it to the monarch. The king thereupon attached his signature to the photograph, and dismissed the smith with a smile. The smith did not retire, however, but stood his ground. "Is there anything else I can do for you?" asked Francis Joseph. "Yes, your majesty, I am waiting for my pencil." The king had mechanically pocketed it, and he returned it with a hearty laugh.—San Francisco Argonaut.

### Babu Trials the Ounces.

Pears are proverbially alike, but not more so than "rigger" law students. And when each wears astrachan hair, gold spectacles and a Stewart tartan necktie, Dr. Manik Lal is as like Dudshay Jemshedji as any two men in iron masks. This fact is not lost on a wily Hindoo law student. This bright young mind has, it is said, taken several scholarships at Lincoln's inn under his own name. He now, for a consideration, is willing to temporarily adopt the series of consonants which form the name of any gentleman with a similar color scheme, and in his improper person goes up for and successfully passes the examinations of the council of the bar.—Phoenix.

### In the Wrong Shop.

Canvaser—I have a little device here that will save you lots of time. Business Man—My dear sir, things are so quiet that I don't know what to do with the time I have. I had an hour's conversation with a book agent yesterday and I tried to get him to stay longer, but he wouldn't.—N. Y. World.

### Getting Even.

"I'm putting up a prescription for your wife's milliner," said the drug clerk to his employer. "What shall I charge her?" "What is the usual price for what she is getting?" "Fifty cents." "Charge her \$2.75."—Texas Sifter.

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