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MOVE FOREST WORK

Headquarters Transferred to Madison and Chicago.

Products Investigation Hereafter Be Done at Wisconsin Town and Utilization Be Established in Illinois.

Washington. — Preparations have been completed for the transfer of all the government's forest products work to Madison, Wis., where the United States forest service products laboratory will be located, and to Chicago where the headquarters of the office of wood utilization will be established.

The new forest products laboratory being erected at Madison by the University of Wisconsin, which will cooperate with the government in its forest products work and which is to cost approximately $50,000, is now in the course of construction. The laboratory will be a fireproof building of brick trimmed in white stone and is expected to be ready for occupancy upon January 1. In the meanwhile temporary offices will be located at 1610 Adams street, Madison.

On October 1 the Yale timber testing laboratory was discontinued and the forest service equipment there shipped to Madison. The laboratory here at Washington was discontinued at the same time. The timber testing laboratory at Purdue, Ind., will be operated until the middle of December when it will be discontinued and its equipment shipped to Madison.

The offices having general supervision over all the work of the branch of products will remain temporarily at Washington. W. L. Hall, assistant forester, continues in charge of branch of products, and McGarvey Cline will be director of the Madison laboratory. The work of the laboratory will be assigned to five offices, as follows:

Wood preservation, which will study all problems related to the impregnation of wood with preservatives and other substances.

Wood chemistry, which will handle all work bearing on the chemical utilization of forest products. Wood distillation, paper pulp and other fiber products, chemical analysis of creosotes, turpentines, etc., are the principal lines handled by this office.

Timber tests, which will have charge of all tests to determine the strength and other mechanical properties of different woods.

Technology, which will study the microscopic structure of wood, methods of seasoning and drying it, and other problems of a purely technical character.

Maintenance, which will have charge of the filing and computing. It will also be responsible for the purchase of supplies and general care of the entire laboratory.

The class work in the laboratory may be separated into three kinds, as follows:

1. The investigation of problems in experimental research.

2. Experimental work in co-operation with commercial plants to verify laboratory experiments on a commercial scale.

3. Co-operation with outside parties for the purpose of assisting them in applying principles and processes of recognized commercial value with which the service is thoroughly familiar.

The work of the office of wood utilization at Chicago will consist of studies of the wood-using industries of various states, the study of woods in manufacture and of the methods of disposing of mill waste, the collection of statistics on the price of lumber at the mill and at the principal distributing markets of the country, and the study of specifications and grading rules. The office will also secure statistics of forest products of importance to the experimental work of the service and the study of the movements of lumber and of the conditions of the principal lumber markets.

TIDAL WAVE BRINGS FORTUNE

$20,000,000 Worth of Mahogany Swept to Doors of Poor by Recent Texas Hurricane.

Galveston, Tex.—It's an ill wind that blows no good, and the hurricane which swept a tidal wave from the gulf to the state of Tabasco, Mexico, brought down millions of feet of mahogany and cedar and distributed it over hundreds of miles of that country occupied by the poor natives and by plantation owners who lost their crops by the flood.

The amount of timber is estimated at about 650,000 tons, valued at $20,000,000 and belongs to the unfortunates upon whose premises it was washed by the storm tide. This valuable timber, the accumulation of a half a century, had fallen into ravines and other inaccessible recesses from the mountain sides, where it would have cost more than its value to have recovered by machinery or the construction of railways.

The tidal wave, assisted by the heavy rains, filled the ravines with a powerful stream, which swept the timber out into the open country and over miles of territory. While food and clothing are being rushed to the storm sufferers, many of them are wealthy with the stock of timber which they will soon be able to dispose of at good prices.

Corn Salve Is Axle Grease.

Morocco, Ind.—Farmers southeast of here have lost faith in corn salves in general and in the painless kind in particular. Recently when a corn doctor appeared among them, offering for sale a salve guaranteed to yank out by the roots the most stubborn corn without pain, they bought largely. After using the salve for a week without any apparent results it was examined more closely, and was found to be common axle grease.

TRUANT GIANTESS IN COURT

190-Pound Girl of 14 Years Refuses to Attend School Because Children Tease Her.

New York.—Magistrate House had a truancy case before him. In front of his desk stood Truant Officer Michael Bracher and near him was a giantess, six feet tall and weighing 190 pounds.

"Mrs. Antonio Calabaro of 31 Oliver street, has failed to send her 14-year-old daughter Maria to school," charged the truant officer, while the giantess shot a fierce look at him. "I have here a letter from Mrs. Mary R. Davis, principal of school 1, in Vandewater street, which says that the girl is a constant truant.

"Furthermore, I have here a letter purporting to come from the girl's father, which says: 'My daughter is in Europe and I don't know when she will return. If she returns soon I will send her to school.'"

Truant Officer Bracher said he had reason to believe that Maria herself had written that letter. The giantess near him scowled at him.

"Where is the child?" asked Magistrate House.

There was a titter from the rear benches and a little woman came forward, stood beside the giantess and, pointing to her, said:

"Why, that's her, yer honor. That's Maria."

Little Maria was the biggest person in the court room.

"Why don't you go to school?" Magistrate House asked her.

"I don't want to," answered the giantess, sticking her fist into her left eye and beginning to mark figures in the court room floor grime with the point of her No. 9 shoe. "I'm too big. When I go to school the little children make fun of me. I can't do anything. I'm afraid to hit them—I might smash 'em."

"Why don't you make your daughter go to school?" Magistrate House asked turning to Maria's mother.

"You see for yourself," she answered, shrugging her shoulders.

"I'll fine you one dollar this time and if this case comes here again I'll fine you $50," said the magistrate.

INSANE TREATED WITH CATS

Beautiful White Specimen Sent to Pennsylvania Asylum to Test Theory of Chicagoan.

Chicago.—That the care of animal pets, especially cats, have a quieting and beneficial effect on the insane was the statement made before the Bereford Cat club by Mrs. Clinton Locke, president of that organization and vice-president of the American Cat association.

"I firmly believe that the care of animals, particularly such decorative lovely pets as cats, will soothe the troubled minds of the insane," said Mrs. Locke.

"For that reason, and because this opinion is advanced by friends of mine interested in the care of the insane, I have sent one of my finest animals, a beautiful white female, to an asylum in Pennsylvania, where a test is being made of this use of pet animals and birds.

"We try to arouse interest in our annual show among the working people, that they may take good care of their pets and compete for our prizes.

"Cats are better than dogs. They are cleaner, they will stay at home, and do not need constant watching. They are more useful, and then they are so much quieter. Now, a cur dog is always a cur dog, and can never be made anything else. But you take a real scrub cat, feed it, brush it, and pet it, and the dear creature will look like a beautiful painting. A dog is always such a dirty, untidy thing."

Old Men's Club Unique.

Lewes, Del.—This town possesses one of the most unique organizations in the state in the Old Men's club, composed only of men who are 70 years old or over, and despite their years, its members have as much fun as any club in this section. Banquets are frequent and songs, speeches and even dances form part of the programs.

Peach Looks Like a Chick

Delaware Farmer's Fruit Very Much Resembles a Young Chicken Emerging from an Egg.

Orange, N. J.—A peach which resembles a young chicken just emerging from the egg was raised in Delaware this year. The eyes, bill, fuzzy coat and jagged lines of the broken shell, all plainly are visible. Emil Werner, assistant chef in the Park hotel here, who has one of the new variety of peaches, even asserts that when he first took the freak from the basket he distinctly heard it chirp like a young chicken. He has the chicken peach on exhibition in the hotel and it is attracting much attention. Being of an investigating nature, Werner is in correspondence with the Delaware farmer who raised the peach to ascertain by what horticultural process it was accomplished. Even Luther Burbank, wizard in the fruit and vegetable worlds, never made any pretense that he could graft young chickens and broken egg shells on peach trees, and carry with them all the properties of the delicious Delaware peach.

Werner received a basket of peaches from Delaware. He poured the peaches from the original package into another basket to see if they were all right below the top layer. His friends say that as he did so he heard the chirping of a chick. Looking closer he discovered the young peach chicken, with its head sticking out of what looked like a broken pink shell. Werner's theory is that a sitting hen, having no eggs on which to sit, flew into a peach tree in the orchard, sat there for three weeks on the peach and hatched it partly when the farmer picked it from the tree and sent it to Orange with the other peaches in the basket.

Cat Flies in Man's Face.

Chester, Pa.—Returning home the other night, William J. Mack, Jr., was attacked by a cat, which sprang upon him from the top of a fence, lit on his shoulder and scratched him on the face, inflicting deep lacerations. After a fierce battle Mack succeeded in getting the cat off. He hurried to the nearest drug store, where his wounds were cauterized. Blood poisoning is feared.

Loses Cow; Kills Himself.

Oberlin.—Grief over the death of a favorite cow is believed to have been the motive which caused Dr. J. F. Siddall, 80 years old, to end his life by drowning himself in a cistern. Mrs. Siddall said that her husband had been mourning the loss of the cow and that the family became so alarmed over his condition that he was watched.

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