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An Interesting Address by Hon. J. Sterling Morton, Founder of Arbor Day.

Nebraska City celebrated Arbor day in an appropriate manner. There was a parade of all the school children of the city headed by a band, and a large number of trees were planted in the school yards and other public places. The children were given a half holiday for the purpose, and every child furnishing a tree had it planted and was given the privilege of naming it. The ceremonies closed with addresses at the opera house. Hon. J. Sterling Morton, the founder of Arbor day, was the principal speaker. His address is as follows:

INTER-RELATIONS OF LIFE.

The inter-dependence of animal and vegetable life is undeviating and perpetual. We declare the animal superior to the vegetable, and proclaim man emperor of both. But time tells the truth in that language, whose vocabulary is made up of seconds, minutes, hours, days, weeks, months, years, decades, centuries, and eons. It is the constant and tireless vocation of all animal kind, from the lowest organism up to man, to tear down and destroy the forms of vegetation. The animal subsists and grows, during all its career, upon the destruction, consumption and assimilation of some variety of vegetable life. The physical individualism of every man, woman and child in this audience—in this world—was, not long since, animate in growing fields of grain; in gardens of succulent and nutritious roots; and in orchards of brilliant and delicious fruit. Every muscle, fibre and tissue in these hands in your hands, was once animate in plant form and growth. So dependent is man upon plants, foliage and fruit that the intermission of a single summer—the skipping of a single year of plant life—would turn from life into death every animal organization on the globe.

MODE OF PLANT GROWTH.

Each particle of vegetable growth is a part of a wonderful dynamic force in the deft and occult chemistry of nature—a portion of the constant absorbing, assimilating, transmitting, and transforming process which moulds into form, beauty, and utility the crude plant food of the earth, and colors and embellishes it with the prismatic glories of the sunlight. The vernal verdure of the opening buds to-day, the luxuriant lining with crimson and scarlet of the flowers May and June, the yellow gold of the harvest fields in July, and the blazing colors of orchard fruits and gorgeous autumnal forests in October, are only so much of rehabilitated animal life baptized and glorified by the light of the sun.

SUNSHINE A SOURCE OF TREE LIFE.

Plants, leaves, flowers, trees catch, and invisibly imprison in the calls of their growth, light itself, and hold it captive for centuries. There is no light which did not originate in the sun. From the blaze of the taper to the flame of the furnace, there emanates not a single ray which was not born in the solar system. The oil in the lamp gives up, after uncounted generations, the light which some sort of plant, some time in the misty past, during its period of animate growth, took captive by absorption from the rays of the sun. From the same source of light, which warms you in the winter are merely the emancipators of sunbeams incarcerated ages upon ages ago, when those coals were parts of vast submarine meadows, or gigantic prairie forests. And before they were either parts of sea or land, they were fields of waving trees, they were each and all portions of some kind of animal existence.

ANIMAL LIFE FEEDS IN VEGETABLE.

Had there been no decay and death ordained for man, no life could have been decreed for flowers and foliage, forests and orchards. Man and the beasts of the fields destroy the forms of plant life; and seem, for the time, victors over the vegetable kingdom. But, the year and the century flow on, and again embody them in flowers, forests and fruits. Ages come and go, and over this globe, as shadows and sorrows come and go over each individual life. The animal kingdom of this age was the vegetable kingdom of some age which has been. The physical men and animals of to-day will be the plants, flowers, fruits and forests in some age yet to come. "Thus the word 'man' when rightly understood, becomes a noun of multitude, because he is composed of millions, perhaps billions of cells, each of which possess, in some sort, an independent life, and is parent of other cells. He is a conscious whole formed by the joint agencies of a host of what appears to us to be unconscious, or barely conscious elements." These metamorphoses will succeed each other, with inexorable precision, as long as the sun shines and death remains, as now: the logical result of life. The cycles of transmission from vegetable to animal life, and from animal back again to vegetable, will roll on forever with the seasons and the sun, inevitable as death and wonderful in mystery as the depths of eternity itself. Nothing is, however, finally lost; nothing destroyed, for in her most extravagantly luxurious moods, nature is frugal, and permits no waste. Forms change, forms disintegrate and disappear; but the substance, both mental and material, is imperishable and lives on forever, defying decay and death with a conscious and ineffable immortality.

THE EARTH AS A TRUST.

Each generation of humanity takes the habitable globe as its trustee to hold until, by order of the court of death, their relations are dissolved and the property turned over to their successors in trust. It is therefore the duty of each generation of trustees for this great estate of the family of man, and of all the animals,

to take care that they pass the property over to their successors in trust in as good and tenable condition as they took it from their predecessors.

TREE PLANTING A PART OF THE TRUST.

And now, having shown how dependent animal life is upon contemporaneous plant life, we readily perceive that to leave the world in as good condition as we found it upon our entrance there, we ought to bequeath to posterity as much of plant life, and as many forests and orchards, as we have exhausted and consumed.

25,000 ACRES OF TIMBER CUT DAILY IN THE UNITED STATES.

An appropriate "Arbor Day" question then is:—How shall we begin to replace the trees we have destroyed. A palatable statistician, from seemingly reliable data, declares that the fifty-five millions of Americans cut down and use up in various ways of manufacture, railroad ties and fuel, each day in the year, an average of 25,000 acres of forest land. Therefore, when you go to bed to-night there will be in the United States 25,000 acres less of woodlands than there were when you got up this morning. One month from to-day there will be at the same rate of loss, 750,000 acres less; and on Arbor Day, 1885—one year hence—there will be an million acres less of forest land than there were to-day. This plain statement of fact may startle into beneficial activity a class of men who, otherwise, would declare "Arbor Day" a merely sentimental anniversary, a useless holiday and even deride its statutory legislation.

THE DENUDATION OF WOODLANDS.

proceed with relentless and tireless energy in all the pine-bearing sections of the northwest. The axe of the woodsman and the pull of the steam engine, join with the blast of the whistling saw, in a death song for the forest, more foreboding of evil to our race than were those of the savage tribes who originally domiciled in their verdant fastnesses. The latter presaged only individual deaths; but the former portends floods and droughts, infertility, barrenness, and the extinction of entire communities.

LUMBER IN CHICAGO.

Mr. Geo. W. Hotchkiss, secretary of the Chicago Exchange, has made most reputable and entirely credible gentleman, officially declares that during the six years ending January 1st, 1885, the receipts of lumber at Chicago alone amounted to 10,728,941,322 feet. Computing that amount at common board measure, it would reach, tightly and completely covered, as a floor with an inch thickness, 148,301 acres of land—an area greater than all the plowed fields in this thrifty and productive county of Ohio. Manufactured exclusively into fencing it would enclose five boards high, each board six inches wide, fifteen times. It would make a single line of such fence 7,729,461 miles long, or about 1,200 times as long as the circumference of the globe. This being the concept of human happiness in all ages, let us endeavor then by our works on "Arbor Day," and upon all opportune occasions, to so embellish the landscape with plant life, trees, flowers and foliage, as to make these earthly homes, approximate the beauty of those which the prophets, poets and seers of all ages have portrayed as the homes in heaven.

A CARD.

To all who are suffering from error and indignations of youth, nervous weakness, decay, loss of manhood, etc. I will send a receipt for a remedy, free of cost, if you will send me a name of a physician who has cured you of the same complaint. I will also send you a copy of "The Book of the World," by J. G. S. Siegest & Sons.

"Work, For the Night is Coming."

Does civilization civilize? We hear and read a great deal in these times about the improved condition and the moral elevation of the people. We are told that never in the history of the world were men and women so thoroughly awake to the glorious advantages offered for the bettering of their moral, spiritual and physical welfare and yet, singularly enough, the millennium like the mirage of the desert seems to recede the nearer we get to it. While no one will deny that our optimistic friends have every reason to rejoice at the advances which have been made in the course of the present century it is painfully evident that we have not yet reached perfection's sacred height. No one can live in a large city without being impressed with the fact that the moral character of a great many men is of a very low tone. Too many of them seem to have a firm belief in the sage advice of the old 'man of the world' to his son, "Now, John, make money—honestly if you can—but don't stop."

What is the meaning of all this Sunday work? Why is it that we can't walk around the outskirts of any city on Sunday without seeing scores of men working as if their bread for the next day depended upon their exertions? Why is it that we can't walk through the streets of any city on Sunday with our eyes on our seeing merchants and merchant clerks busy in their offices? "Arms and the Man" was sung a good many centuries ago. "Fools and the man," says a modern author, "is the watchword of the nineteenth century, and it should seem that we are a city of fools. Six days shall thou labor" was a good saying for the old fogies of a century ago, but for the live men of this go-ahead generation it is null and void—absolute—annihilated. To meet the exigencies of modern civilization we require to work seven days in the week, and we mean to do it. Very well. But apart altogether from religious considerations, it is simply degrading that a man should make a slave of himself in this fashion. If he works ten hours a day as most men do the spare time he has at his disposal for the improvement of his mind, for the education of his family, and for the discharge of his civic duty, is thereby certainly limited enough, without sacrificing Sunday to the god of labor. The man who can not spare time for his business to get a genuine knowledge of himself and the world around him is making a mistake. He turns himself into a specialist, and Joseph Cook says, "A man of this kind may be planted upon his own particular branch of work but he is usually well-versed with respect to others. Our civilization is not so very complete yet. There are still men among us who can look up to the heavens above them as if they were the work of an upholsterer.

Will any man say that in the majority of cases it is from the sheer love of self-exertion that this Sunday work is carried on? Will he also undertake to prove that the moon is made of green cheese? Let us have the naked truth about the matter. "When undressed, adorned the most."

It is simply from the love of money and position. We need to say that cotton was king; we say now that corn is king. Wealth, in whatever shape, is master of the situation at present. "Pride of birth," says Carlyle, "pride of office, any kind of pride, is a degree better than pure pride." Yet we are rather proud when we hear the phrase "almighty dollar." We take it as a compliment. If the thought could be got by any means into the head of those who degrade themselves by this system of Sunday labor that a man need not necessarily be measured by the weight of his purse; if they would only believe that wealth got in an improper manner is no honor, but much the reverse in spite of popular sentiment, that were a step forward in the march of civilization, John Stuart Mill says that the working classes are perfectly right in thinking that if they submit to work seven days a week they will ultimately realize only six days pay. It seems that too many are of another way of thinking at present. Of course there are hundreds of men who are compelled to work on Sundays, whereas work is simply a necessity, and cannot be avoided. But there are also thousands of others who work without any real need of it. They may be in the habit of thinking it necessary from some cause or other, but to use the old saying, "The wish is often father to the thought." Twenty years ago a war was fought in America for the abolition of slavery. We have another kind to abolish yet, namely, voluntary slavery. John Bunyan wrote about a man with a muck rake, the honest thinker thought rise from the grave would find his metaphor of any use in these enlightened times!

In one of Scott's novels a Highlander is asked if this was Sunday. "I dinna ken," was his reply, "Sunday seldom comes beyond the pass of Balloch." Don't let our eastern friends say that Sunday seldom comes west of the Missouri.

CRIMES AND CASUALTIES.

A BUCKY SHERIFF.

WARSAW, Mo., April 25.—Joe Eaton, a noted desperado, residing near Fairfield, Benton county, shot and killed Clay Jeans, city marshal, at Warsaw to-day, while resisting arrest. The sheriff of the county, who was assisting Jeans, then shot Eaton three times, wounding him mortally.

A DEADLY RETORNIC.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., April 25.—An epidemic resembling typhoid fever is raging in Plymouth, three miles from here. There are about 170 cases of the disease reported today and thirteen yesterday.

A WOMAN SHOT BY BURGARS.

KEOKUK, Iowa, April 25.—At midnight last night two men entered the house of Mrs. Will Johnson, near Mendon, Illinois. The burgars discovered, and beat and shot Mrs. James and her son, aged 16. Mrs. James was shot in the arm and hip and the son in the wrist. The dead body is dangerously hurt. Two men were arrested at Bowen, Illinois, to-day, one of whom is identified. They were tramps.

DISASTROUS FRESHETS IN NEW BRUNSWICK.

ST. JOHN, N. B., April 25.—Reports from the 27th reg. of the N. B. militia state that a vast amount of damage is being caused by the freshets that has just begun. The indications at present are that the rise will be the highest ever known on the river for years. There is an immense amount of snow in the woods.

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The next few years promises greater developments in Omaha than the past five years, which have been as good as we could reasonably desire. New manufacturing establishments and large jobbing houses are added almost weekly, and all add to the prosperity of Omaha. There are many in Omaha and throughout the State, who have their money in the banks drawing a nominal rate of interest, which, if judiciously invested in Omaha real estate, would bring them much greater returns. We have many bargains which we are confident will bring the purchaser large profits in the near future.

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