

NEBRASKA NATIONAL FOREST

RESERVE AT HALSEY OFFERS OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS.

To the average citizen of Nebraska, the name of a national forest conveys the impression of a densely timbered area in the more remote mountainous portions of our western states. Rarely does he think of such a tract being found in the all but treeless prairies and sand hills of our own state. Nevertheless, in the sand hills of western Nebraska is located the Nebraska National Forest Reserve of 556,000 acres, created by an act of Congress and set apart by the president.

Of the various divisions of this forest the Dismal River Forest Reserve is perhaps the best known, due largely to the fact that the Halsey nursery is located there.

The nursery proper located two miles west of Halsey, on the Dismal river, covers an area of about five acres. Here, seed beds, transplant beds and experimental areas, sufficient to furnish each year, two million young trees for planting in the field, are found. Most of the trees are taken direct from the nursery and planted in the surrounding hills, however, thousands of trees are furnished to the neighboring homesteaders or sent to other portions of the United States.

Through the kindness of the United States Forest Service and Supervisor R. G. Pierce, the opportunity of spending several weeks each spring in actual nursery and field work, is offered to the forestry students of the University of Nebraska. The advanced students work on various experiments, which require considerable technical training while the lower classmen are assigned to the various operations in the nursery and field. The work is largely an application of facts learned in the class room and laboratory.

The nursery is perhaps the largest of its kind in the United States; the methods employed in the various operations are scientific and up to date, and the privilege offered to the students of each year, seeing the workings and results of these methods, is a valuable asset to their work in the University.

The excellent water facilities; the ideal nursery soil; the firm basis upon which the nursery has been placed, and the great success of planting and reforesting the sand hills, has attracted no little attention.

The successful work of the forest service and bureau of plant industry, together with favorable reports of Chief Forester Graves who recently visited the nursery, seems to have assured its success in the future.

We Wonder—

—If John Boyce is still looking for someone to show him the way out of the woods?

—If Mr. Bob Evans has yet discovered that the presence of sorl on the under side of a fern leaf is not a result of fungus infection?

—If Chapline, the only original Texas Tommy artist, will not soon desert us for the pursuit of vaudeville?

—what kind of a nightmare the Botany II student was having who wrote the following in the recent mid-semester exams: "Basidium are long hair like projections that assist in fertilization. They project out to catch the flying oogones and conduct them to the antherids."

—when Arkansas will cease to be written over the smiling face of kleine Bill Bennett?

Union Society Elects.

Last Friday evening the Union Literary society held its third quarterly business meeting. The following officers were elected: President, Harold Slater; vice-president, Myrna Jones; secretary, Clara Pearson; treasurer, Will Rockle.

Foresters and Engineers

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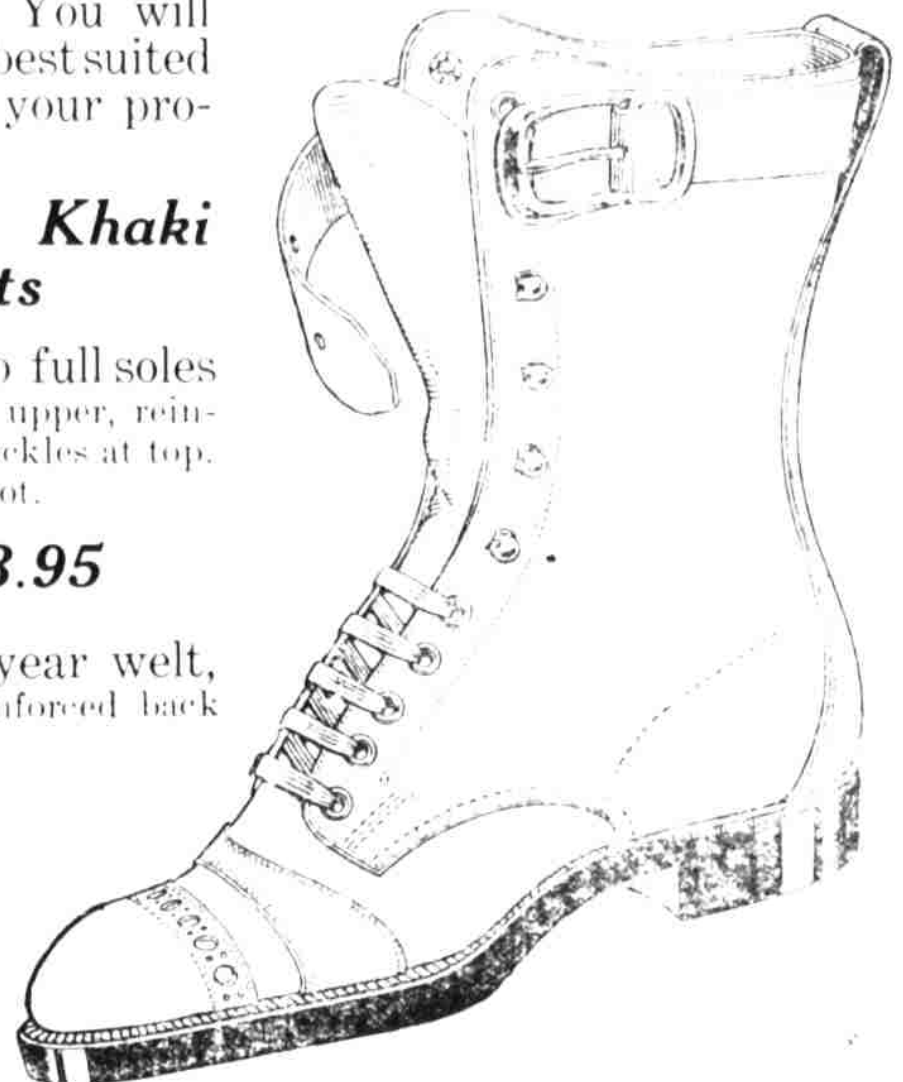
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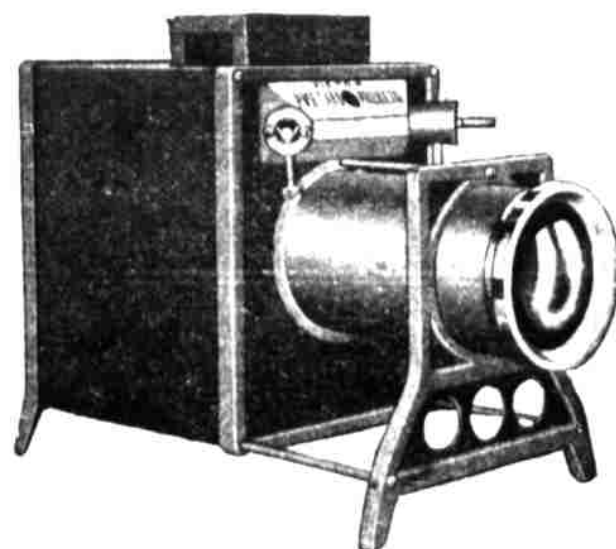
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