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RESTORING THE FORESTS.

Americans are rapidly waking up to the fact that forest trees are being used more rapidly than they are being reproduced. Not the use alone, but the waste as well. The last year was notable for an unusual number of terribly destructive forest fires.

Efforts to offset the effect are being made. Many states have established forestry bureaus, devoted to the preservation and propagation of forest trees. Much hard work has been needed to bring this to pass.

Charles Lothrop Pack, for many years head of the American Forestry association, and now connected with the Tree Growers, has just issued a survey of forest events for 1924 and plans for 1925, from which we take this summary:

In New York, the biggest drive ever directed by the state conservation commission has just been completed. Almost 10,000,000 trees have been sent out.

In Pennsylvania, whose very name indicates what relation the woods once bore to the region, the need of reforestation has reached such a stage of public realization that the state forestry association expects to obtain in the coming year the passage of a bill authorizing a loan of \$25,000,000 for the purchase of wild lands for a forest preserve.

Wisconsin has voted an amendment to its constitution to permit the state to reforest waste lands.

During 1924, Pack Foundation prizes for the best papers on forestry aimed to rouse popular interest in the subject were established at Yale, Penn State College of Forestry, New York State College of Forestry, Cornell University and the Universities of Michigan, California, Wisconsin, Washington and Minnesota.

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WHAT YOUTH READS AND WHY.

A survey made at Columbia university disclosed the fact that the students there go in for very light literature to a large degree. It is love interest and "wild west" romance that predominate.

If the sole aim of life were what the Grandgrind school of pedagogy contemplates, the Columbia survey is disappointing. But there is another side to the question.

Students at Columbia or any other institution of the sort get all the solid reading they need in connection with their studies. The mind gets weary at times, and demands diversion, just as does the body.

Time enough, when he gets out of school, to follow the learned. Even they will be found now and again, taking refuge and getting rest in a printed page they would not think of giving permanent place

on the library shelf. Light literature does not find its way exclusively into the hands of the "low brows."

MAKING THE IDLE WATERS WORK.

A lot of talk is being heard about the power that is to be extracted from the water that now idly rushes down hill to the ocean. It is to be harnessed, and compelled to work for its living.

Very little is said about something else water can do. Water in lakes and rivers. It can be made to carry commerce. Haul wheat to market. Bring coal from the mines to the consumers.

This steamer made its way across Lakes Erie and Ontario after "navigation closed" had been hung up. Went down the channel of the St. Lawrence along with chunks of ice, and out onto the Atlantic.

SERVING THE PUBLIC.

Two events of the week have passed with but scant notice in Omaha. One was the reorganization and annual election of officers of the Omaha Board of Education.

Wants School Tax Divided. Omaha—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: A letter appeared in the January 3 issue of the World Herald written by "Long Live the Public Schools," which is in answer to the New Year's article by Father Judge of Sacred Heart school, on which I wish to comment through your Public Pulse.

The writer of the answer to Father Judge does not follow the reasoning of Father Judge. We all know that we have splendid public schools, but it is apparent that even in that system we have room for improvement.

What induces them, then, to take on arduous duties and grave responsibility? Nothing, but the recognition of the fact that they are engaged in public service. Doing a job for the good of all the people.

Serving the public is not always a matter of salary. Something far finer than can be measured in money is involved. And the men and women who make up the school board and directory of the Utilities district are giving something beyond price.

Omaha is looming up a little better as a milling center, with an output of more than a million dollars' worth of flour a month. Could be a lot bigger, without exhausting the wheat supply of the state.

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Homespun Verse

—By Omaha's Own Post— Robert Worthington Davis

COUNTRY FOLKS.

It's different in the country than it down here in town. There aren't any strangers 'way out there.

Folks visit like they liked to—like they weren't in a shell. Away out in the hills from whence I came.

They're what we count on common and straightforward and worth-while. They're closest to the primal virtues, too.

They're kind folks with the finest home life known; Their hearts are in the open where their daily toil is done.

And where their splendid promises are grown. They're plain folks, having comforts that they know they can afford.

They're kind folks with the finest home life known; Whatever is their fortune, 'tis to them a just reward— They're kinda proud of all that's offered here.

Th' Bear Wallow Bank has locked its doors an' adopted th' mail order plan 't' hide it over th' crime wave. It's beginnin' t' look like puttin' woman an' th' same basis as man has set 'em both back.

The Daily Grind in Washington



Letters From Our Readers

All letters must be signed, but name will be withheld upon request. Communications of 200 words or less, will be given preference.

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Approves Bee Position. Omaha—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Will you accept congratulations on your editorial of January 8, "Don't Regard for the Law?"

Shock. Harry Webb, the veteran movie director, had risen to the defense of his calling. "Nothing is more important than the movies," he said.

Mr. Ward Dissents. Harrington, Neb.—To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Apropos to the complaint entered against Federal Officer Samardick and others, your leading editorial says, "We hold that a law officer has no right in the attempt to

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SUNNY SIDE UP. Take comfort, not forget, that sunrise never failed us yet. Celia Thaxter

Owing to our inability to suppress our emotions at times, we are experiencing difficulty in restraining our language while preparing some of our Uplift Bills. This is especially true of our Bill for a Law to Suppress Sob Squads.

Recently the Sob Squadders secured the pardon of a man whose only offense was that he killed a man. Since he was sent to the pen he has learned to read music and perform upon the saxophone.

Down in Missouri a convict has been playing the piano, and playing it pretty well, we admit. We've heard 10,000 better piano players who never saw the inside of a prison.

Up in northern Nebraska a man was convicted of a particularly atrocious crime, and the Sob Squadders have managed to stave off his execution from time to time.

A penitentiary sentence these days is quite a pleasant vacation, with assurance of plenty of Sob Squadders of flock around with fruits and flowers and proffers of assistance to do enough sobbing before the authorities to secure a parole if not a pardon.

During the last couple of weeks our work has been such as to keep us looking about the two leading hotels of Lincoln. Speaking of the University of Nebraska, we say that it is turning out some of the best fox trotters, flappers and shiks that ever pranced around a ballroom.

Mother Goose Up to Date. Old Mother Hubbard went to the cupboard, To partake of a morsel of grain; But when she got there the cupboard was bare, And Daughter was wiping her chin.

Old Mother Hubbard went to the cupboard, To take for herself a wee bit of bread; But when she got there the cupboard was bare, And Daughter was wiping her chin.

Old Buck says that in these degenerate days when a man reaches for his hip you don't know whether he is going to shoot you or treat you. Conditions are such that we are willing to take chances.

asked him to direct her to the Y. W. C. A. "The man looked at her and smiled, 'Come, now, girlie,' he said, 'You don't want to go there, do you? We and we'll show you a nice place to stay.'

"My goodness," exclaimed the girl, "do you really get away with stuff like that? I thought that kind of thing was just movie hokum!"—Los Angeles Times.

Pencil Work. Little Bessie admitted her sister's call, and after entertaining him a few moments went upstairs. Presently she returned. "Sister's nearly ready," she reported, "she's just waiting on her eyebrows."—Boston Transcript.

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