

ECHOES OF ARBOR DAY.

To Teach Forestry.

J. Sterling Morton, editor of THE CONSERVATIVE, of Nebraska City, Neb., desires to know who will make a donation providing for the teaching of forestry by a regularly established periodical. A good idea.—Fargo (North Dakota) Republican.

Arbor Day and its Observance.

It now seems to be generally known that ex-Secretary of Agriculture J. Sterling Morton, of Nebraska, originated Arbor Day in 1872. It is annually observed in nearly every state.—Fargo (North Dakota) Republican.

A Living Monument in Every Dooryard.

The attention of the enemies of J. Sterling Morton is called to the fact that he has a monument erected to his memory in almost every dooryard and on almost every farm in the country. And these monuments are living monuments that afford fruit, shelter and comfort to more people than all other monuments in the world. The name of Morton will live in trees always—Hastings (Neb.) Democrat.

Plant For Posterity.

Arbor Day is approaching. Blessed is the man who plants a tree. Alas, for the man who has been busy denuding the world of its forest life, and its arboreal grace, without trying to do something to replace the tree, which it was necessary, perhaps, for him to convert into timber or fuel. Every child of the public schools in America, every public school teacher, every public spirited man and woman should put something into the ground, during the months of April or May, a seed or a slip that will stay and be alive when they are dead. Not for the sake of your farm or garden. What matters it whether you have a farm or a garden? Cause a tree to grow somewhere. It is the least you can do towards paying the immeasurable debt which you yourself owe for the joy you have had from trees, which you never planted.—Unity, April 25, 1901.

Practical Aspect of Arbor Day.

Arbor Day may be lacking in Vermont some of the sentiment and meaning that the peculiar necessities of the West have given to it there, but it can be made a practical holiday here, for all of that. It need not be given over to formal celebrations or other time-consuming exercises, but the individual husbandman may, here and there, commemorate the day by making two trees grow where only one grew before. The man who owns forests and sugar woods and finds that they are being depleted, will look after his own interests without the in-

spiration of any Arbor Day programme. But Arbor Day can be made the tree-planting day for the individual, for the householder who is beautifying his home place, and for towns and villages that are laying out parks and preserves or open streets. There is a matter-of-fact, practical aspect to Arbor Day that can be taken home by every man, woman, and every child old enough to appreciate the blessing of abundant vegetation.

J. Sterling Morton, the founder of Arbor Day, came from St. Albans and Franklin county stock and his father was born in this city in 1804. His father was Abner Morton.—St. Albans (Vt.) Messenger.

Arbor Day in the Schools.

Arbor Day will be celebrated tomorrow by the children of the public schools, especially in the country districts. The Superintendent of Public Instruction wants to promote the celebration in the city as well, urging the children to plant ivies where there is no room for planting trees. A great number of trees are being planted every year under the stimulus of the occasion. The Superintendent of Public Instruction, through the liberality of William A. Wadsworth of Geneseo, is enabled to offer cash prizes of \$100 for the best and \$50 for the second-best kept school-grounds in the state. Competition is open to all the district schools of the state. A photograph or photographs of the school-grounds must be taken sufficiently large to afford a fair opportunity of judging. Accompanying must be a statement as to when the photograph was taken, and a diagram, with full explanation, concerning the location and character of walks, the kind and condition of fences, the location and kinds of trees and shrubs. The statement and diagrams are to be made by trustees of school districts competing, endorsed by the School Commissioner having jurisdiction, and, together with photograph or photographs, forwarded to the state superintendent of Public Instruction before October 1, 1901.—New York Evening Post.

Elm Adapted to Grand Island Vicinity.

Today is Arbor Day, which was inaugurated by J. Sterling Morton, of Nebraska City. Although this day, which has been set apart for the particular purpose of planting trees, is of recent origin; tree planting is, in itself, a primitive industry.

Grand Island would have been today a veritable grove, had all of the trees planted here, grown. But the greater per cent of them were Box Elders, that have, naturally, a short life, and the Black Locust, which is so infested by insects, peculiar to it, that it soon dies.

With this experience, the impression has been left that Grand Island and vicinity, is not adapted to any tree. The

idea is erroneous. The Elm and Honey Locust have proven themselves adaptable to the climate and soil of this region. Then, too, they are hardy and long-lived trees.

Most people understand the matter now, and are putting out mostly Elms. This is easily seen by observing some of the best trees in our city, among which may be mentioned those about the homes of Messrs. Abbott, Reimers and Wolbach. These trees were planted about ten or twelve years ago, and at the present time are very large, many of them being a foot in diameter. Messrs. J. D. Martin, A. M. Hargis, W. R. King and Dr. Boyden, are the more recent planters of large Elms, all of which are making excellent growth.

It has been frequently the case that eastern nurseries have sent shrewd salesmen here, who secured orders for trees and shrubs, bearing new-fangled nursery names, which were not adapted to our climate or soil, and, consequently, blasted many hopes of ever having trees.

There are several nurseries in Hall county, but the trees thus far mentioned, and, practically, all the largest Elms in Grand Island, were furnished by William Stolley, from his nursery just south of town. Mr. Stolley is not only one of the pioneers of Hall county, but he is also a pioneer of the pioneer tree-men. A very large proportion of the trees in the city have been secured from his nursery, and although thousands have been taken out, they are not missed from his grove, which has now grown to be almost a forest. Everything may be seen there, from a sprout to a saw log, three feet in diameter.

Yesterday, while the more elderly friends of Mr. and Mrs. Stolley were celebrating the 64th birthday anniversary of Mrs. Stolley, W. A. Stolley kindly showed the reporter the great Cottonwoods, planted in the early days, and the dense groves of Maple, Walnut, Elm, etc. The grey squirrels frisked about, and the scene reminded one of the Michigan forests. Among the Evergreens that form the hedgerow, about the orchard in the interior of the grove, the native Cedars are quite prominent in number, but for beauty the Norway Spruce, Scotch Pine and Rocky Mountain Silver Spruce cannot be excelled.

The pretty bull-rushes brought thoughts of Moses and the swamp, but we find they grow on high ground.

The Stolley home is a perfect paradise in summer, with the rich fragrance of the flowers, singing birds and humming bees, as one of the largest apiaries in the state is situated within the beautiful grove.

The citizens of Grand Island congratulate Mr. Stolley for having done so much for the city in the line of trees. The product of his labor may be seen everywhere, and, it is needless to mention the pleasure afforded by a visit to the Stolley nursery.—Grand Island Press, April 22, 1901.