

and fountains and summer-houses, the last-named constructed to hold but two persons at a time. They often build little ornamental bridges, not strong enough to hold a Dutchman of low degree. These features of suburban life in the Netherlands look strange when winter has stripped the surrounding trim-cut, little trees of all the leaves, frozen the lakelets, turned the fountains into images of ice, and covered the summer houses with snow. In the warm weather, the Dutchman may be seen moving about his garden accompanied by his wife and children; all of them are as happy as are so many babies at play. As they take tea in the afternoon, they look inexpressible words of felicity at one another. The summer-house is usually at the disposal of the eldest daughter of the house and her "best young man," unless, as is sometimes the case, more than one adult cannot get inside of it. In that event it is probably given up to the younger children. To watch a Dutch family, especially on Sunday, is a good lesson in domestic devotion—a lesson which cannot fail to be of value to all of us.

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ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION.

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, LINCOLN, Neb.—By virtue of the authority vested in me by law, I, Ezra P. Savage, governor of Nebraska, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, April 22, 1902, Arbor day.

The extensive use of timber in manufacture and in public and private improvements is and for some years has been a heavy drain upon the forest resources and unless expansion along this line keeps pace with devastation serious consequences must ultimately be the legacy.

Forestry is both useful and ornamental. While, strictly speaking, forestry may not be indigenous, still splendid results have attended every substantial effort to develop our resources in this respect. Experience has demonstrated that tree culture may be prosecuted as successfully in Nebraska as in any of the so-called timber states. Both soil and climate are adapted to it. For this reason there should be no relaxation in the planting of trees. Each succeeding Arbor day should add at least a half million trees and shrubs to our woodland estate. It means wealth, picturesqueness and comfort and eventually will be a powerful magnet in the attraction of capital and population to Nebraska.

In the observance of Arbor day on this occasion I do earnestly and respectfully request that the day be specially observed by the children of the public schools and by citizens generally, and that in addition to faithfully discharging the obligations of Arbor day a tree be planted commemorative of our late and greatly beloved president, William McKinley. A McKinley memorial tree will furnish food in after years for both solemn and impressive reflection, and will be a merited tribute to one who during his life exhausted his best efforts and taxed his best energies to promote the welfare and happiness of his country and countrymen.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the state to be affixed.

Done at Lincoln, this 15th day of March, A. D., 1902.

(Seal.) EZRA P. SAVAGE,

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