

Forestry Notes

The timber industry represents 37 per cent of the annual production of wealth in Columbia.

Forest fires in Pennsylvania during the year 1914, caused damage of more than \$450,000 according to the State Department of Forestry.

The northernmost national forest is the Chugach in Alaska; the southernmost is the Luquillo in Porto Rico.—February Number "Tree Talk."

One hundred shade trees will be planted by the Massachusetts forestry association in cities or towns of four population classes which win prize contests for excellence in street tree planting.

The Russian government has placed an embargo on all kinds of lumber, to prevent its exportation; walnut lumber, including Circassian walnut, much prized by American furniture makers, is especially mentioned.

The Massachusetts Forestry Association offers as a prize the planting of fifty acres of white pine, to the town which gains the first place in a contest for town forests.

The annual cut of British Columbia timber is approximately two billion feet. There are 420 mills and 790 logging camps in the province, employing about 60,000 men.

The national forest reservation commission has approved the purchase of the Pisgah Forest from the estate of the late George W. Vanderbilt, at an average price of five dollars an acre. The tract consists of 86,700 acres and the total cost is therefore \$433,500. The price paid is less than the average for other tracts already acquired although the Pisgah Forest has been developed by its former owner into one of the best forest properties in the country. The tract includes portions of Transylvania, Henderson, Buncombe, and Hayward counties, in North Carolina. With this purchase, and with others recently approved, the total area approved for purchase under the Weeks law in the eastern mountains is 1,077,000 acres.

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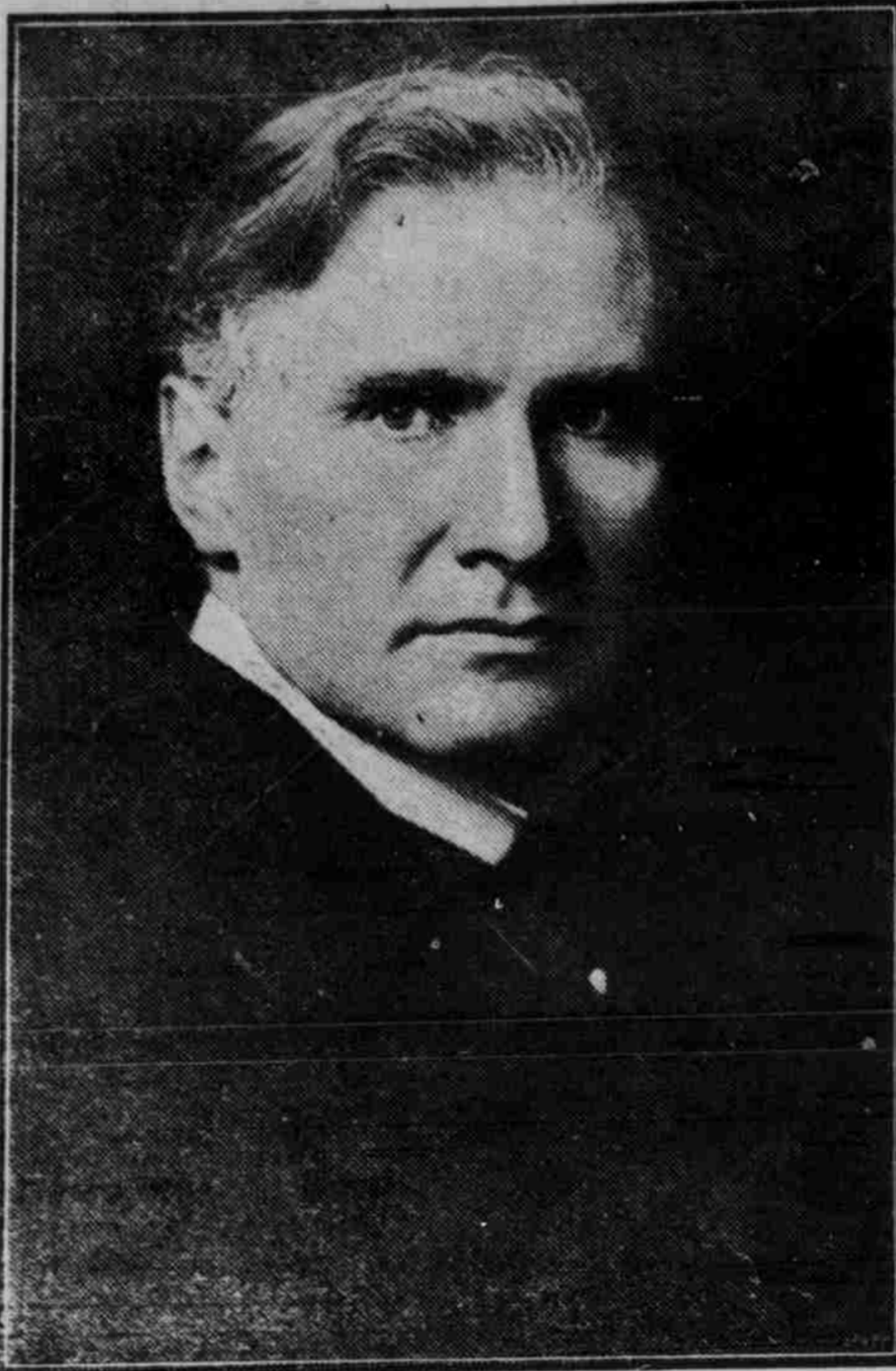
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More than 700,000 acres have been acquired for national forest purposes in the southern Appalachians and the White Mountains.

More than 120 million board feet of timber were given away by the Government last year to settlers and miners living in or near the national forests.

More than 2,000,000,000 ft. b. m. of timber, with a value of \$4,500,000 on the stump, were sold by the United States Forest Service last year, according to the annual report. This is an increase of 167 per cent over the sales of the preceding year.

Exhaustive inquiry has established the fact that lightning ranks next to railroads as a source of forest fires. Forest officers say that the increasing care with fire on the part of the railroads and the public generally tends to make lightning the largest single contributing cause.

There is promise of a large turpentine industry in the West and Southwest, the raw product being supplied by the resinous gum of Western yellow pine.

A large number of the national forests already more than pay operating expenses. The revenue from the Alaskan forests now exceeds the cost of administration. The same is true generally in the Southwest.

Foresters in the United States are much surprised by the statement in the January issue of the Journal of Agriculture of New Zealand, just received in this country, that the Monterey pine "is by far the most valuable and profitable timber tree that can be planted" in New Zealand. In one plantation, for example, in which the trees varied from 26 to 29 years old, one tree gave a yield of 1,400 board feet of saw timber and the average yield of the plantation was approximately 100,000 board feet for each acre. White pine, the tree best adapted to forest management in the

northeastern United States, will scarcely yield more than 20,000 board feet per acre at this age.—November Number "Tree Talk."

Tree Planting in New York City

Response of citizens and civic organizations to the offer of the New York Park Department to plant trees has been prompt. Hundreds of applications have been filed. Architects are including the planting of trees in their plans for new buildings, and individuals are getting together in various sections of the city and planting by blocks. The Park Department furnishes the trees with all necessary accessories, such as soil, stakes, tree guards, etc., and performs all the necessary labor, such as cutting concrete or flagged sidewalks, digging hole, planting tree, staking and applying water to the roots just after planting, clearing away debris, rubbish, etc., and leaving the street in a clean and orderly condition—all for \$3 a tree. Should the tree die from natural causes within a period of three years it will be replaced free.

The Value of Shade Trees

A large number of real estate men were asked this question recently: How much do all grown shade trees along the street improve the value of the adjoining land for house lots? A fair average of the answers fell between 25 and 40 per cent, though some went so far as to state that a house lot would be worth 100 per cent more if full grown shade trees were standing about. Expert tree appraisers say that a shade tree in good condition and well placed is worth \$1 per square inch of cross section measured at breast height. At that rate a tree one foot in diameter is worth \$113, while a tree two feet in diameter is worth \$452.—Real Estate Indicator.

One of the difficult features of forestry in the Philippines is the great number of tree species, all of which the forester should be able to recognize. The Philippine Herbarium contains specimens of more than 2,500 species of trees.

Social and Personal

Miss Blanche Higgins of Shubert, Neb., formerly a student in the department of physical education at the university, has been appointed playground instructor for a Lincoln school.

Richard O. Cromwell, '12, an assistant in the experiment station at West Raleigh, N. C., visited instructors in the department of botany Tuesday. Mr. Cromwell recently married a southern girl.

Ernest Dale, a graduate of the University of Nebraska, has taken charge as superintendent of the work of the Omaha garden club, an organization which is operating with the agricultural extension department of the state farm in garden work. It is an organization similar to the recently organized Lincoln garden club.

Walter L. C. Muenchere, who will take his master's degree in botany next June, has received word of his appointment as an assistant in algology in Friday Harbor experiment station, which is located at Puget sound in connection with the University of Washington. The work will last during the summer session and will afford abundant opportunity for individual research.

Miss Pauline Bush, moving picture star who was a member of Pi Beta Pi at the University of Nebraska, will be married April 24 to Allan Dwan, the manager of Mary Pickford. The ceremony will take place at the San Juan Capistrano mission in California. Miss Bush was on this stage for a time after leaving the University in 1904 and several years ago took up moving picture work.

FIRES

By Bristow Adams
The District Forester Speaks:

I wish I were out with the fellows—
Just my luck to be stuck here in town;
But I've got to sit tight when I'd heap rather fight
To help keep these brush blazes down.
I'm sick of this end of the business.
The ring of the querulous phone.—
The telegrams, too, of flames breaking anew
While I have to stand it alone.
And I'll own
It's hell to be watching alone.

There's Bill—he's gone out with the pack train,
And Jim—he's to rustle the grub
For the men on the line, and he's doing it fine
While I'm sitting here like a dub;
The fellows are working like demons,
They're scorched and they're blistered—no less,
While I stay and chafe and am damnably safe
When I'd like to mix up in the mess;
Well, I guess!
That the buck-brush ablaze is a mess!

In a swivel chair—well, it's the limit—
With the rest in the thick of the fight
With their lungs all a-choke with the dust and the smoke,
And sweat in their eyes day and night;
But I've got to look out for the labor—
This calling for troops makes me sick;
There's none seems to know if the troops ought to go;
Neither begging nor blarney nor kick
Brings 'em quick,
So it's no use to blarney or kick.

So here I am pacing the office
And "watchfully waiting" returns
From lookouts for days all enveloped in haze
Where half of a mountainside burns;
I've drawn in my men to where danger
Is worse where dry desert winds go,
And I'll be in a hole if my extra patrol
Can't hold in the face of a blow;
And I know
They can't hold in front of a blow.

I'm afraid there will be a hitch somewhere,
There's no telling where it will be,
But I'd rather be found right there on the ground—
Right out there to think, act, and see!
I won't care for second-hand versions
Of how the disaster befell,
But I'll choose all the brunt of the

scrap at the front
Instead of this telephone bell;
And it's hell,
To depend on this telephone bell!

Out there are my Supers and Rangers,
With lumberjacks, men from the mills,
From fields and from slums, hoboes,
Tie backs, and bums,
And ranchers who know all the hills;
While I'm her with no smoke in my nostrils,
I am here with no scorch on my cheek,
When I'd rather be there with singed eye-brows and hair
Than stuck in here week after week.
Hear me speak!
I'll be bughouse inside of a week!
—American Forestry.

GERMAN CLUB PLAY AT PARK SCHOOL

Play That Was Given at Last Club Meeting to Be Presented Before Grade Students

The cast which presented Benedix's "Eigensinn" at the meeting of the German Dramatic Club on April 13 will repeat the performance at the Park School this evening. During the school year the club has been asked to repeat its performances before various organizations of the city and the general policy of the club has always been to grant these requests whenever possible.

The date for the performance of Schiller's "Der Neffe als Onkel" has been set for April 30. The cast is working hard and faithfully to make a finished production of the play; a representative has been sent to Omaha to make arrangements for the costumes, which are to be very elaborate, and all indications point to a very successful performance, such as the student body and the German citizens have been accustomed to expect of the German Dramatic Club.

LAW FRATERNITY ANNOUNCES PLEDGES

Nine Law Students Selected For Membership by the Phi Alpha Delta

Phi Alpha Delta, the law fraternity, announces the following pledges:
Peter I. Harrison.
Clifford L. Rein.
John L. Richards.
Wm. Schaper.
Robert Waring.
Benjamin Burritt.
John Loder.
Golden P. Kratz.
Marion Shaw.

Opportunity is usually a little bashful around the young man who is afraid to do more than he is paid for.—Minneapolis Messenger.