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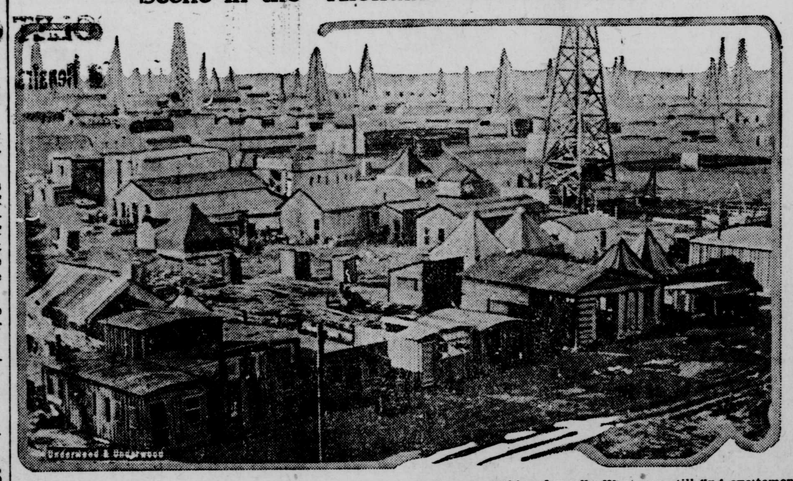

Those who mourn the days of adventure and romance in the once wild and woolly West can still find excitement down in the new oil towns of Texas. There the bad man, the gunman, the confidence man and the gambler, have come into their own again. This is a view of one of those mushroom places, known as Newtown.

URGES BUYING FOREST LANDS

Forest Reservation Commission Plans to Relieve Shortage of Timber.

SPRUCE SUPPLY EXHAUSTED

Millions of Acres of Land Unsuited for Agriculture Could Be Used for Growing Timber—More Money Is Needed.

Washington.—Further purchases by the government of forest lands in the southern Appalachian and White mountains, to relieve the present shortage of timber in those regions, are advocated by the national forest reservation commission in a report just issued, entitled "Progress of Purchase of Eastern National Forests." This commission is the body authorized to pass on timber land purchases made under the Weeks law, and is composed of the secretaries of agriculture, interior and war, and four members of the congress.

"The supply of spruce in the eastern United States available for paper stock is nearly exhausted," the publication states. "Eastern building material is no longer adequate fully to meet industrial demands, the future supply of hardwoods is threatened and will not be sufficient unless prompt measures are taken for maintaining the productivity of the hardwood forests."

The situation can be helped materially, says the report, by arranging that lands not suitable for agriculture—of which there are 30,000,000 acres in the eastern mountains—shall be used for growing timber. Of this 30,000,000 acres approximately 1,800 acres have been purchased by the government under the provisions of the Weeks law, which authorizes the acquisition of lands on the head waters of navigable streams for inclusion within national forests.

Appropriations totaling $11,600,000 have already been made under the Weeks law, and the expenditure of all but about $300,000 of the amount available for purchasing lands has been authorized by the commission. Twenty-one purchase areas, with a total area of approximately 7,000,000 acres, have been designated in nine states in the important hardwood and spruce regions of the Appalachian and White mountains. In 17 of these, purchases have been made. Since the purchase program was developed other states, including Kentucky, have enacted legislation authorizing the acquisition of lands for national forest purposes. To carry out the purchase program as outlined by the commission an appropriation of $2,000,000 per year for a period of five years, beginning with the fiscal year 1921, has been recommended by the commission.

The average price of the 1,841,934 acres whose acquisition has been authorized by the commission is $5.26 per acre.

All of the lands bought are capable of producing valuable crops of timber. During the fiscal year 1919 receipts for timber sold from the area then acquired—1,347,660 acres—amounted to $71,942 under the conservative method of cutting practiced by the government. The timber that was sold was very largely salvage and it is expected that the returns from timber sales will steadily increase.

In addition to the financial return, the establishment of national forests results in a decided benefit to navigable streams through the modifying influence of the forest cover on erosion, according to the report. It states that the newly created forests are being widely used for recreation by residents of the nearby cities and that they are meeting other important economic needs. Watersheds which supply domestic water to 17 municipalities are owned in whole or in part by the government. In addition, 29 municipalities secure their water supply from lands which have not yet been acquired, but which are located within the forests. Government control assures the sanitation of such watersheds without interfering with the use of the land for timber-producing purposes.

Wolf Caught in Wire Fence.

Auburn, Neb.—James Holman, a farmer living in the Bratton Union neighborhood, in this county, procured an extra fine wolf pelt for a robe in a peculiar way. Recently he and his little daughter were walking along the road, when their attention was attracted to a large gray wolf which was struggling in the meshes of a woven wire fence. Holman left his little girl to guard the wolf while he went to a neighboring farm and borrowed a gun. He returned and shot the animal, which proved to be a large timber wolf.

HOLDS COURT AT FIUME

D'Annunzio Is Tendered Ceremonies of Royalty.

Trumpets Sound in His Honor and "King's Guard" and Courtiers Greet Him.

Fiume.—"This is the most interesting court in Europe," said one of D'Annunzio's secretaries at the luncheon tendered the poet on St. Gabriel's day, when the "liberator" of Fiume acted his part with courtiers, soldiers and "king's guards" and the populace acted theirs.

Fanfares of trumpets, the rush to arms of the "king's guard" announced his every entrance and exit. He is always accompanied by a long line of aids and functionaries, and wears a happy countenance himself.

At meals all the courtiers center their attention upon him and listen to the stories he tells, laughing sometimes and crying at others.

D'Annunzio's wishes in food are always complied with, and religious zeal marks the efforts of the entourage to please him. His uniform is always spick-and-span. There is not a blemish on his clothing from heel to crown.

On public occasions in theaters his place is reserved with much attention, and when he enters cheers are given by the men and women who follow him. When he gives a concert in the palace his place in the front row is respected with the reverence due to a religious chief. His apartments are bedecked with all sorts of presents from the townspeople. Italian and Dalmatian flags make up the color scheme. On his name day he was the recipient of bowers of flowers from admirers in the city. The royal march greets him when he makes his appearance on the balcony of the palace.

NEW COLONY IS FORMED

Youngest Government in World Set Up in Esthonia.

Russian Refugees Living on Old Estates That Formerly Housed Barons.

Revel, Esthonia.—The youngest government in the world is one that has just been set up by a colony of 25,000 Russian refugees that followed the army of Yudenitch into the border lands of Esthonia. These people, in small colonies of several hundred each, are living on old Baltic estates in mansions that formerly housed barons whose titles date back many centuries.

According to an American Red Cross report, a governor and town council on each of these estates of several hundred refugees make this section of the Esthonian republic one of the few peaceful spots in the most disorganized corner of Europe.

Every class of society is represented in this democratic government, and many of the refugees who are now in rags and tatters were once people of wealth and high station in Russia.

When these thousands of homeless, miserable people poured into Esthonia the authorities were overwhelmed with the task of protecting them. The estates of the old ruling class were commandeered by the government and turned over to the use of the refugees to avoid the possibility of their wandering at large through the towns and villages.

Boy to Shun Racing.

Cleveland, O.—Carroll Buehler Shilling, aged four years, of Peoria, Ill., will not follow in his father's footsteps if his grandfather can prevent it. Herman Buehler, who left a $400,000 estate, made a bequest of $20,000 to his grandson, conditioned on his keeping out of the racing game. The child's father is one of the best known jockeys in the country, and a few years ago was a top-notcher in the racing game. "I am strongly opposed to allowing my grandson to be put on a race track or to be employed in any manner in connection with horse-racing," Buehler's will declared.

Dig Up Buried Money.

Farmington, Mo.—A quiet search for money belonging to heirs of Mrs. Charles Sample resulted in unearthing a glass jar containing 37 $20 gold pieces and 16 $10 gold pieces, the exact amount, she said, was hidden there. The money is supposed to have been buried at least three years and probably longer.

Found Brother on the Track.

Norway, W. Va.—Edward Frieman, aged sixteen, was seriously injured by a freight train here and is not expected to live. His body was discovered on the railroad track by his brother, Ollie, engineer on a train following the one which ran over the boy.

Killed Himself to Avoid "Ruining Fiancee's Life"

Declaring in a note that he was not himself; that he was afraid his fiancee would be disappointed in him, and that he did not want to "ruin her life," Charles A. Campbell, resident of Birdseye, Ind., killed himself in his room at a hotel at Oklahoma City, Okla.

Campbell went to Oklahoma to meet Mary C. Holmes, a school teacher of Altus. They were to have been married the next day.

Miss Holmes arrived and went to the hotel where she was to meet Campbell. After waiting for some time and getting no answer to repeated calls to the room which he occupied, the hotel management investigated and found the dead body with a bullet wound in the head.

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MOTHER AND SON FROZEN

Youth Fights Against Elements, but Fails to Save Parent and Dies in Her Frozen Arms.

Colorado Springs, Colo.—Their arms entwined, the frozen bodies of Mrs. John Cox and her son, Harold Cox, sixteen years old, were found in a deep snowbank within a few miles of their home, 20 miles east of here. Their motorcar had stalled in a blizzard. With the car flooring young Cox attempted to dig a hovel in the snow, as the car stood in the direct path of the blizzard. He had laid his mother in it nad wrapped her in the automobile rugs and side curtains. He had then drawn gasoline from the tank to furnish heat. An empty match safe told of the end of this hope.

As a last resort to save his mother the boy had wrapped his heavy coat around his mother and bound her skirt around her ankles with his necktie. Then, apparently giving up hope, he lay down beside her and they died together in a last embrace.

Orchard Information

GRAFTING AND BUDDING EASY

Illustrations Outline Method of Doing Work in Both Instances—Formula for Wax.

Budding usually is used in the propagating of the stone fruits, such as the peach, cherry and plum. The seedlings grown and used for the stocks must be in active growth when the budding is done. The bark must peel readily, leaving the active inner cells of the cambium layer upon the young woody growth. The bud which is to produce the new plant of the desired variety must come in contact with this layer

Making Cleft in End of Limb.

of active cells. In preparing the stock for the bud two cuts are made through the bark in the form of a "T." The bark is then raised, being careful not to injure the inner layer. The bud which has been removed from the "bud stick" with a sharp, thin-bladed knife, is slipped in under the opened bark of the stock. It is held in place by wrapping it with cord or narrow strips of cotton cloth. These must be cut a week or two after the work is done. The illustration shows the method of doing this work.

In budding peaches care must be exercised to avoid using any fruit buds for propagation. The fruit buds of peaches are found on the new growth.

Grafting is the method usually employed in propagating apple trees. The whip graft, such as is used in the nurseries, must be made in the winter time. The only method of grafting that is practical as the growing season begins is cleft grafting. This is used in top working trees of some size where it is desired to introduce a new variety using the established tree as the stock. In cleft grafting the limb of the tree is sawed off and then split by the use of a heavy knife or a knife specially designed for the purpose, as is shown in the cut. The twig of the variety desired is brought to a wedge shape at the lower end and is inserted in the cleft of the stock tree. It must be so placed that the cambium layer of the twig or scion comes in close contact with the similar layer in the stock.

The split in the stock must be protected by covering it with grafting wax. One of the most commonly used preparations is that composed of rosin four parts by weight, beeswax two parts and tallow one part. These are melted together, and as soon as it is hard enough to handle it is worked over until it becomes tough and light

D—Bud; E—Slit to Receive Bud; F—Bud in Place.

yellow in color. The hands must be greased when handling this wax. Some of this wax should be so placed on the graft as to keep all moisture out and prevent the germs of decay from getting a start.

CARING FOR DECAYED TREES

Creosote or Tar Paint Should Be Applied to Stumps Where Limbs Have Been Removed.

Whenever the limb of a tree is blown off or becomes diseased the stump should be sawed off even and painted with creosote or tar paint; otherwise decay will set in and spread to other parts of the tree. Oftentimes even a nail hole will so injure the bark that it will come off, leaving the wood underneath unprotected. If these spots are left bare decay will set in and seriously endanger the tree. A coat of creosote or tar paint will prevent spread of decay and gradually the bark will grow over the bare place.

IMPROVE SOIL IN ORCHARDS

Most Old Neglected Trees Will Respond to Application of Fertilizer of Some Kind.

If the orchard is in clover sod, a mulch of manure will probably not be needed as the clover will furnish the necessary mulch. In regard to the question of whether it will pay to apply fertilizers or not, it may be said that most old neglected orchards will respond to the application of manure or commercial fertilizers until they regain their health and vigor. The time for applying is usually very soon after the leaves come out in the spring.

Planting Soy Beans.

Soy beans should be cultivated, and drilling is the best method of planting. The distance of planting varies with the purpose of the crop.

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