

GIANT CEDARS OF FABULOUS AGE.

To one accustomed to a clear view of Missouri River cottonwoods, which sometimes, under very favorable circumstances, attain the height of seventy or eighty feet, a close look at a few of the giant trees of the state of Washington would come as a revelation of new proportions. As a matter of fact, says a Seattle man, correspondent of the Ottawa Bee. As a man from Washington once put the matter: "These trees are so high that the snow never melts on their summits and all during the summer the water runs down the trunk."

To cure sufficient anchorage. The very contrary is true. The roots spread out like a great hen foot under the trunk, and a radius that sometimes exceeds forty feet, and in some cases extends down into the soil more than three to four feet. When one understands this fact it is easy to realize on what a preposterous footing these trees have stood for centuries. A mighty wind such as visits the Central States now and then would without doubt have laid them all low years past, but no such wind has ever blown in Washington, and, in consequence, they have been able to stand balanced, as it were, on their platform of roots. There are many reasons for this lack of deep penetration. The rain-fall in so ample these roots can well afford for a deep search for water, and being supplied at all times from the surface; and, again, below the stratum of forest mold there is a layer of hard soil, which has been able to stand unadvised, we have this queer condition of the trees in Washington.

It is a marvelous thing to ride aloft, high up on the ridge of the Cascades, with a gorge below that goes further down than one would like to fall, and see a giant tree reaching up toward you perfectly in its right and symmetrical, towering from its roots a hundred feet and more until it tapers to a needle point fifty feet above your head; and yet such sights as these are common enough along any of the lines leading into Seattle.

It takes anywhere from three to five weeks to see the top when one stands at the base of such a tree; a back-saw-cut might accomplish the result in one but a person standing upon a jagged ledge with a boiling river down below is in no particular mood to indulge in outdoor gymnastics.

How old these monsters of a past age are is difficult to determine. You might camp out a week by one of the protruded trunks and spend your hours in counting the concentric rings, but as they would amount to the hundreds and grow so thick and close together you approach the centre, you rather come to the conclusion that the whole thing is a matter of circles, and as circles are wheels, you finally give it up with disgust and decide that you have more in your head than in your hands.

It is a rather common thing to come to see a tree as this and find another giant standing above it, like a Roman gladiator, with its roots arching around the fallen trunk. This is a vast period of time must have elapsed, what changes must have come since that old primeval tree fell to its doom and the younger one rose through the lapse of time, unless he has learned to impress one stronger with the venerable age of these woods or fill one with a deeper feeling of respect for the mighty and irresistible power of nature.

It is my honest belief that some of the trees that stand today to-day when the early Indians wandered beneath their branches or hunted with cruder weapons than the Indians of today the black bear and the forest deer. It was not unlikely that when Columbus sailed the Atlantic 400 years ago some of the dead trees which he was passing along the forest floor were waving their infant tops under the breezes from the Pacific, little suspecting that a rough course they were taking from their rest and they would pass into an American home through the agency of a Washington sawmill. In fact, it is my honest belief that some of the trees that stand today in the United States were growing in the forest of the Atlantic coast when Columbus sailed the Atlantic 400 years ago.

As one wanders through the woods of Washington, following some old blazed trail which often leads years ago, the eye often falls upon scenes which can only be rivaled in the tropical regions of the far South. Great ferns plant the forest floor in tangled thickets, their serrated edges gleaming like silver saws where the stray sunbeams fall upon them; the dark-stemmed maidenhair clings in trembling tufts to the decaying tree trunks, and the waxen cups of the white lichen flower glitter out against the dark green background. Overhead the brown moss hangs in somber festoons from the dead limbs of the cedar or fir, in places reaching almost to the earth from heights that are lost in the dense gloom of the wood. Underneath a deep moss of fernlike leaf receives the weight of the foot in so yielding a manner that one instinctively draws back as though from dangerous sands.

EVIDENCE CORROBORATED.

National Grange Favors Industrial Education in County Schools.

PORTLAND, Oregon, Nov. 25.—Corroboration of the government's evidence in the trial of fraud cases was supplied today by the testimony of Robert G. Pierce, one of the surveying party that accompanied A. W. Barber on his tour of examination of the claims. He told of the trips made by the party during the six days they tramped through forests in search of homestead improvements which certain documents on file in the land office make it appear were made.

REVOKED THEIR ORDER.

About a Thousand Men Were Affected by Judge Clancy's Decision.

BUTTE, Mont., Nov. 25.—Judge William Clancy this afternoon signed an order revoking his restraining order, issued a week ago, enjoining F. Augustine Heinze from working the ten million dollar Minnie Healy copper mine, as the result of the suit brought by the Amalgamated Copper Company to recover five million dollars for ore alleged to have been stolen. Judge Clancy in his statement declares that he was not in possession of all the facts when he issued the restraining order. About 1,000 men are affected.

FOX KILLED BY A ROOSTER.

(From London Answers.) When once an animal's temper has been thoroughly aroused, it is strange how utterly reckless it becomes of the strength and ability of the object of its anger. At Compton Pauncote, in Somersetshire, a fox was killed in a poultry yard by an infuriated rooster. It appears that the fox made a raid on the young chicks, and after killing several belonging to certain hens, turned its attention to the brood another. This conduct, however, the plucky cock would not permit without a struggle, and rushing at the fox, it was fortunate enough to pierce it in the eye with its spur with such force that the spur penetrated right into the fox's brain, becoming so securely fixed that the victor could not remove it without the assistance of a farm laborer, who had been an interested spectator of the contest between the ill-assorted pair.

STRICTLY BUSINESS.

They had accidentally met in a city far from home. "Are you here on a pleasure trip?" asked the scanty-haired man. "No," replied the man with the Will-rag goat whiskers, "my wife is with me."

AT COLON.

COLON, Nov. 27.—The U. S. cruiser Columbia, with Secretary of War Taft, Rear Admiral Walker, Minister Obata and William Nelson Cromwell, Attorney for the Panama Canal Co., on board, arrived here tonight.

LANGFORD WON.

MARLBORO, Mass., Nov. 25.—Sam Langford of Boston defeated Tommy Sullivan of Lawrence in the third round of what was expected to be a twelve round boxing bout before the Weymouth Athletic Club tonight. In the second round Langford administered terrible punishment to Sullivan, and soon after the third round he beat Sullivan by the Lawrence boxer threw the sponge over the ring. About six hundred members of the club witnessed the bout.

PROFESSIONAL CHEVELY.

"The trouble," said the dentist, as he probed away at the aching molar with his long, silver instrument, "is evidently due to a dying nerve."

FEMININE FADS IN HORSE SHOW COSTUMES.

Any number of sartorial novelties made an initial appearance at the horse show, and more than one feminine fad was successfully launched before the doors on Madison Square Garden closed last night on this year's annual event in New York. This proves that women are giving more attention to those costume trifles which make a perfection in dress.



Miss Hapgood tells how she was cured of Fallopian and Ovarian Inflammation—and escaped an awful operation by using Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I suffered for four years with what the doctors called Salpingitis (inflammation of the fallopian tubes) and ovariitis, which are most distressing and painful ailments, affecting all the surrounding parts, undermining the constitution, and sapping the life forces. If you had seen me a year ago, before I began taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and had noticed the sunken eyes, pallid complexion, and general emaciated condition, and compared that person with me as I am today, robust, hearty and well, you would not wonder that I feel thankful to you and your wonderful medicine, which restored me to new life and health in five months, and saved me from an awful operation."—Miss IRENE HARWOOD, 1023 Sandwich St., Windsor, Ont.



"I will always recommend your wonderful medicine, and hope that these few lines may lead others who suffer as I did to try your remedies."—Mrs. T. C. WILLIAMS, R. R. No. 1, Manning, Iowa.

RUTH E. MERRILL.

Fifth Six-Masted Schooner Afloat Launched at Bath.

A large company of Portland people went to Bath to assist in launching of the six-masted schooner, the Ruth E. Merrill, says a Portland exchange.

A PRINCELY GIFT.

Sir Wm. MacDonald Gives Millions to Establish Agricultural College.

OTTAWA, Nov. 25.—The gift of an agricultural college to Canada by Sir William MacDonald, Montreal, is the largest single bequest in the history of the Dominion. Sir William declines to have anything made public respecting the amount, but it is believed that the gift will amount to five million dollars within a few years.

STILL COMMUNICATING.

LONDON, Nov. 27.—Lord Lansdowne, in response to the request of the Liverpool chamber of commerce for further information on the question of contraband, states that communications on the subject are still between the British and Russian governments, and that he is not yet able to add materially to his earlier statement.

CANADA'S TRADE.

Has Materially Decreased During Last Four Months.

OTTAWA, Nov. 25.—For four months ending October Canada's trade shows a decrease of about one million in the imports and seven million and a half in exports. There was an increase of nearly \$200,000 in duty collected. Total imports were \$57,474,000, as compared with \$58,551,514 for the same period last year.

A HOT TIME.

Fire in Flushing, R. I., Destroyed \$300,000 Worth of Property.

SOCIALISTS CAUSE TROUBLE.

VIENNA, Nov. 27.—Socialists to the number of 10,000 today made a demonstration against the government before the residences of Premier VonRoeder and other ministers and then tried to invade the town hall. A strong force of gendarmes dispersed the crowd.

Advertisement for Weaver's Syrup and Cerate, describing its benefits for various ailments like scrofula and eczema.

QUEBEC LIBERALS HAVE MAJORITY OF 62.

Surprise of Day Was Defeat of Rainville, Speaker of Last House, in St. Louis Division.

MONTREAL, Nov. 25.—The Quebec elections resulted in the election of six conservatives out of fourteen who were in the field. The surprise of the day was the defeat of Rainville, speaker of the last house, in St. Louis division of Montreal, where he was running as a government candidate. His defeat was due to his connection with the Montreal Light, Heat and Power Company, and the defeat in St. Anne's (Montreal) of Dr. Guerin, a member of the government. Both were beaten by anti-Parent liberals. Another surprise was the victory of Bernier, conservative, in Shefford. The results were: Montreal (St. Louis)—G. Langlois (Ind lib.), 200. Montreal (St. Lawrence)—Cochrane (lib.), 1,471. Montreal (St. Antoine)—Carter (Ind.), 826. Montreal (St. Ann's)—M. J. Walsh (Ind. lib.).

TORPEDO BOAT FIRED ON.

Paraguay Forts Are Beginning to Shoot Again.

BUENOS AYRES, Nov. 25.—The Argentine minister to Paraguay has informed the foreign office here that an Argentine torpedo boat, proceeding to Formosa (Argentine Republic) received four cannon shots fired from Paraguay forts at San Antonio. The minister adds that the event occurred in the day time and that the Argentine flag was clearly visible at the time. The minister visited the Paraguayan president and protested energetically, stating that it was not the first occurrence of such an occurrence, and demanded satisfactory explanations.

FOR THAT VACANT JOB.

George Robertson Now Being Boomed as Solicitor General.

Premier Tweedie arrived in the city by the C. P. R. last evening and registered at the Royal. In the evening he was waited upon by D. J. Purdy, M. P. P., George Robertson, M. P. P., and E. Lantaulm, M. P. P. It is reported that the claims of Mr. Robertson to the vacant portfolio of surveyor general were urged by the delegation. Of this, however, the premier would say nothing. He said that the principal matter under discussion was the new deaf and dumb school. The premier suggested to his three supporters that they visit the institution and satisfy themselves that it was in a state of efficiency, and if everything was found satisfactory, the school would receive the grant which the government makes.

CONDITIONS UNFAVORABLE.

For Lumbermen on the St. John River This Season.

FREDERICTON, N. B., Nov. 25.—The fall rains on the Upper St. John have worked against the lumbermen in their operations there. They have made heavy, muddy roads and the hauling in of supplies has been done with difficulty and at increased cost, with unusual expense. The ground, however, is not frozen and covered with about two inches of snow, and the work is going along easily and more satisfactorily. The cut this year, as stated in an earlier issue of this paper, will not be more than one-third of that of last season. On the upper St. John, John Kilburn, for instance, will not get out more than 2,000,000 of spruce; John Morrison will cut 3,000,000 of cedar; W. J. Noble is in for 6,000,000 to 7,000,000 for Cushing; Cumliffe will cut 5,000,000 for W. H. Murray on the Allegash; and a half; 1,600,000 will come from the New Brunswick Railway Co.'s lands and 600,000 from lands some miles above the city; the balance from other districts along the St. John. On the Magalloway the Scott Bros. will cut a million, bringing the total operations for the season up to 10,000,000.

BASKET BALL.

In the Y. M. C. A. senior basketball league game last evening the Greens defeated the Yellows by 12 points to 5. The line up was: Greens: Forwards, F. Doherty, R. Belyea, J. F. Doherty, R. Sandall, Centre, G. Gilmore, capt. L. Stimmis, G. Gilmore, capt. Defence, R. B. Ledingham, B. McPherson, H.A.K.C. Clawson, capt. H. Morehouse. The scoring was done by: Ledingham, 6 points; Doherty, 4 points; Stimmis, 2 points; Clawson, 2 points; Ritchie, 2 points; Gilmore, 1 point.