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FARM GARDEN

FOREST TREE PLANTING.

An Effort to Promote It Among Farmers and Landowners.

The division of forestry of the United States department of agriculture through a recent circular offers practical and personal assistance to farmers and others in establishing forest plantations, wood lots, shelter belts and wind breaks. Applications for the conditions of such assistance should be made to Gifford Pinchot, forester, Washington, D. C. The design of this undertaking is to aid farmers and other landowners in the treeless region of the west and wherever it is desirable to establish forest plantation. In the very interesting explanatory circular, No. 22, Mr. Pinchot touches upon various aspects of forestry. Tree culture in regions formerly treeless, he says, is dependent largely upon agriculture. Wherever large areas of land have been brought under cultivation the growing of trees is yearly becoming more successful.

Nearly every state of the plains region has, among many failures, some admirable examples of plantations of



INTERIOR OF MIXED PLANTATION.

all ages, from 1 to 25 or more years, which have been in every way successful. The success of these plantations, when compared with the more numerous failures, proves the great need for practical experience, combined with wide and accurate knowledge, in growing forest trees in the west.

The forest plantation at the Agricultural college, Brookings, S. D., of which an interior view is given in the first cut, illustrates what may be accomplished in a few years on the open prairies of that state. This is a mixed plantation, 12 years old, of birch, black cherry, green ash and white elm.

The second cut shows a typical view of a young forest plantation two years after planting. The plot on the left is a mixed planting of box elder, oak, white elm, green ash and black locust. The plot on the right is set to Russian mulberry, oak, white elm, black locust, honey locust, green ash and box elder. This plantation is at Logan, Utah.

It is not reasonable to suppose that forest tree culture can be made a direct source of great financial profit in the arid regions, but if it cannot bring in important sums it can save the farmer very considerable expenditures by supplying material which he would otherwise have to buy. The indirect value, too, of well established groves, wood lots, shelter belts and wind breaks in the protection which they afford is of the first importance. Such plantations, in addition to being of direct use for fuel, fence posts and material for many miscellaneous farm uses, are invaluable in providing protection for crops, orchards, stock and farm buildings.

One of the most important indirect services of forest plantations, and one rarely taken into consideration, is the increased market value of a well wooded farm on the prairie lands of the west over one without timber. Conservancy estimates made on the ground indicate that the farms of eastern and central Kansas and Nebraska that have well developed plantations of forest trees upon them, either in the form of wood lots, shelter belts or wind breaks, are worth more per acre than farms without them.

In nearly the whole of the broad prairie belt extending from the wooded regions to longitude 100 degrees west and reaching from North Dakota to Texas trees may be grown with varying success. In the western border of the wooded area nearly all the species may be grown which are indigenous to the adjacent woodlands. Further west the range in selection becomes more and more restricted until the western limit



TYPICAL TWO-YEAR-OLD PLANTATION.

of successful tree culture on non-irrigated lands is reached.

Many of the worst farms in humid regions may be brought back to their original fertility by growing forest trees upon them for a series of years, and very many of them contain land better suited to the production of wood than to any other purpose. Such land should never have been cleared. It is fortunately true that throughout the regions once wooded without farm lands will usually revert to their previous condition if protected from fire and stock.

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The Antics of the Negroes and Their Weird Songs Heard Along the Shores.

One who makes a trip up the river and watches the antics of the negroes and listens to their weird songs and tales will not agree with the iconoclast who says that all the beauties and the picturesque features have faded out of the steamboat man's life. As a line of negroes goes up the hill under the glare of the searchlight with their peculiar springing tread and sing the music, which seems somehow to be an essential part of the action, the sight is one which has a strange wildness about it and a fascination too. The negro is not the same as he was before the war. Conditions have changed too much for that. But he has retained his love for the fantastic and most of those barbaric customs which civilization seems unable to eradicate from the African mind.

The first mate has undergone a marked metamorphosis, and to his change is due some portion of the new features in the deckhand's character. Time was when the first mate had a vocabulary which would make an ordinary sailor's parrot die for shame. He had this vocabulary, and the negroes held the same opinion as the one who answered when asked if he did not object to the mate's abuse: "No, boss; dat's what he's paid for. He's got ter make out he's doin' somethin', an' it don't do us no harm." Now the deckhand actually objects to being sworn at on the oaths become too vigorous.

The first peculiarity which strikes the observer about the down and his walk. He has climbed up the steep river's embankment when there was mud all over it, and he has come down that same slide with a heavy weight upon his back. He has adopted a step which presents him from slipping, and this gives him a peculiar shuffling step unlike any movement seen elsewhere. He combines with this a hoisting of the shoulders and a peculiar turn of the head acquired from turning his face to let a sack rest upon his shoulder. These three traits are distinctive and give the deckhand a strange appearance upon the levee or anywhere off a boat or away from the river.

As he works going up the incline or along the bank, he frequently rests upon a level's crest, he has a rhythmic sort of chant which fits in with his music. Always the same class of songs are sung. Usually there are no words, but some leader chants and the others join in the chorus as they bend to their tasks. There are sack songs and barrel songs and music for the cotton bale and the ordinary package. The music varies with the task, as the movement of the negro's body varies.

The crap game can be seen in its full glory only when the deckhand plays it upon the boat's deck. From the foot of President's island to the city's no stops are made, and a like condition prevails in regard to boats from the upper river. This is called the crap limit. The negroes are paid off before they reach the city and usually at the last stop before the city. As soon as the pay is received the negroes gather and begin to shoot crap, and the cries for "Big Dick" and "Little Joe" and "Ada" are heard until the boat has landed. When it does, some few negroes generally possess the money paid to all.

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THE DISTRICT.

RIDLEY.

Henry Watson, of Highgate, spent Sunday in the village.

Mrs. R. Watson is quite ill at present.

Rushon's school will hold their

Xmas-entertainment on Dec. 22.

D. Muckle, of English's, after having

been cut off for some time, has

again secured a good flow of natural

gas.

The Richard family, from Morphet,

have moved into O. P. Handy's house

here.

On Saturday evening Jos. Muckle's

straw stack caught fire from some un-

known cause. The stack was sur-

rounded by the barns, but by the ef-

forts of a large gang of men, who

worked hard all night, the buildings

were saved.

On Saturday evening John Ridley

was thrown from a wagon while driv-

ing home from Ridgetown, and run

over. His ear was literally torn from

his head.

GLENWOOD.

William Hillman and family, of

Langington, are visiting Mr. George

Hillman.

Miss L. Estabrook spent Saturday

and Sunday in Merlin.

Robert McFarland, of Wheatley,

spent a few days last week with re-

latives in the village.

Wm. Wall, intends moving on his

farm in Durham, very shortly.

Art. Hickey and Wm. Newham have

returned after spending the fall in

Manitoba.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucka, of Rond Eau,

are the guests of their daughter, Mrs.

W. McFarland.

Miss Lillian Janis pleasantly en-

tertained her friends at her home last

Tuesday evening.

BALDOON.

On Wednesday evening a very

large crowd of friends and relatives

assembled at the residence of Mrs. A.

Clark, Bear Line, to witness the mar-

riage of her daughter, Jane, to W. G.

Chaplin, of Croton, Rev. Mr. Haylock

read the words, which made the happy

couple one. After the ceremony, we

sat down to a feast fit for royalty to

enjoy, and the night was spent in

music and games. We tender our

congratulations to the newly wedded

pair.

Reverend Bishop is helping to increase

Uncle Sam's navy, having found work

in one of the American ship-yards.

We are sorry to hear that Mrs.

Payne is not getting better, and her

physician, Dr. McLaughlin, has very

slight hopes for her recovery.

The Sunday school committee of

Grace Church have settled upon Wed-

nesday, December 20th, as the date of

the Christmas entertainment, and

committees have been appointed to

erect the arch, and train the children,

and see that everything is done to

make the gathering a success. The

ordinary funds of the school are am-

ply sufficient for the next year's sup-

plies and the proceeds of this meeting

will be appropriated towards a new

organ for use at the Sunday school.

The very efficient orchestra of the

school will take part in the program.

S. Huff, merchant, Dover Centre,

has erected a new stable in the rear

of his lot, and contemplates building

a house in the near future.

The infant school of Mr. and Mrs. Robt.

Pollock held on Friday morning, and

was buried in the Methodist cemetery

on Saturday.

Mrs. Haylock is training a class of

sixteen young ladies in the marches

and mysteries of the celebrated "Fan

Drill," and hopes to have them all

for the Xmas entertainment.

Our school teachers, Messrs. Bell and

Wilson, have been re-engaged for an-

other year. Both gentlemen, we un-

derstand, are giving good satisfaction.

S. S. Bell was run down very low

when Mr. Bell took the helm, and by

close attention, and tact, and skill, has

put the school in the front rank, and

Inspector Park says our teacher is

second to none in the country.

Our pastor has received an invita-

tion to attend the League banquet in

Park St. Church, on Friday, Dec. 1,

in honor of Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Kaber-

ga, and to reply to the toast of

"Queen and Country," and as that ap-

peals to the English in him, he is very

likely to go.

We hear the orchestra is to be en-

larged, and that John Cartwright will

have charge of the bass viol. Good!

An item in Thursday's Planet, is

highly incorrect. He was not one of

the Algoma deer hunters, but he did

drive in to Chatham to meet, and

bring home the hunters and their load

of deer. George was at home, looking

after the interests of the business

extensive farm.

Farmers around here are busy every

day with their fall plowing, and if this

fine weather continues, a great many

acres will be turned over very soon.

We hear that Charles McKenzie has

secured a school near Thamesville,

and will commence to teach the young

ladies how to shoot, January, 1900. We

congratulate the trustees on their

choice and believe that Charlie will

prove himself "a workman that need-

eth not to be ashamed." Success to

him.

Mitchell's Bay Methodist Sunday

school people are arranging to have a

Christmas entertainment, but we have

not heard the exact date.

A congregation that filled every bit

of sitting room, worshipped in the

Bay Church on Sunday evening, and

very quietly and attentively listened

to the pastor's sermon on "Behold, I

stand at the door and knock." In the

absence of the regular organist, Oliver

Owen had charge of the music.

Just now our roads are getting into

splendid shape, and the bicycle is in

full swing again.

Mr. Haddock, who hails from "the

land of brown heath and shaggy

wood," was a guest at Edwin Owen's

on Sunday last.

William Wren of the Baldoon road,

has sold his farm to his two brothers,

Art and Ed, and will move to Leam-

ington bye and by. George Wemp, Jr.,