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FOREST TREE PLANTING.

Farmers and Landowners.

The division of forestry of the United States department of agriculture through a recent circular offers practical and personal assistance to farm ers 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 nore successful.

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



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 est 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. Conservative 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. Farther: west the range in selection becomes more and more restricted until the western limit



TYPICAL TWO-YEAR-OLD PLANTATION. of successful tree culture on nonirri

gated lands is reached. Many of the wornout 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 wornout farm lands will usually revert to their previous condition if protected from are

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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 swinging 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

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 whut he's paid for. 'He's got ter make out he's doin somethin, an it don't do us no harm." Now the deckhands actually object to being sworn at

The first peculiarity which strikes the observer about the dechand is 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 tack. He has adopted a step which pretents 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 shoul 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 inclines or along he gangplank, precariously resting up. a levee'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 voice the chorus as they bend to their tasks. There are sack songs and barrel songs and music for the cotton bale and the or dinary 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 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 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 craps, 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

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RIDLEY.

Henry Watson, of Highgate, spent Sunday in the village. Mrs. R. Watson is quite ill at pres-

Rushton's school will hold their Muss-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

The Richard family, from Morpeth, have moved into O. P. Handy's house

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 driving home from Ridgetown, and run over. His ear was literally torn from his head.

GLENWOOD.

William Hillman and family, of Leamington, are visiting Mr. George Hillman. Miss L. Estabrook spent Saturday

and Sunday in Merlin.
Robert McNarland, of Wheatley, spent a few days last week with rela ives 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 Mr. and Mrs. Lucka, of Rond Eau,

are the guests of their daughter, Mrs. W. McNarland. Miss Lizzie Innis pleasantly enterained her friends at her home last Tuesday evening.

BALDOON.

On Wednesday evening a very hap sembled at the residence of Mrs. A. Clark, Bear Line, to witness the marriage of her daughter Jane, to W. G. Chapple, of Croton, Rev. Mr. Haylock couple one. After the ceremony, we sat down to a feast fit for royalty to enjoy, and spent the after hours in music and games. We tender our congratulations to the newly wedded

Bruce 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. McKeough, has very

physician, Dr. McKeough, has very slight hopes in her favor.
The Sunday school committee of Grace Church have settled upon Wednesday, 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 overwhim is done 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 amply sufficient for the next year's supplies and the proceeds of this meeting will be appropriated towards a new organ for use in 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.

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The infant son of Mr. and Pollock died on Friday morning, and was buried in the Methodist cemetery on Saturday.

Mrs. Haylock as training a class of

sixteen young ladies in the marches and mysteries of the celebrated "Fan Drill," and hopes to have them Al for the Xmas entertainment. Our school teachers, Messrs. Bell and Wilson, have been re-engaged for an-

other year. Both gentlemen, we understand, are giving good satisfaction.

S. S. No. 8 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 county. Cur pastor has received an invita-tion to attend the League banquet in

in Park St. Church, on Friday, Dec. 1, in honor of Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Kaburagi, and to reply to the transfer. agi, and to reply to the toast of "Queen and Country," and as that appeals to the English in him, he is very likely to go.

We hear the orchestra is to be en-larged, and that John Cartright will

ave charge of the bass viol. Good! An item in Thursday's Planet with reference to George Chalmers, is slightly 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 Cornelius Roe's 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. We hear that Charles McKenzie has

We hear that Charles McKenzie has secured a school near Thamesville, and will commence to teach the young idea how to shoot, January, 1900. We congratulate the trustees on their choice and believe that Charlie will prove himself "a workman that needeth 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 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

absence of the regular organist, Oliver Owen had charge of the music.

Just now our roads are getting into splendid chape, and the bicycle is in full swing again.

Mr. Haddow, who hails from "the land of brown heath and shaggy wood," was a guest at Edwin Owen's on Sunday last.

William Wemp, of the Baldoon road, has sold his farm to his two brothers, Art and Ed., and will move to Leamington bye and by. George Wemp, sr., has returned to the old homestead, and will be of great service to the boys.

boys.

The weather is simply delightful and old settlers call it Indian summer. A cherry tree in Wm. Rankin's orchard is blooming for a second crop, and lilac bushes are sprouting again. And no wonder, when the sun strikes Dover soil, something must happen.



which is the beginning of a dyspeptic condition. His nerves become unstrung, and he makes mother, wife and daughter miscrable with his moodiness. His liver is torpid. His blood is being poisoned by the impurities which the broken-down organs are incapable of taking care of. He is in just the condition to receive the germs of any disease. He is a shining mark for the germs of consumption. To that disease too, he becomes a victim one day or another, unless saved by the use of such a remedy as Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. This will put him on his feet again. It is a tonic and appetizer, a blood purifier, a liver invigorator, a nerve restorer, a strengthener for the weak, a cure for weak and bleeding lungs, bronchitis, lingering cough and kindred ailments, which if neglected or improperly treated lead up to -consumption. Perhaps you think no medicine can cure so many ailments, but when you remember that all these diseases start in the stomach and nutritive system, and that "Golden Medical Discovery" corrects that fault or derangement at the starting point, it isn't so strange after all that it does so much.

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Mrs. Ellen E. Bacon, of Shutesbury, Franklin Co., Mass., writes: "I firmly believe I should be in a very bad state now if I had not taken Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. Prior to September 1897, I had doctored for my stomach trouble for several years, going through a course of treatment without any real benefit. In September 1896, I had very sick spells and grew worse; could eat but little. I commenced in September 1897, to take the 'Golden Medical Discovery' and in a short time I could eat and work. I have gained twenty pounds in two man'ths."

But the Southern Negro Likes his Feet Cool

le will take a Nap with his Head in the Sun and his Feet in the 5 hade.

It has often been said that the capacity of the negro race for enduring heat has never been fully tested. An incident related by a dairyman living on the outskirts of the city seems to bear out this assertion.

This dairyman has a young negro boy who looks after the cattle and does chores around the place. The only effect that the heat produces in his case is a desire to slumber. The dairyman had a young calf in the barnyard, and as the sun was pouring in on the poor animal his wife sent "Carlina" out to turn the calf loose, so that he could seek a shady spot. After waiting an hour for his return the housewife went to the barnyard to investigate. There she found both boy and calf curled up in the hot and stifling barnyard. The calf was dead from the effects of the sun, but the boy was slumbering peacefully by its side.

While a negro can stand any amount of heat on his head he loves to cool his heels. It is a common sight in the winter to see a negro boy on a frosty morning with his head bundled up to keep out the cold and at the same time walking unconcernedly along the frosty ground in his bare feet. One of the hottest places in the city on a hot day is at the lumber wharfs of the Florida Central and Peninsular railroad. When the men knock off for noon, they frequently take a nap with their faces upturned to the rays of the blazing sun. At the same time they get their feet under the shadow of some friendly lumber pile.-Florida Times-Union.

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