

ADVISES CHANGES IN FORESTRY LAWS

MICHIGAN FORESTRY ASSOCIATION SENDS STATEMENT OF CONDITIONS TO GOV. ELECT FERRIS.

WOULD EXTEND FOREST RESERVES OF STATE.

Exempt From Taxation All Woodlots on Farms; New Tax for Other Timber Among Recommendations Made.

At its recent meeting in Baginaw the Michigan Forestry association voted to prepare a statement for Gov. Ferris, concerning forest conditions in Michigan and a petition advocating specific changes of law and administration.

The petition was prepared and sent and receipt of it has just been acknowledged by the promise made that it will receive the immediate attention of Mr. Ferris after he becomes governor.

Among the recommendations made are the following:

"Stop the sale of any piece of state land of 160 acres or more in extent which is suited to the raising of timber."

"Permit the sale of other tracts—city lots, isolated farms, etc.—but apply the proceeds of such sales to the purchase of state forest lands."

"Change the law by divorcing the service entirely from the state game warden's department; removing the \$50 limit on making the fighting of fire compulsory without pay; making all shifts serve as equity fire wardens, and placing every county responsible in part for damages from forest fires in cases of official neglect; providing a liberal fund for actual patrol service to prevent forest fires; providing for the co-operation of state and private owners in a preventative patrol service."

"Direct the public domain commission to employ a competent state forester with headquarters at Lansing to advise and assist land owners in securing into the state forest the state forestry work and the execution of the forest protection laws."

"Modification of the tax laws regarding forest property by exemption from taxes of the timber on all farm woodlots, for other forest lands, and for lands with a harvest tax, the latter to be a certain percentage (one-tenth) of the stumpage value of the timber, to be paid at the time of cutting."

City to Test Home Rule Law.

Wishing to determine to what length a city may go in an interpretation of that clause of the home rule bill which provides for the bonding of a city in case of fire, flood or other calamity, the city commissioners of Port Huron are forcing into the supreme court a test case, a decision upon which will insure them against possible difficulties in the sale of bonds for the proposed water main extension.

The case is the first of the kind ever to be taken to the supreme court and will serve as a guide to all cities of the state which have elected to come under the provisions of the home rule act passed in 1908.

Bills Interest of Railroad Men. Representative David T. Monmouth, of the first district of St. Clair county, will present again at the next session of the legislature requiring railroad companies to pay their employees on the fifth and twentieth of each month, and forbidding common carriers from holding back more than five days' wages each pay day.

The proposed measure is aimed to destroy the practice, now common of railroads holding back two weeks' wages on monthly pay days, which usually are given in the fifteenth and twentieth.

Average Immigrant Undesirable. Immigrants are not wanted in Michigan unless under unusual conditions to settle the wild lands of the state according to Secretary Carlton, of the public domain commission, who will become commissioner Jan. 1. Secretary Carlton takes the view that the average immigrant is not a financial proposition to cope with the undeveloped land situation.

E. B. Tyrrell, secretary of Detroit real estate board, has written to Secretary Carlton of the public domain commission, that the board has informed his president to license all real estate dealers.

CONGRESS WILL BE BUSY

Seven Important Hearings Scheduled for Session After Holidays.

An investigation possibly unprecedented in the history of the house will be ushered in when congress reconvenes in January.

Members of the house will divide their attention among several distinct investigations scheduled to begin immediately after the holidays. They are: Inquiry into the so-called money trust; hearings before the ways and means committee preliminary to tariff revision by the next congress; the probe into the New Haven-Grand Trunk railroad situation in New England; the judiciary committee's hearings on general trust legislation; the inquiry into the ramifications of the so-called foreign and domestic shipping trust by the merchant marine committee; the glass sub-committee's investigation incident to the framing of a currency bill, and the inquiry into the affairs of the office of superintendent of insurance in the District of Columbia. The insurance inquiry will begin Dec. 26, with the District of Columbia commissioners on the witness stand.

These committees will endeavor to complete their work by the end of the session. It is estimated that the investigations will cost more than \$100,000.

Pneumonia Causes 180 Deaths in State. There were 2,500 deaths in Michigan and 4,931 deaths in November, according to the mortality report of the secretary of state. By age, there were 465 deaths of infants under one year of age; 156 deaths of children aged one to four years, both inclusive; and 857 deaths of elderly persons.

Important causes of death were pulmonary tuberculosis, 175; other forms of tuberculosis, 30; typhoid fever, 32; diphtheria and croup, 48; scarlet fever, 11; measles, 10; whooping cough, 11; pneumonia, 10; influenza, 10; 180; diarrhea, enteritis, under two years of age, 56; meningitis, 24; pneumonia, 2; cancer, 159; violence, 187.

STATE BRIEFS.

The city council, of Ishpeming, has voted \$300 for a public skating rink.

A careful estimate of the alfalfa acreage in Emmet county places the sum total at 800 acres.

Sir Horace Plunkett, of Dublin, chief forester of Ireland, is making his third visit to the Battle Creek sanitarium.

Oscar Meyer, of Muskegon, has entered the field as a candidate for appointment to the state board of barbers' examiners.

The annual report of the city market shows that the total value of fruits and produce marketed in Grand Rapids this year was \$258,103.

The underground workers of the Breitting mines have received a satisfactory result in their petition for six shifts' pay for five shifts' work.

The interior of All Saints Catholic church, Flint, was badly damaged by fire which originated in the burning of glass chandeliers before a Christmas play.

Roy Cary, of Marshall township, cashed a check for \$4 with County Treasurer Barber, of the township, yesterday afternoon.

The liquor forces stole the ballot from the women of the state in the same way they kept prohibition out of the state in 1887, says Mrs. E. L. Calkins, state W. C. T. U. president.

A decision rendered by street builders in Grand Rapids is believed to be that of Martin Dornbush, who disappeared 16 years ago from a saloon on the site where the bonds were found.

Nine miles of public highway are to be improved in jurisdiction in 1913 by the Michigan road commission.

The roads are the main thoroughfares between the cities of Charlevoix, East Jordan and Boyne City.

Attorney Gen. Wykes has informed P. G. Colgrove, of Hastings, president of the Good Roads association, that he will be loaned a car for the purpose of deriving from the sale of motor car licenses for the maintenance of the state highway department.

H. W. Sawyer, who is interested in Newaygo county lands, writing from Albuquerque, New Mexico, says: "I have spent 100,000 in development of the land the past year and I know that the state in the union offers so much for the money as Michigan."

Attorney General Wykes holds in an opinion that the state railroad commission has supervision over the Mackinac Island transportation company, which is charged with transporting passengers across the straits. An investigation will be made at once.

Jonas A. Griffin, who died in the soldiers' home in Grand Rapids, and was buried in Port Huron, had a state-wide reputation as a hunter and trapper.

Claude S. Carney, of Kalamazoo, candidate for congress, says he will file papers protesting the election of Congressman J. M. C. Smith within the next few days.

His Alla Teller has charge of the extensive library of the University of Michigan for the last seven years, has accepted a position in the state library at Lansing.

38 FOUND GUILTY IN DYNAMITE PLOT

TWO OF TWO SCORE MEN ACCUSED OF ILLEGALLY TRANSPORTING DYNAMITE ACROSS COUNTRY, ARE ACQUITTED.

SOBS OF WIVES OF DEFENDANTS MINGLE WITH CRIES OF CHILDREN AS VERDICTS ARE GIVEN.

Three Detroit Men, Murphy, Hockin and Wachmeister, Among Union Labor Men Found Guilty of Conspiracy With McNamara.

Daniel Buckley, of Davenport, Ia., and Herman Seifert, of Milwaukee, were declared not guilty and freed and the 38 other defendants in the dynamite conspiracy trial were found guilty on 52 counts of conspiracy and unlawfully transporting dynamite, in the verdict brought in in Indianapolis, Ind., at 9:50 o'clock Saturday morning.

WACHMEISTER WEEPS.

The jury brought in a general verdict. The defendants sat with faces grim and sad. A light of happiness was on Buckley's and Seifert's faces. Wachmeister, of Detroit, cried like a baby at the verdict.

Judge Anderson dismissed the jury after thanking them profusely for their "good and faithful work."

Court adjourned after receiving the verdict. Marshal Schmidt was ordered to take charge of the defendants. All spectators were ordered out of the room.

The wife of Frank J. Painter, of Omaha, was led fainting from the court room.

More than a half hundred deputies surrounded the defendants in a double line. When the verdict had been read, W. K. Harding for the defense, at 10 minutes to twelve the court, but he was told there was nothing to be said.

The verdict took only a moment to read. After the court room was cleared of spectators, the defendants were called forward one by one, 38 of them and hurried away to the Marion county jail, each man in the hands of a deputy marshal.

Frank M. Ryan, president of the International Association of Bridge and Ironworkers, was among those convicted. He, too, was a member of the union, but he was not charged with the crime of transporting dynamite.

Seifert and Buckley, the only two men out of the forty labor union officials to be adjudged not guilty, immediately were discharged from custody.

WIVES WEEP, DEFENDANTS LAUGH.

Wives and relatives of the prisoners stood about in the corridors and wept some silently, some hysterically. The verdict was read, John D. Butler, of Buffalo, Edward Smythe, of Peoria, and Peter Smith, of Cleveland, were convulsed with laughter over a joke of theirs.

President Frank M. Ryan of the ironworkers' union, said: "This will not cripple the union. The work will be done just the same under other officers, in case an appeal is unavailing from this verdict."

Judge Anderson refused to pull the jury for the defense, declaring he had done it privately and that it would take too long to do again.

Eugene Clancy and Orla Tveitmo, the Pacific coast defendants, accepted the verdicts stoically. Tveitmo's only complaint of being moved by what he saw was his trick of pulling a piece of paper from his pocket and tearing them to bits.

Frank Dore, of New Lisbon, Henry county, Ind., was foreman of the "farmers' jury."

The conviction of Orla A. Tveitmo and Eugene A. Clancy, of San Francisco, and J. E. Munsey, of Salt Lake City, sustained the government's charges that they aided in plotting the Los Angeles explosion, in which 21 persons were killed, and assisted in the escape of Jas. B. McNamara from his flight from the scene of that crime.

By his verdict the jury also sustained the charges that the McNamara brothers, now in prison in California, were aided in the nationwide dynamite plots by almost all the executive officials of the ironworkers' union, and that they knowingly carried on the conspiracy for years by causing explosives to be transported on passenger trains.

Tveitmo, of San Francisco, was charged with not only supplying two men to assist in blowing up the Los Angeles Times building, but also with assisting in more explosions on the Pacific coast. He is secretary of the California Building Trades council, an editor and a recognized leader in labor circles on the coast.

Also at the head of those found guilty was Herbert S. Hockin, called "the lagg of the conspiracy," because he was charged with first initiating Orla E. McManigal as a hired dynamite man and with betraying all the dynamiters to promote his own ambition.

It was he who, once secretary of the International union, "whispered into the ear of Detective Burns the names of the Los Angeles Times dynamiters."

Guilty. FRANK M. RYAN, JOHN T. BUTLER, HERBERT S. HOCKIN, OLAF A. TVEITMO, EUGENE A. CLANCY, PHILIP A. COOLEY, MICHAEL J. YOUNG, FRANK J. HIGGINS, J. E. MUNSEY, FRANK C. WEBB, PATRICK F. FARRELL, JOHN H. BARRY, PAUL J. MORRIN, HENRY W. LEGLEITNER, CHARLES N. BEUM, WILLIAM E. REDDIN, MICHAEL J. CUNNANE, RICHARD H. HOULIHAN, JAMES COONEY, JAMES H. COUGHLIN, WILLIAM SHUPE, EDWARD SMYTHE.

MOTHER CAT, SAVED KITTEN

Wise Animal Took Precautions That Prevented Execution of Sentence of Excommunication.

If the house cat does not actually enter into the family conversation, there is no question in the minds of a North side family that their cat keeps in touch with family affairs as discussed by the members. This cat had four kittens recently and one by one they disappeared until but one was left.

As the wife was going out one evening she said to her husband: "I wish you would pick that kitten up and drop it some place where it won't find its way back."

Almost immediately the old cat commenced trying to coax her offspring to go with her but the little one was not "wowed" and insisted on staying at home. The old cat, therefore, did not go away that night as was her custom, but lay down on the porch with her front paws around the kitten. The husband did not hear the heart to drag the young one from its mother and it therefore remained.

A few days later the wife and daughter started on a week's vacation, and again the husband was instructed about the kitten, which was to be lost during their absence. The husband came home that night with the firm determination of losing that kitten, and the members of the family were anywhere to be found. Several times during the week the old cat came back for something to eat, but nothing was seen of the kitten.

Within an hour after the wife and daughter returned and while the husband was explaining that he had not seen the kitten all week, both cat and kitten came back, and at this time the members of the family—Columbus Dispatch.

Followed Instructions. "President Mellen of the New Haven system allows neither wrecks nor investigations to dampen his humor."

The speaker was a Boston railroad. He continued: "I made a pretty bad mistake last week but President Mellen, amid all his business worries, took my fault good naturedly. He just said I reminded him of a new brakeman on the Sumner line."

"This brakeman, the first day out, had his duties explained by the conductor."

"You see, the conductor said, 'when I call a station's name—Concord, or Boston or what not—you must call the name at your own risk.'"

"Sure," said the brakeman. "Sure Mike, I understand."

"So they started off, and the first stop was Sumner."

"Sumner," roared the conductor, as the train slowed down.

"An instant later, poking his head in at the rear door of the car the brakeman roared: 'Same at this end!'"

Smoke Abatement in Glasgow.

The gas and electricity departments of a corporation in Glasgow, Scotland, are competing keenly in the exhibition of appliances for the reduction of smoke from furnaces and kitchen ranges.

The electricity department has a complete electrically fitted restaurant, where all the cooking, the kitchen work, the cleaning, the heating and the lighting are effected by electric current.

The gas department has a "gas equipped house" in which all the cooking and heating is done by gas, as well as many of the other appliances, connected with housekeeping, and in which all the lighting is obtained from incandescent gas burners of different types.

The corporation is encouraging the reduction of smoke not only by holding these periodical exhibitions, but also by lending gas cookers free to all the citizens. It has loaned 37,000 of these since March 1.

It is also supplying gas fires and the demand for these has been so great that it cannot be met without considerable delay.

Clear Case of Madness. Louis Trotsky of Ohio is a politician of considerable influence in his state. One evening, when he was in Washington, he was invited to dine at the home of John R. McLean, who dabbles in Ohio politics and county tapestries.

Every time Mr. McLean hears of a tapestry still in Europe he peels off a section of his bank roll, hands it to an agent, and tells him to blow it in on the hangings.

Trotsky's appetite was very poor that night. Apparently he was in great physical pain or felt the gnawing clutch of a secret sorrow. When he got back to Ohio he made this mournful announcement:

"I've always heard that John R. McLean was a wise old guy. It's a mistake. That old fellow is as crazy as a loon. He took me in to dinner in a room where there was absolutely nothing on the floor, and all the carpets were hanging on the wall."

Popular Magazine.

Envied the Candle. A noted wit was at a dinner party in London one evening which lasted much longer than the usual affair of its kind. He was a great smoker, and he was hoping the ladies would draw so that he could enjoy his weed.

The hours advanced, but the hostess showed no sign of withdrawing. The candles had burned low, and one of them directly in front of the wit began to smoke.

"Oh, please, sir," said the hostess when she noticed the smoking candle, "will you be good enough to put it out?"

"Happy candle," said the famous wit, extinguishing the smoking taper.

BLAME PLACED ON PHYSICIANS

Growth of Drug Habit in United States Alleged to Be Due to Opium Prescribed in Prescriptions.

That 99 per cent. of all the cocaine and morphine manufactured in this country is used by persons who have formed the drug habit through physicians' prescriptions is the startling statement made by Dr. J. K. McNeil, Chief of the Division of Drugs, Department of Agriculture. This statement, and others, proving that physicians and not "patent" medicines are responsible for the appalling growth of drug addiction in the United States was made by Dr. Keeler in an address at Washington, before the American Society for the Study of Alcohol and Narcotics.

Dr. Keeler is quoted by Washington papers as having declared that drug using had increased 100 per cent. in the last 40 years, and that American medical practitioners were not discriminating enough in their use of opiates. "Their overindulgence to their patients," he said, is creating thousands of drug users every year.

"It is a very sad thing to say that our physicians are doing the greatest work in promoting the use of cocaine and morphine," said the doctor. "State laws are not saving the public from the grip of the drug habit, and the American public is sinking tighter and tighter into the black abyss of the morphine and cocaine fumes."

"The worst of it is that the importation of opium into the country is becoming larger each year by year. I have heard it said, on reliable authority that 99 per cent. of the cocaine and morphine manufactured in this country is used by persons who have formed the drug habit through doctors' prescriptions."

Almost simultaneously with Dr. Keeler's address, Dr. J. A. Patterson, at Grand Rapids, Michigan, in a public statement which he read to every patient who came to an institution with which he is connected for treatment for the drug habit over their downfall to physicians' prescriptions.

Eager for His Rights. As little Freddie had reached the mature age of three, and was about to discard petticoats for manly raiment in the form of knickerbockers, his mother determined to make the occasion a memorable one. The Bristol Times tells what happened.

The breakfast table was laden with good fare as the newly-breeched infant was led into the room. "Ah!" cried the proud mother, "now you are a little man!"

The feeding was in ecstasies. Displaying his garments to their full advantage, he edged closer and closer, and whispered: "Mumme, can I call pa Bill now?"—Youth's Companion.

SHORT ON BROTHERLY LOVE

Luckily William Had Grace Enough to Remember That Henry Was Sacred.

William was not kind to his small brother Henry. In fact, he looked upon him as a nuisance, a scourge sent from heaven to try his spirit and spoil his fun. Especially that day was Henry a thorn in the older boy's flesh. In his efforts to rid himself of his burden, William resorted to all the methods the mind of youth suggested, but in vain. Henry continued to stick as close to him as a brother.

"William," finally said the boy's father, who had witnessed, unheard, the final paroxysm of the unequal struggle, "you should be ashamed of yourself for treating your little brother in that way! He ought to be scared to you."

William made no reply; but shortly afterward, preserving himself to the surprise of all, he was seen to address Henry thus: "Always take care of me! If you weren't sacred I'd break your blamed face for you!"—The Sunday Magazine.

STEADY HAND.

A Surgeon's Hand Should Be the Firmest of All.

"For fifteen years I have suffered from insomnia, indigestion and nervousness as a result of coffee drinking," said a surgeon the other day. "It is equally injurious because it contains caffeine, the same drug found in coffee."

"The dyspepsia became so bad that I had to limit myself to one cup at breakfast. Even this caused me to lose sleep and soon I was a wreck."

"All the attendant symptoms of indigestion, such as heart burn, palpitation, water brash, wakefulness or disturbed sleep, had taste in the mouth, nervousness, etc., were present, such a degree as to incapacitate me for my practice as a surgeon."

"The result of leaving off coffee and drinking Postum was simply marvelous. The change was wrought forthwith, my hand steadied and my normal condition of health was restored." Name given upon request. Read the famous little book, "The Road to Health," in pages. "There's a reason."

Postum now comes in concentrated, powder form, called Instant Postum. It is prepared by stirring a level spoonful of a cup of hot water, sugar to taste, after concentrating cream to bring the color to golden-brown.

Instant Postum is convenient; there's no waste and the flavors are always uniform. Sold by grocers—50c up the 25c tin, 100c up the 50c tin.

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