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FOREST PLANTING IN CHINA
 Interesting Review Just Made of Work There
 In considering the progress of the almost world-wide movement for the protection of forests, an interesting review has just been made of the work in China—a country which is so often cited as an example of the evil effects of deforestation.
 In a portion of the Celestial Kingdom earnest efforts are now being made to reestablish a forest cover by planting. Consul Wilbur T. Gray, of Tsingtau, China, reports that the Germans in that region are making successful attempts at reforestation. The success of the work was practically assured at the start, for to Germany is given the credit for having the highest developed system of forestry, and it was natural to expect that the long experience in forest work in the Fatherland would lessen preliminary experimentation and hasten progress in China.
 When Tsingtau was occupied by the Germans about 11 years ago, the hills were found bare and barren, and with only a sporadic growth of scrub pine and weeds. Plans for reforestation were at once made, and about 2,965 acres have already been planted. About half of this is planted in acacias, the balance in pine, larch, walnut, oak, ash, maples and alders. So successful has this planting been that the point has already been arrived at where the sale of timber can be made. Small branches are sold for fire wood and some of the timber is used for mining purposes. The sale and exportation of acacia is expected to become a considerable source of revenue during the next few years.
 It is particularly remarkable that this work should have been so successful in view of the difficulties to which the plantation was subjected. The rainfall is light and lack of moisture considerably retarded the development of the trees. By far the worst enemies, however, were insects. Various species of caterpillars and other insects have been so destructive that thousands of Chinese boys and women are now engaged annually to destroy them. Various measures of prevention have been tried, such as placing straws of rice on the trees, but these have not been effective and it was found necessary to resort to a systematic destruction of the insects by hand.
 During 1908 over 7,000,000 caterpillars were gathered by hand, smashed, covered with lime, and afterwards used as fertilizer. This method has been successful in protecting the greater part of the plantations, but on the mountains on the border of the territory the trees are eaten bare. Acacias appear to withstand the attacks of the insects better than any other species, and the summit of the mountains are now being planted with these trees in an effort to check future destruction. In addition to these enemies, Chinese thieves are another source of difficulty. On one occasion a band of thirty-six thieves was captured in the act of stealing wood.
 In spite of these drawbacks, however, the work has been so successful that the Chinese government is now undertaking forestry schemes in a number of places under advice from German experts. This work centers about Mukden, Manchuria, where success has already been obtained with acacias and experiments are now being made with other trees. The first Chinese forest school was established at Mukden two years ago. Six hundred and twenty-five acres have already been set apart for cultivation, and 24,710 acres are to be purchased for reforestation.
 Three large mines in China, in the provinces of Chihli and Shansi, which are under the management of Europeans, are making plans for afforestation, and the Shantung Railway is planting acacias along 260 miles of its track. This, however, is simply a beginning of the work, and the Chinese government now has in contemplation the inauguration of extensive afforestation work in different parts of China.

STATE NEWS
 Condensed Items of Interest Happening Throughout the State.
 The well known gambling case that was continued from fair week until yesterday on account of the absence of T. M. Bennett, who told the police of a poker game in which he was trimmed of \$50 and asked that they raid it and get back his money, was called for trial yesterday with all the defendants present but Joe Martin, of Leaksville, who sent a doctor's certificate, stating that he was sick and could not attend.
 Bennett was on hand yesterday, having recently been put under \$100 bond in Winston for his appearance, and was the chief witness before the court.
 He was put through a rigid cross-examination by Attorney Shaw and stated that he did not remember telling anything to the police and that he was intoxicated on the night that he claims he was trimmed and that he could not swear that he lost his money playing cards. After hearing the evidence of Bennett, who is of neat appearance and says he halls from Winston, Judge Eure rendered his decision, fining Bennett \$50 and the costs and taking a nol pro in the cases against the defendants.—News, Greensboro.
 Messrs. Manley, Owens, Malcolm and Mills, of the police force, routed and captured a company of twelve men supposed to be gambling in the rear of the Continental mill yesterday afternoon. They swooped down on the men, who were ranged about in a circle, two deep. Some one evidently had given the alarm in time, however, for no tangible evidence could be secured against them. They were lined up and marched to police headquarters, where they were released after the evidence had been investigated.—Charlotte Observer.
 Because his drayman secured the wrong trunk from the home of Ed. Highsmith, colored, Mr. S. Seigler, a furniture dealer, has been indicted for trespass. The warrant was issued by Justice Borenstein. The case was yesterday removed to Justice Harris and the trial set for Wednesday. Mr. Seigler sold the negro a trunk which he had not paid for and with the consent and knowledge, it is said, of the negro he sent for the trunk. The drayman got the wrong trunk and the mistake was not discovered until the store was reached. The trunk was immediately sent back. The indictment followed.—Wilmington Star.
 At 9:25 Sunday morning when it was perfectly fair and the sun shined brightly it began to rain within a radius of one hundred feet square at the Everett House, and the fifteen minutes the guests of the hotel saw it rain within this spot and since then each day and night it has been served by scores of people. Can anyone account for the strange occurrence?—Oriental News.
 Friday morning a herd of 97 beef cattle purchased in the western part of the State arrived here on the cars and was driven out to the Panola farm. G. A. Holderness purchased them for beef next spring. His expectations is that if he can make enough to pay for the feed the venture is a very profitable investment.—Tarboro Southerner.
 Mr. R. R. McCormick, a switchman on the Southern railway employed in the yards at the depot, was crushed to death between the cars of a train which he was coupling yesterday afternoon about 2 o'clock. He died a few minutes later in the station, where he had been hurried as soon as found. His head was dislocated from the spine and his body badly crushed.—Asheville Citizen.
 A charter is granted the Cade Manufacturing Co., of Shelby, to make the composing and line casting machine invented by Rev. Baylus Cade, and patented last April, the capital stock being \$50,000, and J. H. Quinn and E. B. Hamrick being the chief stockholders. Another charter goes to the Howard & Roberson Land Co., of Tarboro, W. O. Howard principal stockholder.—Raleigh correspondent.
 The work of tearing down the building on Fayetteville street formerly occupied by Mr. A. Dughl, will be begun Monday. On this site will be erected the new building of the Wake County Savings Bank. It was at first thought that plans could be perfected to secure the entire Fayetteville street front of the block for the erection of a larger building, but the trade would not be effected.—Raleigh News and Observer.
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 There is still some additional outside work to be done in connection with the lines of those subscribers located outside of the corporate limits and outside of what is known as the cable district. It is necessary to string additional wires from the end of the cables to the subscribers' stations on these cutting districts in order to metallic circuit them. This work may cause some trouble to the subscribers, but every effort will be used to reduce the amount of trouble to a minimum. Should you have trouble, however, in using your telephone or find that it is not working satisfactorily, do not hesitate to call the chief operator or Mr. Bell, our local manager, notifying him of the fact, and the matter will then be given prompt attention.
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