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FOREST FIRES IN NORTH CAROLINA

The North Carolina Geological and Economic Survey is now sending out a list of questions to correspondents regarding the prevalence of forest fires during the year 1909, and the approximate injury done by them.

FOREST FIRES IN THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, 1909

- 1. To what county (or township) do the statistics given below apply? 2. How many different forest fires have you had during the year 1909? 3. What was the total acreage burned over in your county during the past year? 4. How much merchantable standing timber has been destroyed by fire? 5. What was the approximate value of the timber as it stood? 6. What is the value of all forest products such as sawlogs, lumber, etc., that were destroyed? 7. What is the value of all improvements, such as fences, barns, houses, mills, etc., and of live stock that was destroyed? 8. Have any human lives been lost? 9. State as close as possible what it has cost private individuals, lumber companies and others to fight forest fires in your county. 10. What were the causes of the forest fires?

The United States Forest Service, in cooperation with the various State organizations, is collecting similar data for every State in the Union, so that the first complete report on this most important subject should be before the public early in 1910.

It is most desirable that the North Carolina data be as complete and accurate as possible. All correspondents are therefore being urged to answer the questions as fully and carefully as they can.

Correspondents can unfortunately be paid nothing for their services, but there is no one thing in which they can do so much for their children and for the future welfare of the State as a whole as in furthering this now national and almost world-wide movement for the protection of our forest wealth.

Question blanks will return envelopes will be gladly furnished on application to the State Geologist, Chapel Hill, N. C., or the answers may be sent in to the State Geologist on a postcard or in a letter, numbering them to correspond with the number of the question.

BLAMING LEE

As the charge of ignorance could hardly be maintained against the New York Evening Post it can only be accused of a sectional bitterness so intense as to blind it of any power of just discussion of any question that involves the South or its people.

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cannot free him from the reproach of having chosen to lead the forces that battled for human bondage.

The Baltimore Sun refers to the slur upon General Lee, and thus replies to the reckless statement:

"The Post is sufficiently intelligent to know that Lee never did this. He was not in favor of human bondage, as he proved by unambiguously ordering the Post wags that Lee took command of the Southern army? Not to support human bondage, but to repel the invasion of his native State.

The Post knows that when Lee took command of the army slavery was not the issue, and Lincoln had given the distinct assurance that it was not the purpose of the north to interfere with slavery. His purpose, he said, was to preserve the Union, and that alone.

The South was fighting for the right to leave the Union, and the North was fighting to keep it from leaving the Union. Emancipation was merely a move in the game of war, which had no official endorsement when Lee took command. It is singular how the New York Evening Post yet holds on to its sectional bitterness and seeks to pervert and misrepresent history when everywhere else—both North and South—we hear the echo of General Grant's words, "Let us have peace."

Simple Rules for Self-Protection. The commissioner's warning and suggestions have reference not only to grip but to tonsillitis, bronchitis, colds and pneumonia. He asks nothing impossible or difficult of the average person. He expects no sacrifice, no giving up of cherished habits. As he well says, the price of immunity or of health is not high. In fact, a little thought and a little firmness is all that he asks, and the "price" spells more enjoyment and fuller life in the long run.

Moderation in eating and drinking, a reasonable amount of exercise, walking in the open air, ventilation of houses and offices, avoidance of overheated places and excessively heavy clothing—these are the very simple and feasible forms of "insurance" which he prescribes. To know them should be to adopt them.—Chicago Record-Herald.

It Might Be Either. A bony, lank village youth of artistic bent, who was snuffed at by his fellow natives, finally disappeared from his usual haunts. He was missed chiefly because his peculiar personal appearance was bound to attract attention wherever it was exhibited.

No one seemed to know whether the lad had gone, till the storekeeper, returning from a visit to a nearby city, announced that he had discovered his whereabouts.

"I found him!" he proclaimed. "He was in the art museum." "As a curiosity," inquired one, "or as an object of art?"

And So Got Riches. An unfeeling monster of a man—although a writer in the Atchison Globe does not so describe him—was asked at a little evening gathering to tell what book had helped him most.

"My wife's cook-book," he replied, after some thought.

All the ladies present bridled, and one asked him in what way his wife's cook-book had helped him—would he not tell them in a few words?

"About as soon as I married," he said, "I made up my mind I'd rather work than eat."

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