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Taft Speaks in Pittsburg

Pittsburg, May 2.—President Taft ended his two-days stay in Pittsburg with a speech at the Grant day dinner of the Americus Club tonight in which he dealt almost wholly with the foreign affairs of the nation. The President paid a striking tribute to the secretary of state, Mr. Knox, who was present. He vigorously defended and justified the secretary's Nicaraguan policy, and concluded with declaration that the record of the state department during the first year of the present administration was one to which he pointed with the greatest pride. The President aroused the diners to a high pitch of enthusiasm.

And a woman is willing to take advice—if she doesn't need it.

The Firm of Jones Co. has been dissolved. R. L. Jones has sold his interest to D. S. Staton. A. O. Jones and D. S. Staton will continue the business of Jones Co. under the style of Staton & Jones and will continue to give the same square deal as heretofore.

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HINTS ON GARDENING.

How and When to Plant Vegetable and Flower Seeds.

When the birds come the grass turns green, and for the first time since the long winter the amateur gardener can go coastless; the lust for digging and planting comes. Dig as deep as you can, provided the ground is not wet and soggy. But beware of planting too early. Use manure, lots of it, but be sure it is well rotted. Green manure is poison to plants. No garden ever was dug too often or too deep. Digging makes the garden glad and gives fine crops later on. But when in doubt about its being time to plant do not plant.

It is a mistake to plant seeds or set out plants in a wet, cold soil. With few exceptions they will not grow. At best they will lie dormant. More often the cold and wet will kill the tender germs and the seed and the crop is delayed waiting for the growth which never comes.

No seed should be planted until the ground is reasonably dry, not wet and sticky. When the proper condition prevails put in the first sowing of the hardy seeds—radishes, lettuce, onions, spinach, early round smooth peas (if one must have them, the wrinkled ones are better) and the like in vegetables.

The first flower seeds to sow after the ground is reasonably dry are pansies, daisies, sweet peas and nasturtiums. Really the pansies should have been started some weeks earlier in the house, or, better still, good plants may be bought at the florist's and set out at once. It is to be noted that little pansy plants are the best. They will grow better and bloom better and longer than the big ones which have been carried over since last fall.

A week or ten days after planting the first seed, if the weather holds good, the wrinkled peas, beets and other seeds may be planted. Again, a week after these, a planting of early sweet corn may be tried, although it is a little risky still. By May 20 most seeds can be planted and most bedding plants can be set out. Corn, melons, cucumbers, geraniums, asters, lobellias and all except the most tender things are reasonably safe.

Coleus and very tender plants should not be set out until early June, and, while bush beans may be planted in late May, the limas should not be put in the ground until June 1. For the extreme northern states these dates are too early, while as the Ohio river line is approached the dates are late.

WHEN A TREE BLEEDS.

How to Check the Flow of Sap After a Bough is Cut Off.

The following has been found an effectual method of dealing with "bleeding" when necessary to remove branches of trees that are given to bleed profusely. This is to procure or borrow a spirit or blow lamp, such as painters and plumbers generally employ for burning off old paint and soldering joints of lead pipes in inconvenient places, and with its aid to carbonize the wound until the whole surface is thoroughly charred. Follow this up with an immediate application of painter's knotting or Stockholm tar, the former for preference because it hardens more quickly than the latter and when once thoroughly hard the sap cannot penetrate or ooze through it.

The chief thing is to well char or carbonize the wood of and the bark surrounding the wound also. This takes some little time to accomplish if the sap is flowing freely, but as the wood becomes more and more charred the bleeding gradually ceases, and when seen to stop altogether the knotting or tar should at once be applied. If unacquainted with the use of a blow lamp obtain the services of a painter or plumber to do the carbonizing.

How to Pack Bottles.

A difficulty hard to overcome is the packing of bottles, especially when so many are needed on the summer or fall vacation. It should be first ascertained that the corks are sound and that the liquid will not be allowed to seep through them. Then cut pieces of small, pliable wire. Draw a piece of the wire around the neck of each bottle and make a loop, drawing tight. Put the other end across the cork, forming another loop around the neck of the bottle. When it is prepared in this way the bottle may be carried in trunk or bag without danger of leakage.

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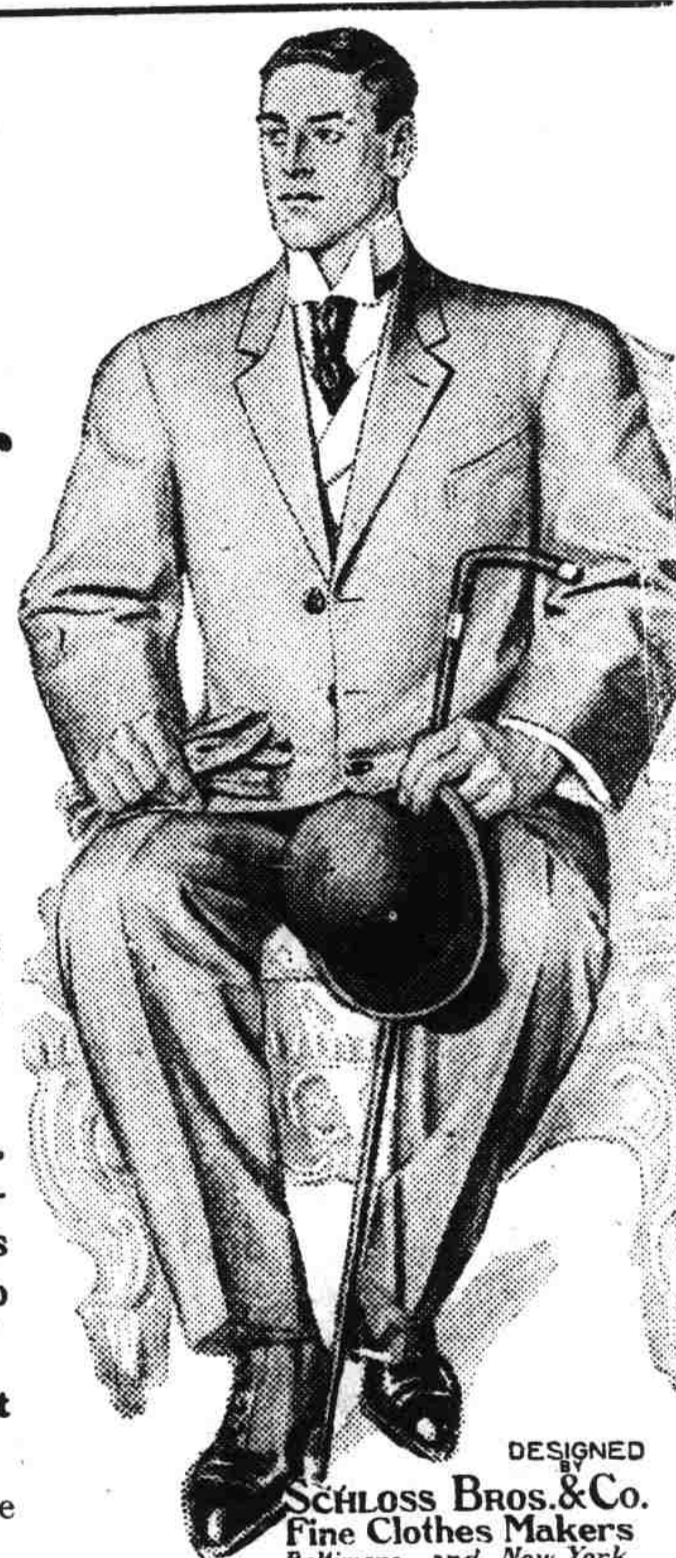
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Washington, May 2.—Governor Hughes of New York was today confirmed by the senate to be associate justice of the supreme court of the United States to succeed the late Justice Brewer. Mr. Hughes was nominated by President Taft on April 25 and favorable action on the nomination was taken this morning by the senate judiciary committee to which it was referred.

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