

Review of "Checking the Waste."

FIRST EIGHT CHAPTERS.

The conservation of our National resources is a serious problem that is facing us as a nation today, for if we do not become less careless and extravagant in our use we shall find ourselves in actual want, and that before many generations have passed. However our danger does not lie so much in the use as in the waste; indeed, true conservation does not mean that we shall not use our resources at all, but only that we shall use them more carefully and more wisely and with much less waste than we now permit.

The soil is our greatest resource, and unlike the use of our other resources, is nothing taken from our store in the using. The soil is there just the same, and if properly treated means new wealth every year. The soil is exhausted in two ways. First: by so using the soil that its principle elements are exhausted. The soil contains ten elements that are used by plants and they are all necessary to plant life. When the land has been "single cropped" for a long time certain elements are lacking. It is wisdom on the part of the farmer to learn what each crop is taking from the soil in order that it may be replaced.

In the second place our soil is exhausted by erosion, which means the wearing away of the soil by stream flow. It is estimated that our rivers carry out to sea one billion tons of our richest soil each year. The destruction of our forests is partly responsible for this wearing away of the soil. The hillsides were left bare of forests, and then the streams wore great ravines down the hillsides carrying our richest soil with it from the farms. But when erosion has been checked there are other lessons in soil preservation to be learned. The American farmer needs to cultivate a smaller amount of land thoroughly. We have desert lands that through irrigation must be brought under cultivation.

After the soil there is no resource so valuable to man as the forests. Forests effect the climate and rainfall; they keep the waters in check and prevent destructive floods; they supply us with food and medicine. After they are cut there are thousands of uses that we take as a matter of course; and their destruction would mean distress for every one of us. There are five ways by which we may prevent the waste in our forests. First: to use the trees without waste. Second: to save the areas that are now burned each year. Third: to prevent loss from insects. Fourth: to use substitutes when possible. Fifth: to plant trees and replant them where they have been cut. Every community, every public ground, every school ground should have plenty of shade and fruit trees. This is a work in which all of us may take some part.

Few of us think of water as a resource that can be wasted or abused, yet it is so. The water that flows through our streams is called the "run off." That is increasing every year as we destroy our forests; but the increase is not always an advantage because it comes in floods, tears away dams, river power sites, fills up the rivers and changes channels. The best plan for conserving our water is as follows:

First, build reservoirs to store the waters of the flood season. Second, remove all obstructions from the rivers and build canals where needed. Third, dams should be built to take advantage of every opportunity for water power.

A study of these facts should arouse in each of us the feeling that there is work for all in help-

ing to develop, to save, to use wisely all the possibilities of our resources and to make the most of what nature has given us.

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Undivided profits less current expenses and taxes paid	982 39
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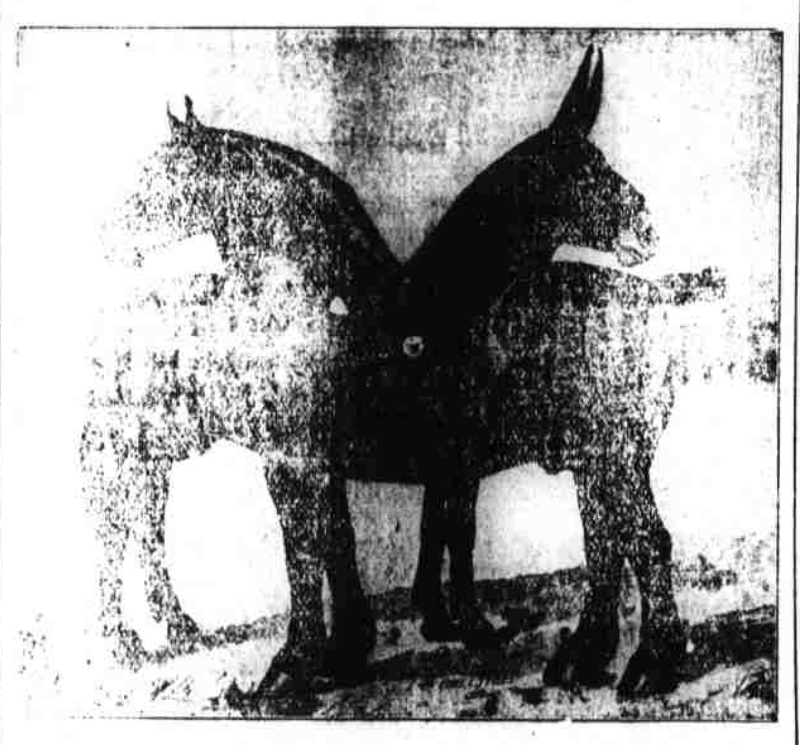
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