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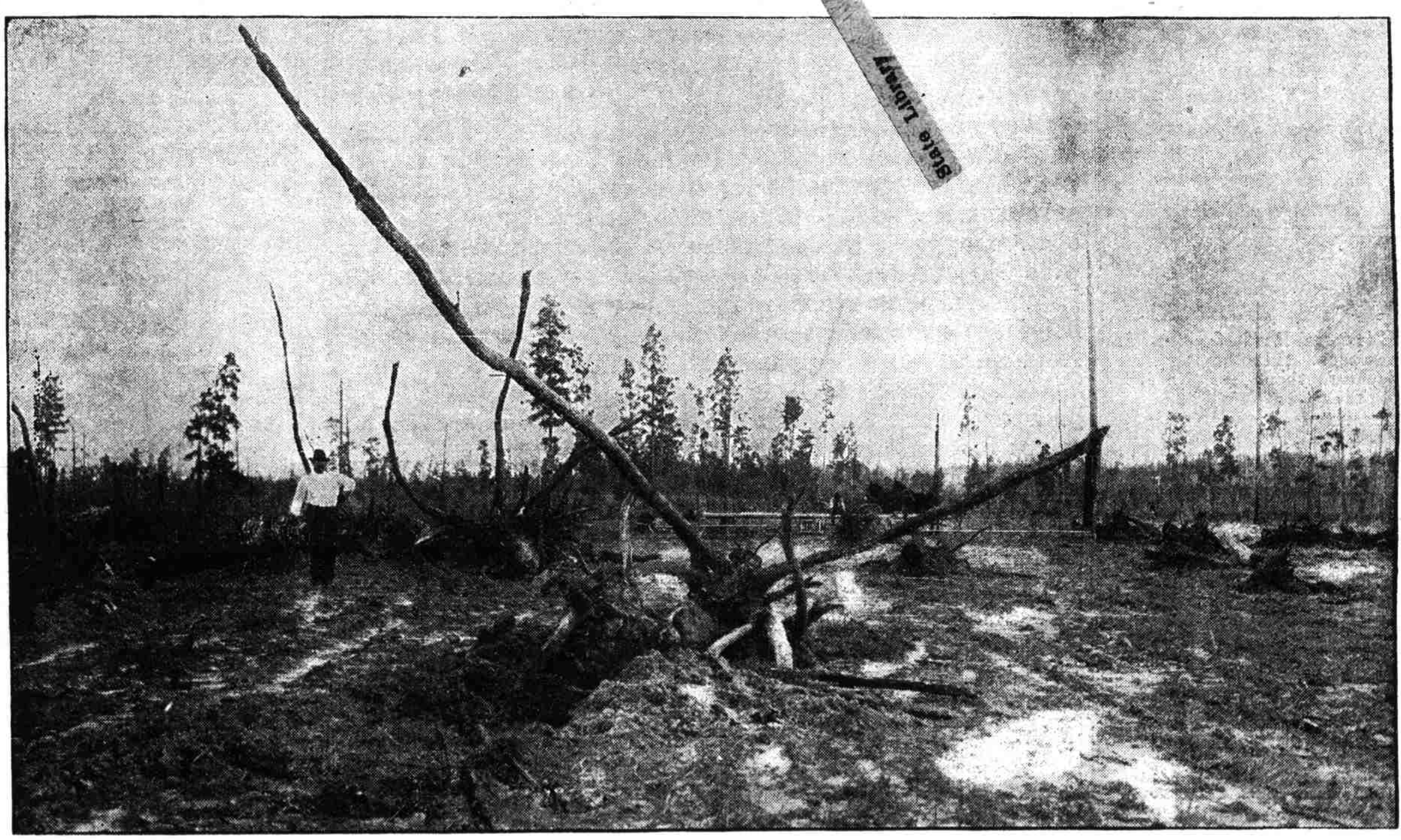
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SOME EXTRA WORK FOR THE BUSY SEASON.



HERE IS ONE JOB THAT CAN STILL BE DONE IN WET WEATHER—READ ON PAGE 5 HOW MR. COX DOES IT.

THIS is the farmer's busy season any year, and on account of the rough winter and late spring it is an uncommonly busy season this year. To some readers it may seem to be folly for us to write about extra work this year; but, for all that, we are convinced that it will pay many farmers to do more work along certain lines than they have been used to doing. All things being even, early planting of our staple crops gives better results, as a rule, than does late planting. This, however, does not mean that it pays to rush the planting and put in the seed before the land is well prepared. Such work never pays.

We have already had considerable to say about the need of proper preparation of the seed-bed and all that, but it will bear repetition, and addition. A year like this, when the land is likely to be plowed too wet or broken in the quickest manner, is the very year when it will pay best to run the disk over the land before breaking, to run the harrow over it just after the turning plow, and to take time to have the soil fine and loose before putting the seed in. Even if this work delays planting a week, it will pay.

The situation is just this: Because the soil is in poorer condition than usual, there is all the more need of getting it in good shape.

As for the sort of work our picture shows—clearing the land, filling gullies, making terraces, etc.—that is, at this season, of course, work for odd spells and times when field work cannot be done, but it is work that pays well any year or any time in the year.

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