

### Proposed Government Forest Preserves.

Scientific American.  
It will doubtless surprise the lumber interests of this country to learn from the Secretary of Agriculture, that during the last seven years, in spite of an unprecedented demand, the amount of hardwood timber which has been cut from our forests has fallen off over fifteen per cent, and this furthermore, in spite of the fact that the wholesale prices of hardwood lumber have advanced from twenty-five to sixty-five per cent. Moreover, the amount of standing hardwood in this country is estimated to be sufficient to last for the next sixteen years only.

We are thus brought face to face with the fact, warning of which has frequently been given of late years, that we have been using up our natural timber resources with a prodigality which was certain to bring us, within a few years, to the verge of a timber famine.

The Bureau of Agriculture urges immediate action to prevent the complete wiping out of our timber resources. National forest reserves are to be formed by the purchase of 5,000,000 acres in the Southern Appalachians, and of 600,000 acres in the White Mountains. The report of the Bureau upon which this recommendation is based contains the first thorough analysis of conditions in the districts affected.

It gives some striking statistics, also, regarding the amount of water power available, in which it is shown, not only how completely the nation depends upon the South-Appalachians for its future hardwood supply, but also what a great reduction the continued removal of the forest would make both in the navigability of the streams which head in these mountains, and in their value for water power purposes. Both the Northern and Southern mountain ranges affected are shown to be advancing rapidly toward a condition of barrenness. In the uplands to the south of Pennsylvania fully 100 square miles of arable and forest land are lost to a country every year by the denudation of the forests and the resulting washing away of the soil.

The Bureau brings out some startling facts regarding the water-power conditions, particularly in the Southern Appalachians, whose streams afford, during the lowest water of the year, a minimum of 2,740,000 horse-power. This could be developed by proper systems of storage from three to thirty times, and, on the supposition one half of the minimum horse-power would be available for industrial developed, the Bureau States that the rental of these developed water powers would be worth \$27,000,000 a year. If to this were added the possible revenue from the fifty per cent of power which is present for only one-half the year, the total rental would reach the high figure of \$38,000,000. The question is one of the most urgent that will come before the present Congress; and whether the comprehensive and costly scheme as outlined by Secretary Wilson be adopted in its entirety or not, it is certain that some restrictive and preservative legislation should be immediately enacted.

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### Invents a Lawn-Mower.

Asheville, N. C., Jan. 8.—A negro who has been confined in the county jail of Buncombe for the past several months, has employed his time well. The negro, who helps about the kitchen in the jail building, and who is a sort of "trustee," has worked out a lawn-mower invention which, it is believed, will prove successful. The negro, with only such rude tools as a case knife and hack-saw, has builded his model, and if the finished product goes as well as the model the man has an invention which should bring him many dollars. The lawn-mower invented by the jail-bird is equippek with a band which is calculated to cut grass smoother and more rapidly than the ordinary mower. Also the mower has an attachment which gathers up the cut grass and at certain intervals dumps it automatically in little heaps over the mowed lawn, making it easy to remove without the trouble of raking or dumping, as with the ordinary basket. Application will shortly be made by the inventor for a patent.

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### Totten.

We neglected to mention in our last issue, the splendid performance, at the Graded School Auditorium Monday night the 6th. He was all his advertisers claim for him. His sleight-of-hand performances, were perhaps the best ever seen here, certainly the best in recent years. He kept his audience amused wondering and amazed all the time. His impersonations of various people and his rendition of a number of select recitations were also splendid and highly entertaining. Committees who want an attraction that will make good will not go amis by selecting Totten.

### Woman's Grave Opened and Jewelry Taken from Coffin.

Washington, N. C., Jan. 3.—News was brought to this city today of the work of ghouls near Boyd's Ferry, about ten miles from this city, on late Monday night, when the private burying grounds of the White family residing near, was entered and the grave of Susan White opened and several pieces of old jewelry were stolen from the coffin, which it is estimated were worth a considerable sum of money. It seems that this was a very old grave, and the secret of the jewels it contained were known only to a few. The grave was found the next morning with the dust of the planks that formed the coffin and the bones of the body in a heap in one end of the grave, the jewelers have been notified to be on the look out for any old jewelry that may be brought in for sale, and the hope is in this way to find some trace of the guilty parties.

It is very important and in fact it is absolutely necessary to health that we give relief to the stomach promptly at the first signs of trouble—which are belching of gas, nausea, sour stomach, headache, irritability and nervousness. These are warnings that the stomach has been mistreated; it is doing too much work and it is demanding help from you. Take something once in a while, especially after meals; something like KODOL for Dyspepsia and Indigestion. It will enable your stomach to do its work properly. Sold by J. E. Dr. Kent and Granite Falls Drug Co.

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### Practical Prohibition.

Industrial News.  
Twenty-five thousand employes of the Northwestern Railroad have signed a pledge to abstain from the use of intoxicating drinks. The company had, as a matter of business prudence, adopted a policy of discrimination, favoringsobriety on the part of employes, and as a matter of self-protection those employes who were in the habit of drinking in moderation entered into a mutual compact of abstinence. As the Philadelphia Record remarks: "This is the kind of prohibition that prohibits. When every man is his own prohibitionist things are as they ought to be."

An occasional drink may do no especial harm, but the safest thing for a young man to do is to let liquor alone. It is no hardship for him to do without it. If he drinks at all there is always danger that the habit may become so strong that only those of unusually strong will power can escape from it. The man who occupies any important position needs a clear brain and a steady hand. He can not have these if he lets liquor get the least hold on him. The employes of the Northwestern have done a wise thing in eliminating liquor altogether.

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### Ban on Cigarettes in Arkansas.

Union Republican.  
A stringent anti-cigarette law went into effect in Arkansas Jan. 1. It prohibits the sale or giving away of cigarettes and cigarette papers and provides a penalty for any one having cigarettes or papers in their possession. It is probable that the tobacco interests will test the constitutionality of the act before the courts.

It was at Montreal, Canada, just last week, that we heard a prominent railroad official say in our presence that it was a rule of his company to employ no man addicted to the use of cigarettes. Cigarette smoking in Canada is as prevalent as in North Carolina. The pipe you seldom see, the cigar quite frequently, but cigarettes are the most popular.

### Election April Fourth.

Salisbury, N. C., Jan. 2.—The Anti-Saloon League of this city, is making active preparations for a prohibition election which is expected to be held here April 4th, for the purpose of running out all the distilleries and saloons now operating in Salisbury. The proposed election is attracting the attention of the State by reason of the fact that Salisbury is one of the few strong holds for whiskey dealers in North Carolina. The temperance forces are well organized and will have the cooperation of Governor Glenn, Judge J. C. Pritchard, Rev. M. F. Ham, of Kentucky and others.

The clerk who wants larger wages must be a money-maker for his employer. Simply holding down the job will not increase the firm's profits.

It must be great to be so rich you can tell subscription committees, without hurting your financial standing, that you can't afford to give anything.

### Glenn Asks Roosevelt to Hunt Bear With Him.

Governor Glenn has sent to President Roosevelt an invitation to come to North Carolina some time within the next two months and to join him in a bear hunt in Eastern Carolina. The naming of the date is left with the President. The governor asks the President to be his guest while in this state, in the event he accepts the invitation. The hunt is to be in Carteret county where the governor says he has found a sections of woods in which there are bears deers and turkeys in abundance.

### Bonds Sold.

The \$20,000 street improvement bonds voted at the election last September, have been sold at a little more than par value to a Cleveland, Ohio, firm.

The town authorities will proceed as soon as the spring weather will permit to do some much needed permanent street work.

The orator who can work himself into a passion over the prospect of Bryan's election is the kind of a fellow who can go out into the woods and rehearse and then jump down off the stump and shake hands with the chinquepin bushes.

Originate your own plans and carry them out. You may be able to copy your neighbor's plans, but it is very doubtful if you can copy his success.

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The man who uses a faishood for policy like the woman who powders, soon gets into the habit of putting on too much.—Acheson Globe.

A Kansas editor wants to know how long girls should be courted. Try 'em the same as short girls, only reach higher.—Montgomery Messenger.

We hope the smokers of this country by and by will form a union and boycott any cigar that wears a bellyband.—Richmond Times Dispatch.

The problem in Georgia is how to remain ill enough to obtain a doctor's prescription without going to bed.—Charleston News and Courier.

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Better that the cleanliness of your store go unnoticed than that anyone have occasion to remark upon the presence of dirt or cobwebs.

The Darwinian theory will always find some supporters as long as so many men continue to make monkeys of themselves.

All married men are not necessarily spiritualists because they are controlled by the unseen power at the other end of the telephone.

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