

SPRIT OF RANGERS PLEASING TO CHIEF

District Forester Silcox Returns After Series of Meetings With Men in the Field, and Is Elated Over Sincerity of Purpose Back of Their Work.

After an absence of about ten days, during which time he attended ranger meetings at Orofino, Coeur d'Alene and Sandpoint, Idaho, District Forester F. A. Silcox was at his desk again yesterday, having arrived home the night before.

"I feel very gratified over the way these ranger meetings have turned out," said the forester, as he looked up from his pile of accumulated mail that was demanding his attention most of the day. "There are only three more meetings to be held, at Choteau, Kalspell and Jabby, and then I will have been around the circle of the district and have met all of the rangers. It has been a very valuable experience for all concerned. I think.

Spirit of Men.

"What pleases me most is the spirit of the men in the field. As never before they seem to be actuated by a desire to render true public service in the broadest sense. It has always been my aim to promote the idea of the work of the forest service in its relation to the great economic condition of the whole country. I find that this relationship is well understood and appreciated by the men in the field, and that there is a sincerity of purpose behind their work that should be a delight to the head of any organization of men.

The Fire-Fighting Scheme.

"The Idaho meetings of the past few days have been along the same lines as those held in other parts of the

district, except that the forest fire problem was given first instead of secondary place. The forests represented at the sessions are those where fires would be the most disastrous and where it is necessary to develop the fighting organization to its highest efficiency. Our plans for this season contemplate establishing fire patrols under two separate heads. First is the 'fixed' patrol along those routes where fires might be expected to start under usual conditions. The best example of this is a railroad right-of-way. Here the guard will also be a fire-fighter. The other division will be the blanket patrol from lookout points and high divides, where a general view of the country is possible and where sentries remain on duty constantly and communicate by telephone to the nearest available crew when a fire is sighted. Proper buildings and accommodations for these lookout points, where the men are far removed from civilization, were given considerable consideration.

Practical Tests.

"Under these two plans we expect to test out the organization early in June. Without any warning we will cause smudges to be started so the smoke should be noticed by the guard of that district. Then we will time the arrival of the fighting force. In this way the efficiency of the organization can be tested out in a practical way.

Co-operating With State.

"Throughout the district the question of co-operation with state officials in the protection of game and the prevention of fires and stock rustling has been thor-

oughly discussed. We feel that we can render more public service in working with the state in these matters, for our men are constantly in the field, where state officers only go when called in special cases. Over in eastern Montana the stockmen have filed several petitions asking that rangers be made deputy state stock inspectors, so that they will be clothed with proper authority to act in stock-stealing cases. The rangers are not required to do this, but are privileged to do so, although they receive no additional compensation. Few have refused when asked by the stockmen.

An Idaho Problem.

"One of the big problems in Idaho is the disposal of brush and slashings. In the natural stands of timber as well as the sales areas this underbrush is a menace because of fire danger. The best way to handle this problem served for many discussions during these last three meetings. Everything considered the district organization seems in splendid shape this spring. The work of this season should be of a high order. Results should be better than those of any season since the field district was created.

LOCKED IN A TRUNK BY A TRAIN BANDIT

Little Rock, Ark., April 9.—Attracted by muffled cries from the express car attached to a local Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific train, railway employes found the express messenger, William Ahring, locked in a trunk tonight, holed and gagged, and the safe in the car looted.

The discovery was made when the train reached Little Rock from Hot Springs at 10 o'clock. It is estimated that between \$2,000 and \$3,000 was obtained by the two men who, Ahring asserts, took possession of the car near Haskell, Ark., 39 miles from Little Rock and forced him into the trunk.

WILSONS GO SOUTH FOR EASTER VISIT

MRS. WILSON WILL REMAIN, BUT THE DOCTOR WILL HURRY BACK TO HIS JOB.

Washington, April 9.—President Wilson left for White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., tonight for a three days' trip, the object of which is to benefit the health of Mrs. Wilson. In the party were also the Misses Margaret and Eleanor Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Bowen Sayre, Secretary Trimble, and Dr. Cary T. Grayson, U. S. N.

The party traveled in a private car and was due at White Sulphur Springs early tomorrow. The president will leave there Sunday night, returning to Washington early Monday, but Mrs. Wilson probably will make an extended visit there.

The Wedding.

Washington, April 9.—Although there has been no expression from the White House as yet, friends of Secretary McAdoo and Miss Eleanor Randolph Wilson, the president's youngest daughter, who are to be married soon, believe the wedding will be a quiet family affair.

Washington society is daily expecting an announcement of the date and some who profess to be well informed think it will be April 30 or early in May.

BULLETIN ON BLIGHT AND BLISTER MITE IS ISSUED

STATE EXPERIMENT STATION SENDS WARNING AND ADVICE TO GROWERS.

A double bulletin, treating of both apple and pear blight and the blister-mite infection of fruit trees, has been issued by the Montana experiment station and distributed among the growers. M. L. Dean received copies of the bulletin here yesterday. It reads as follows:

To Control Blight

Now is the time to cut the last hold-over cankers. Even with the best cutting in the fall some cankers escape. Visit every tree again as soon as possible and cut out the few remaining cankers that would start the spring infection.

Do not plant such blight-susceptible varieties as Alexander and Transcendent crab. If you have ordered them, have the order changed. Trees of these varieties are our worst obstacles in controlling blight.

During the summer do not make the trees more susceptible by forcing an excessive growth through intensive cultivation and heavy irrigation.

These are the key-notes to success in blight control.

D. R. SWINGLE, Botanist and Bacteriologist.

The Blister-Mite

The time is at hand when the season's spraying for the blister-mite should be done.

Apple and pear trees should be thoroughly sprayed with lime-sulphur solution just before the leaf-buds open. We believe that the best results are secured by delaying this spraying until the buds are swelling. If commercial brands are used, take one gallon to ten of water.

As the leaves of affected trees are unfolding in the spring, the blisters caused by this mite are seen. On the pear they are often brightly colored at first and as the season advances they die, causing brown spots. A fuller description of this mite may be had by writing to the experiment station.

R. A. COOLKY, Entomologist.

SAVED US A MILLION IN POSTAL EXPENSES

Washington, April 9.—Economics effected by Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Blackely during the first year of his administration have netted the government a saving of \$1,000,000, according to figures announced today by Postmaster General Burleson. The reducing of the old-fashioned mail boxes with new and lighter look is said to have resulted in a saving of \$290,000; \$500,000 was saved by using canvas instead of leather pouches; reduction in office employees netted \$143,000 and the manufacture and purchase of cancelling machines \$100,000.

THE WAY TO UNLOCK.

(National Monthly) The red-haired office boy was whistling a late popular air, but he didn't carry the tune very well. "You will break into song occasionally, will you?" remarked his employer. "Sometimes," answered the Auburn haired youth. "If you'd get the key you wouldn't need to break in," retorted the boss.

PROBABLY.

(From Judge.) Miss Paul—Her voice was strained. Miss Pry—Was she talking through her veil?

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Coffee Drinkers, and Think a Minute!

Some persons seem able, for a time at least, to get along with coffee, but it contains a subtle, habit-forming drug, caffeine, which sooner or later is pretty sure to rob one of health and comfort.

If you know coffee don't harm you—if you feel prime and fit under its continued use, well and good—stick to it.

But—if you are sometimes a bit "off color," and irritable nerves, disturbed heart action, biliousness, headache or symptoms of liver or kidney trouble make you wonder what's the matter—

Better find out what coffee has to do with it.

Evidently some people are learning the truth about coffee—listen—

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REPUBLICANS DOWN ROOSEVELT BOOM

ATTEMPT TO SECURE INDORESEMENT IN MAINE IS DECLARED OUT OF ORDER.

Augusta, Maine, April 9.—A move to have the republican state convention today recommend the nomination of Theodore Roosevelt as a candidate for president in 1916 met with failure. A resolution to that end adopted by the republican caucus of the town of York, which was offered as an amendment to the platform, but was declared out of order.

The platform contains the national democratic administration for what is declared to be its "hired surrender to Great Britain in the matter of the Panama canal," its violation of platform pledges, and its various humiliating policy in dealing with conditions in Mexico.

National prohibition was favored. The Underwood tariff law is characterized as "unjustly sectional and a menace to our industries."

A workman's compensation law; a law limiting the work of women and children in factories to 54 hours a week; woman suffrage; ballot reform; and a presidential preference primary are advocated.

THE INFANT CLASS.

(National Monthly)

Harold and William had been fighting and upon their return at night, were exhibiting with great satisfaction the result of the day's sport.

"Fish go in schools, do they not?" asked a young woman who was a visitor.

"I believe they do," replied one of the men, "but why do you ask?" "Oh, nothing," said the girl, with a smile. "Only I was just thinking that you must have broken up an infant class."



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