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White Willow.

Mr. O. B. Galusha, in a lecture at the Illinois Industrial University in 1869, in speaking of the white willow, says:

"I regard this as probably combining more desirable qualities for cultivation in groves for lumber purposes than any other variety of the soft-wood, rapid-growing deciduous trees, and am decidedly of the opinion that this and the golden variety are the best deciduous trees within my knowledge for wind-breaks or screens, but wish to be distinctly understood as not recommending this tree as a hedge-plant, or the planting of this or any other one sort to the neglect of other desirable varieties. Strong cuttings of this tree seldom fail to strike root at once in mellow soil, and will make a growth of from two to six feet the first season. It thrives in all kinds of soil, making as much wood in a given number of years as any other known sort, not even excepting the cotton-wood, growing into a large tree, sometimes four feet in diameter. The wood is of rather fine texture for a light wood, making a fair article of soft lumber, which bears a fine polish. It is also valuable for making wooden ware, bowls, trays, &c. It also splits freely, which is a desirable quality in making fence-posts, rails, railroad-ties, and fire-wood. * * * The golden willow is similar in growth and texture to the white, but I think does not make so large a tree. I have measured about a dozen trees of this variety (golden), which were planted by the roadside 15 years ago last spring, and find the average circumference of the trunks at three and a half feet from the ground to be 5 feet 3 inches. A white willow * * * which has grown from a small cutting put in 13 years ago last spring, now measures 6 feet 2 inches near the ground, forming a head or top 30 feet across. This variety, when planted in groves, grows tall and almost perfectly straight. I have carefully computed the expense of raising ten acres of trees of this variety and converting them into lumber, and find the entire cost not to exceed $10 per thousand feet. This estimate is based upon actual measurement of the growth of trees. The land itself is valued at $40 per acre, with interest upon this amount, together with the expenses computed as before, at 6 per cent. compound interest. I take ten acres in these estimates of growing artificial groves because it is desirable to have trees enough together, or in close proximity, that the cost of putting up and removing a saw-mill would be but a trifle upon each thousand feet of lumber sawed."

The value of the willow in preventing erosion in the banks of rivers and streams, for holding the soil liable to washing away in valleys, and for filling up the channels worn by small streams in loose gravelly soil, and preventing further gullying, must have been noticed by every observing person. This office is performed by the multitude of long tracing roots that it sends through the damp soil wherever they find nourishment, the shoots by which it multiplies and spreads from the roots, and sometimes when crowded, by the prostrate branches.—Report upon Forestry.

General Miles' Victory.

Special Telegram to the Inter Ocean.

MAMMOTH SPRINGS, NATIONAL PARK, Wy. T., Sept. 9, via HELENA, M. T., Sept. 12.—A courier just in from Gen. Miles' camp, brings the report of a fight with the Bannock hostiles. On the 1st Miles left the Crow agency for Clark's Fork. On the afternoon of the 3d the Crow scouts brought in word of the Bannocks coming through the pass. Miles went into camp to prevent being seen by the hostiles, and sent out scouts to watch their movements. The scouts noted the night camp of the Bannocks, and reported that their first intention was to attack the Bannocks on the night of the 3d, but it rained all day, and the darkness became too thick for operations. At two o'clock on the morning of the fourth, Miles started forward to attack with twenty-seven men of the Fifth Infantry, Capt. Bennett commanding, and thirty five friendly Crows. At four o'clock in the morning the force reached the Bannock camp, deployed in skirmish line, and when within fifty yards, commenced firing into the hostiles, who were taken completely by surprise, being all asleep at the beginning of the action.

The Bannock camp was protected by steep bluffs in the rear, and a bend of Clark's Fork in front. The troops on the right of the line fired across the river into the Bannock camp. The Crow allies on the left fell back from the position assigned them by Miles, and permitted a few Bannocks to escape, otherwise every one would have been killed or taken prisoner. The battle lasted for two hours, the Bannocks, though few in number, fighting with desperate obstinacy. The result was that Captain Bennett, Company B, Fifth Infantry, of Little Rock; a French scout, and one Crow Indian were killed on the side of the troops, and thirteen Bannocks killed. Private McAtee, Company G, Fifth Infantry, was wounded in the wrist, the stock of his gun being shot away. Thirty-four Bannocks, men, women and children, were taken prisoners and sent to Fort Keogh in charge of General Buel, who, with four companies of the Second Cavalry, arrived the day after the fight.

The Crows captured the Bannock herd of about two hundred head of horses. Twenty-two Indian horses were killed in camp. Not more than three or four Bannock warriors escaped. Capt. Bennett was shot through the heart, and fell dead early in the action, leaving Miles the only commissioned officer present, Lieut. Bailey being at Bowlder Creek. Although a few Bannocks were believed to have gone south to the Shoshone agency, and a few toward Fort Hall, it is believed that Miles closes the Bannock war, as he did the Nez Perces, Sitting Bull, Crazy Horse and Lame Deer's campaign, and safety for travelers in the National Park is believed to be insured for the remainder of the season. Gen. Miles is expected to join the main body at the Yellowstone expedition in two days and proceed through the park.

FORT TOTTEN ITEMS.

The amount of Totten news is quite small. Hunting ducks, &c., being the chief pursuit.

Capt. Bell, of the 7th Cavalry, and Indian Agent, Jas. McLaughlin, dropped 40 ducks in one afternoon's shooting. Capt. M. McArthur lately sent for a first-class pointer dog, and on his arrival went out with other officers to try his hunting qualities. The dog having just arrived from a long ride in the ambulance, was inclined to sport about the vehicle in which the gentlemen were riding, and in doing so was run over, the wheels passing over his lungs; and without hunting for his master an hour, this valuable and high-priced dog passed to the happy hunting grounds, and thereby spoiled many an anticipated hour of sport for the gentlemen at Fort Totten this fall.

Lieut. Robinson denies perpetrating the joke credited to him in a former issue of the ALERT, about Private Thompson and the building of the steam yacht at Devil's Lake. Private Thompson, considering the difficulties he meets in building so large a craft alone, and handling everything from the rough, is making very fair progress, and although the joke was a good one, yet the fact that he is doing all that could be expected of any one, in furthering the building of the boat, is more satisfactory to us to record. We hope early next spring to be at the launch of the steamer.

Rather of a joke happened a party of yachters sailing on the briny deep of Devil's Lake, a couple of weeks ago. A party of ladies and gentlemen from the post, took a sailboat and ventured forth on a voyage of discovery, and although all went well at first, fortune proved fickle; and as evening drew her starry gemmed curtains about the couch of sleeping nature, the zephyrs that had lazily fanned their sail also grew drowsy, and then left them becalmed in what (in honor of the cavalry officers in charge,) should be called the "horse latitudes", a place so dreaded by sailors. Fishing lines were used to lure the scaly tribe, but to no avail; and at last growing desperate, and the fun having vanished some time before, two paddles were improvised from pieces of board, and the first and second watch, of two gentlemen each, alternately "pulled for the shore", which they reached at three o'clock in the morning.

—Wm. Cary Sanger, of New York City, dropped down from Bismarck while on his way home from the Black Hills, and spent Monday morning in making up his mind that this was bound to make a thriving place. Lack of time prevented a longer stay.

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