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SUGGESTS BURNING FOR OLD TIMBER SLASHINGS

Wisconsin State Forester Advocates Plan to Remove Danger of Fires.

LAW COULD BE APPLIED HERE

E. W. Griffith, state forester of Wisconsin, who has given the preservation of forest products considerable study since the big forest fires during the summer of 1905, advocates the burning of all hemlock and pine slashings left by lumbermen in the forests of that state. As the forest conditions in Wisconsin are practically identical with those in Northern Michigan, Mr. Griffith's recommendations are of interest in this region.

Mr. Griffith believes that the burning of the slashings would be the most effective means of preventing disastrous fires. He has found that most of the fires have originated in cut-over districts where the slashings have been left to dry. Mr. Griffith has recommended to the legislative committee on water power, forestry and drainage, the drawing up of a law that will make the burning of slashings compulsory.

The state forestry was questioned as to the expense of burning the slashings, and he said that sixty cents per 4,000 square feet of territory would be an outside figure. He recommended that the state forestry board experiment by burning slashings on a section, or half section, and thus gain an idea of the cost of the work.

Mr. Griffith declares himself strongly in favor of the state of Wisconsin retaining possession of all the water power rights it now owns. He says the state should refuse to grant dam franchises unless given control as a consideration. The state, he declared, should retain all the rights it still possesses.

The state forester's arguments relative to the burning of slashings were so forcible that it is now expected that the legislature will pass at its forthcoming session a law making this work compulsory on the part of the lumbermen. This question has been discussed by a number of the heavy timber operators in both Northern Wisconsin and the upper peninsula for more than a year past, and it is said that many of them are ready to cooperate with the state officials.

AT THE GOOD WILL FARM.

Thirty-one Homeless Little Tots Are Being Cared For.

Mrs. L. M. McNabb was in the village most of the week in the interest of the Good Will Farm and Home Finding association of Houghton county and upper peninsula, says the Ontonagon Herald.

She states that there are now at this home twenty-seven children and that four more from Marquette county will be admitted this week.

The home and farm is located at Pilgrim about three miles from Houghton and is a large, nicely heated and well ventilated building and the work of the institution is progressing nicely.

They have recently installed electric lights which are connected with the Houghton lighting plant, and are figuring on putting in a water motor with which to pump their water for the farm. This work has formerly been done with a gasoline engine. It is estimated that it costs between \$500 and \$600 per month to support this institution which has been organized since March 1906.

The home has several good features which will perhaps be of interest. It has its own school which is held in a nice, large room, just off of the main dining room, and this school is provided with a competent teacher who is paid a salary of \$25 per month and board and room.

Every Sunday morning the children are assembled and listen for a short time to scripture reading or to some good talks by some of the officers of the home and then a session for Sabbath school.

HOUGHTON LADY DIES.

Mrs. John Lagassa Passes Away at Her Home on Sheldon Street.

Mrs. John Lagassa, a well known resident of Houghton, died after a short illness, at her home on Sheldon street this morning. Mrs. Lagassa had been a resident of Houghton for the

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LIBRARY IN ONTONAGON.

Woman's Association Hopes to Have Building Ready Soon.

The Ontonagon Woman's Library association hopes to have its new building ready for occupancy in a short time, the weather permitting, says the Herald.

The new building, while not pretentious, will be comfortable and cozy, and have stack room enough for books for years to come. The books now number about six hundred, mostly fiction, and with diversity enough in style to suit many tastes.

The Association in its efforts to put up and own a small building of its own wish to appeal for help to all the people of the village, who may in any way be interested in good reading for themselves or their families. Contributions to the fund will be gratefully received and membership tickets issued to anyone who may desire them. A membership card may be taken out by any family on payment of \$1.50 the first year and \$1 each year thereafter.

This is the nearest approach which has ever been made, in recent years at least, to a public library for the village.

LAST BOATS LEAVE DULUTH.

Several are Expected to Arrive, Which Will End Navigation.

The last boats to leave the port of Duluth for lower lake ports the present season got on their way last night, says the Duluth Herald. So far as departures are concerned the navigation season at the Head of the Lakes is over. The boats to get away were the Rochester and Buffalo of the Western Transit company. Both boats took package freight with deck loads of shingles. The Stearn proceeded out of the local harbor, she had grain.

With the departure of these boats, the season ends. The present season has been the greatest for post-season voyagers ever seen on the lakes. Some of the boats have taken an extension on their insurance and paid the 1 per cent demanded by the insurance companies.

There are yet a number of boats to arrive at the port of Duluth. They all belong to the Mutual Transit company and are expected to be safe at anchor in the local bay by Monday noon. Those to come are: Gould, Northern Light, North Wind and Minneapolis. The steamer North Lake of this line arrived in port last night. This will make five of the Mutual boats to lay up in the local harbor for the winter months.

The steamers Ames, Wolpin, and Bend arrived early this morning. They were well coated with ice, and after discharging their cargoes will lay up for the winter.

MAY SUCCEED JUDGE STONE.

Richard C. Flannigan Likely to Accept Circuit Court Bench Seat.

A Lansing dispatch says: R. C. Flannigan, of Norway, who is here attending the reunion of the constitutional convention, now confesses that if the nomination is given him he will go upon the circuit bench in succession to Judge Stone of Marquette, who takes his seat upon the supreme court bench Jan. 1. It is probable that a convention will be called in January and the nomination of Mr. Flannigan made, which will remove from active practice one of Michigan's most brilliant and forceful lawyers.

The upper peninsula has long desired to honor Mr. Flannigan, for he has been the most potent factor above the straits for many years. He is the one man all factions have implicit confidence in and but for his modesty he would have been nominated for the supreme bench.

Mr. Flannigan has just rounded the half century. A man of intense energy and enormous capacity for work his active participation in upper peninsula matters will be missed, while his ascendancy to the bench will give him a welcome release from the responsibilities of an immense practice. Few men would care to relinquish the emoluments of a lucrative law practice, but Flannigan is a rare man and he believes that there are other things in life besides money.

past 15 years, having come to this city from Ironwood. She was 55 years of age and a native of Canada.

A husband, two sons, Louis and George, and one daughter, Mary, survive her. The funeral services will be held Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock from the St. Ignatius church of Houghton.

CORGAN BELIEVES ONTONAGON WILL GET AN APPROPRIATION

Emissary Sent to Washington to Plead For Harbor Cause Writes Letter.

HE GETS ENCOURAGEMENT

The Ontonagon Herald prints the following letter, concerning the effort that is being made to secure an appropriation for Ontonagon harbor improvements, from James Corgan, who was sent to Washington to appear before the board of Engineers to boost for the proposition. It is addressed to A. Follansbee of Ontonagon.

Following is a letter received by Mr. Follansbee last Sunday and it is very encouraging:

Washington, D. C., Dec. 3rd, 1909. Friend Al—Tell our people they are not going to be abandoned by their Uncle Samuel and to use Senator Smith's own words, he'd be d—d if any river and harbor bill went out of the senate committee on harbors and commerce that did not contain a provision for Ontonagon and he is a member as I recently advised you and I'll be d—d if it hasn't lifted about a ton off my shoulders. We, namely, Senator Smith and myself go before the board of United States engineers in the morning. Senator Burrows and others have aided me materially, not forgetting Hon. H. O. Young and J. Jones of Marquette. Intend carrying out the original instructions interesting the captains and lake marine. Aim more than pleased to be able to impart the above information to our town folks and the people of our county. Yours to command, James Corgan.

J. P. Corran has received several cards from his father stating that he has been on the jump and has met with encouragement on every side and that he was using all his efforts to increase the head man of the Lake Captains' association at Marine City.

WOLVES ARE INCREASING.

Pests Are More Numerous This Winter Than Usual.

Wolves have been more numerous in the woods this fall than for many years and their extermination is again made the matter for much comment. A few years ago the government took up the proposition as to the best method for their destruction, and issued pamphlets which were given a wide circulation. The government experts advocated a search being made for the young, which they said could be easily found by experienced hunters and killed before they were able to leave their breeding place. This method was tried in some places in the peninsula, but was not successful.

Almost every hunter going into the woods this fall found tracks of the wolves, traveling in pairs or in packs of anywhere from four to a dozen, but it is almost impossible to get within shooting distance of the animals and a comparatively few bounties had to be paid. Nearly every county in the peninsula raised the bounty, hoping that it would be the means of hunters and trappers making the business of extermination of the wolves a business, but experience has shown that the claimants for bounties were not materially increased. The problem of wiping out the pests and destroyers of game animals is still an open question.

WIRELESS AT GRAND MARAIS.

Grand Marais is at last in communication with the outside world.

The wireless station is completed and last night the first message was received, says the Duluth Herald.

The village has been in existence for nearly half a century and all that time has been without means of communication. The boats that made the port offered the only means of communication with the world at large.

Some time ago the United Wireless company announced its intention of installing a station at that point.

There was great rejoicing in the village last night when the first message was sent and an answer received.

HOTEL CHANGES HANDS.

On Wednesday morning Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Running of L'Anse, assumed charge of the Chappell House, which has been under the charge of Mrs. B. Olson for the past few years. Mr. Running has had considerable experience in the hotel business in the past and will endeavor to keep up the good reputation of the house. The hotel has been thoroughly renovated and repaired and a good patronage is assured.—L'Anse Sentinel.

INDOOR BASEBALL GAME.

The indoor baseball teams representing the Houghton Light Infantry and the Hancock Elks will clash tomorrow evening in the Germania hall and it is expected that the game will prove full of interest. The Elks hold second place in the Postage Lake Fraternal league race, but if the soldier boys can get away with the long end of the tomorrow evening's score they will replace the Elks. Several of the members of the Elks' team are residents of Houghton, and because of this fact, there is considerable interest in the encounter.

Sam E. Byrne, manager of the Palm, Webber & Co. branch brokerage office in Houghton, is in Marquette on business.

Extension of Trees' Roots.

As a general rule roots extend on each side of a tree to a distance equal the height of the tree itself.

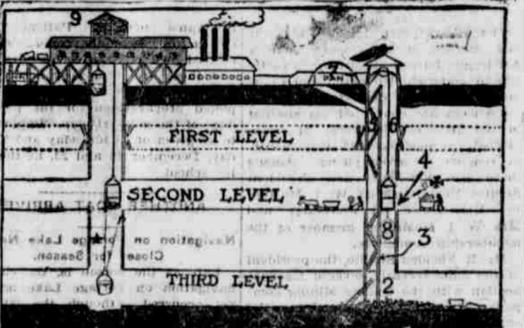
The U. S. Consular School



Herbert C. Hengstler, Chief of the U. S. Consular Bureau and Principal of Diplomatic School. At top, Uncle Sam's Consular School in Session at the Department of State.

Washington, Dec. 5.—There has recently been established at the department of state in Washington an institution known as the United States consular school which is expected to materially raise the standard of Yankee consular service. All new appointees to Uncle Sam's consular service are required to attend this school every day for one month or longer and during this comprehensive course they receive instruction in every practical detail of a consul's work. The rooms at the state department which are used by the new school are fitted up as a model United States consulate and are provided with complete sets of account and record books such as a consul is required to keep when he assumes the duties of his post. Herbert G. Hengstler, the chief of the United States consular bureau, is the principal of the new school and co-operating with him are several veteran consuls on international law, citizenship, trade relations, etc.

Alleged Working Conditions in Cherry Mine Tomb



Star shows only means of transportation from third level to main shaft. A rope tied to bottom of cage hoisted a bucket to second level. This rope could only be used by miners on second level and was of no use when fire occurred, as it was not attached. Pipes and obstructions are alleged to have blocked the main passageway of the second level. The law requires that this be kept open. At the right of the third level is shown the 20-foot movable ladder which led to the wooden stairway. Number two shows where 145 bodies were found. Number nine the cage and the trolley. Number five shows the air shaft and number six the hoisting shaft. These two shafts are said to have been separated by a two inch partition. The law requires that they be separated 300 feet. Number eight shows where cage stuck when slidings warped from heat. Arrow shows where hay was thrown down shaft in third level and cross indicates where it caught fire from a torch.

Cherry, Ill., Dec. 13.—Just what constitutes the main shaft of a mine, whether it be a shaft little used or one by which the main work is carried on will have an important bearing in fixing the responsibility for the recent mine horror. Direct charges that the intent of the law, which provides that the air shaft of a mine must be removed from the main shaft at least a distance of 300 feet was violated have been made by officials of the United Mine Workers of America. It is also charged that the company violated the law in building a stairway of wood.

One of the most important causes of the disaster, it is alleged, lay in the use of the two shafts in the Cherry mine. The main shaft, although sunk to the level of the third vein was not used as a main shaft below the second vein. The only means of access to the third vein by way of the main shaft lay in a small cage which was attached to the main cage by a cable and which, thus suspended from the main cages or lifts, was drawn up and down between the two veins. The main entrance to the third vein was by the cage which operated only between the second and third veins in the combined escape and air shafts. It was in this shaft cut off from the air shaft only by a thin wood partition, that practically all the work of the lower vein was done.

On this cage the men were taken back and forth, the coal mined in the lower vein was brought up, rolled off the cage at the second vein, hauled around the haulways to the main shaft, reloaded on the large cages and so taken above ground. Another charge the miners are making is that the stairway in the escape shaft reached only to the top or roof of the third vein and was reached by means of a 20-foot

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expense of looking after them. "One fur buyer of Hooper's Island, in Lower Dorchester, has paid out \$30,000 for muskrat hides this season, while others have bought almost as heavily. The prices offered by buyers this season ranged from 20 to 75 cents a hide, the hide from the kitten or young rat, which had heretofore been considered worthless, bringing the former price.

The big black rat commanded the top of the market always, the black fur being considered the finest as well as the most durable. The fur of the brown rat is less valuable because of the color and coarseness of the hair. It generally brings from 15 cents to 25 cents less than the fur of the black rat.

There are few sections of the United States where the meat of the muskrat is used as a food as it is here on the eastern shore of Maryland. In many sections of the country the little rodent is looked upon with disdain by those who claim to know a good thing when they see it but when they talk of it as being an unclean animal and unfit for the stomach of man it only goes to show how little they know of this, the cleanest of all animals that live.

The great majority of people are prejudiced against the muskrat because it bears the name of rat. By any other name it would eagerly be sought after by epicures. The roots and herbs of the marshes, on which alone it subsists, are thoroughly scrubbed by the little animal before it will allow them to come on its table.

"The house in which it lives, made of the marsh grasses and towering above the high water mark, is always as dry as a powder magazine and spotlessly clean, so there is nothing about the much despised rat of the great marshes to make it other than what it really is, the cleanest and most toothsome little animal that can be cooked and served.

"At all the leading restaurants on the Eastern shore the muskrat in season takes the leading role at midnight suppers. The muskrat industry of Maryland and peninsula bids fair to overthrow the oyster industry, and it is certain that there was more clear money made by the trappers in Lower Dorchester this season than by the oystermen."

Paraguay Tea.

The yerba mate, or Paraguay tea, has an immense consumption in the lower parts of South America, almost to the exclusion of tea and coffee. It grows wild and plentiful, is cheap as dirt and has a good per cent. of caffeine, the active principle of tea and coffee, but less than either. It has a genuine high therapeutic, soothing, stimulating effect upon the stomach and the whole system. The people over a large part of South America have the very strongest belief in its curative and consoling effects.

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