

NATIONAL FOREST WORK IN FLORIDA

Cut-Over Lands In Citrus and Marion Counties

WILL BE EXPERIMENTED WITH

Plans Outline Most Extensive Reforestation Operations Ever Begun in the South—Great Obstacle is the Burning Over for Grazing Purposes.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 22.—Florida is the latest State to show an interest in reforestation. The United States Forest Service, at the request of the Dunsellon Phosphate Company, has just completed an examination of vast areas of cut-over lands in Marion and Citrus counties to determine the feasibility of forest planting in this section of the State.

While the greater portion of the tract examined is well timbered there was found to be about 3,000 acres of sandy brush and grass covered land from which every pine has been cut, so that natural reproduction is impossible except on a narrow strip adjoining the forest. If the lands are to be used to the best advantage it will be necessary to restock this cut-over area by artificial means. The plans outline the most extensive reforestation operations ever begun in the South.

After a careful study of conditions it was decided that the sowing of longleaf pine seed in spots would be the most practicable method of accomplishing this. The growing of this species in a nursery, followed by transplanting of seedlings to the field, is not considered feasible, owing to the long tap roots which are characteristic of the longleaf pine and make transplanting difficult. Experimental planting of the camphor tree, mesquite, and several species of eucalyptus is suggested, since it is thought to be entirely practicable from a business standpoint to grow these trees in this region.

It is probable that the owners of the land will prepare to take up work along the lines recommended immediately. The only thing which is like-

ly to threaten the success of planting in this region in danger from fires. As is the case in all forest work, fire protection must be provided. In fact if it were not for the annual burning over much of the cut-over land in Florida would now be covered with a fine second-growth of pine. Even on lands where a few old trees have been left from lumbering the fires which are set annually to improve a limited amount of pasture prevent the growth of seedling trees. While this burning usually has for its object the improvement of grazing, it must be reduced sooner or later that grazing and timber growing cannot be practiced profitably on the same land. It is certain that this burning over does not pay in the long run, even from the standpoint of the owners of stock, since it steadily reduces the productive capacity of the soil.

Delightful Drag Ride.

The drag ride which was tendered by Miss Alice Thomas, complimentary to Miss Florence Sammis of New Canaan, Conn., on Saturday, proved a most delightful affair, notwithstanding that the weather was a little cool and windy for an outing.

The party, which comprised five couples, chaperoned by Mrs. W. O. Morris, visited the famous Devil's Millhopper, about six miles northwest of the city, which spot proved of especial interest to the guest of honor, who had never before seen such freak of nature.

A delicious picnic dinner was served and greatly enjoyed after the long ride.

The party returned late in the afternoon well pleased, and with many obligations to Miss Thomas.

Washington Birthday Party.

At the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Lynch, Master Haisley Lynch entertained a number of his young friends Saturday afternoon at a Washington's Birthday party.

The afternoon was passed in an appropriate manner, numerous games being indulged in, and during the afternoon delicious refreshments were served.

At a late hour the guests departed, after voting Master Haisley "the cleverest fellow on earth."

ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE WILL MEET HERE

Will Hold Four-Day Session in Tabernacle During March.

MANY DELEGATES WILL BE HERE

Ferdinand Bayer Estimates the Number at Several Hundred, and the Attendance Also Large—Prominent Speakers Will Address Convention.

Gainesville, which has become known throughout the State as the Convention City, is to have another convention at an early date, which will be of a high plane of morality, and which will no doubt attract a large number of delegates and attendants from every section of the State.

Ferdinand Bayer gives out the information that the convention of the Anti-Saloon League of Florida will be held here for four days, March 17th to 20th, inclusive, and that several hundred delegates will be present. The convention will be held in the big Tabernacle, which is one of the most commodious buildings in the State, which assures plenty of room for both delegates and visitors.

Several speakers of prominence have been invited, many of whom will no doubt be present. Among those expected are Governor Byward, Governor Glenn of North Carolina, Dr. Nunnally, president of Columbia College, and other noted speakers.

The Chautauques having announced for March 2 to 15, the Anti-Saloon League from March 17 to 20, and the Florida Winter Bible Conference from March 22 to 26, will give a solid month's entertainment at the Tabernacle this year.

Bride and Groom Here.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur T. Jarvis arrived in the city Saturday, and will remain here for the next few days as guests of the former's father, J. H. Jarvis.

Mr. Jarvis, who is now residing in Nashville, Tenn., was married on the 19th inst. to Miss Louise O'Keefe, a

charming young lady of that city. They were met at the station here by a number of friends of the groom, who is an old Gainesville boy, and who assembled to bid the couple welcome and extend congratulations.

After a short visit here, Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis will visit Tampa, St. Augustine and other points before returning to their Tennessee home, where the former is engaged in the insurance business.

Band Progressing Nicely.

The reorganized Gainesville brass band, which is now holding regular rehearsals under direction of Leader J. A. Abrams, is progressing finely, and it is believed they will be in position to give a public concert within the next few weeks.

The majority of members composing the band have the advantage of the knowledge of music, but, from inactivity for so long, have become a little "rusty." This will soon be worn off, however, and the organization will surprise the people when it does appear in public.

Train Was Delayed.

From Sunday's Daily Sun:

Owing to a trestle which was burned on the Seaboard Air Line railroad south of Otter Creek at an early hour Saturday morning, the Cedar Key-Jacksonville train, which is due here from Cedar Key at 7:40 a. m., and which is usually on time, was delayed more than two hours. This considerably inconvenienced many, who intended going to Jacksonville to spend the day. Many of them went anyway, however, and will return on today's train.

Flag-Stealing Contest.

From Sunday's Daily Sun:

The flag-stealing contest between the battalion of cadets at the University Saturday afternoon, which lasted during the entire afternoon, and extended from the Tampa and Jacksonville railroad tracks to Hogtown Creek, was a most interesting and exciting one, affording a great deal of experience and exercise for those participating.

The contest showed great work on the part of both sides, and resulted in a draw.

OFF TO WASHINGTON.

Superintendent J. L. Kelley Will Attend National Convention.

From Sunday's Daily Sun:

Dr. J. L. Kelley, Superintendent of Public Instruction of Alachua county, left Saturday for Washington, where he was sent by the School Board as a representative of the county's interest at the convention of the National Association of State and County Superintendents, which convenes for three days, beginning Monday. He joined State Superintendent Holloway and other county superintendents in Jacksonville Saturday, when the party proceeded to the National Capital.

Dr. Kelley is not only one of the most earnest workers in the cause of education in Florida, but one of the most zealous and efficient, and has accomplished a great deal along educational lines in Alachua county, placing this county among the first in the State in point of efficiency. This is one of the few counties of the State where an absolute high point of average in examination must be secured before applicants will be employed as teachers.

Dr. Kelley expects to spend as little time in Washington as possible, and will leave that city for home as soon as the convention adjourns.

Gainesville Was Defeated.

The Gainesville Junior baseball team went to Waldo Saturday, where they crossed bats with the Waldo team for the championship. The score was a disastrous one for the Gainesville boys, being 25 to 8 in favor of Waldo.

The game was a very friendly one throughout, however, and everybody seemed satisfied.

Glover Taylor was captain of the Gainesville team.

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