

Foresters' Terms.

"Terms used in forestry and logging," just published as Bulletin No. 61 of the Bureau of Forestry, affords the lay reader an insight into a strange vernacular.

On turning to the logging terms, which are listed in the last half of the bulletin, we come across some truly remarkable expressions—terms which, though evidently derived from slang, are now in good use among woodsmen either throughout the country or in the region denoted in each case. There the uninitiated may learn the distinction between a "ballhooter" and a "boom rat," between a "bull cook" and a cattyman, and find that none of them refers to any lesser animal than the logger himself. Among other creatures of the logging camp may be numbered also the "alligator," the "dolphin," the "dog," the "pig," and the "road donkey," all names of objects endowed with life by the vernacular of the logger. The "alligator" proves to be a boat used in handling logs; the "dog" a short, heavy piece of steel; the "pig" a rigging sled; and the "road donkey" a donkey engine mounted on a heavy sled, etc. Birds are represented by the "blue jay" and the "rooster" (also called "goose neck"), reptiles by the "snake," and insects by the "katydid." A tenderfoot intending to visit among the brawny loggers in the north woods should find it decidedly in order to take along this bulletin.

Boise River Lowest in Years.

According to the record kept by the geological survey officers, the Boise river, during the first half of last month, shows a less volume of water than for any period since government measurements were recorded. The figures made public show the average for the first fifteen days was but a little more than one-third the flow for the corresponding period of 1904, and scarcely more than one-half of that of 1903.

The statement further says there was a measurement made on July 19, and there were 981 second-feet flowing, as compared with 2,350 second-feet in 1904, and 2,000 second-feet for 1903.

These measurements are made at Highland, about 14 miles above Boise, and above the head of all the great canals that water the Boise valley.

Gold from Black Sand.

Captain Bledsoe has returned from Snake river bringing a load of 20 sacks of gravel and sand to be sent to the government testing works at the Portland exposition. The lot came from Big Foot bar, 12 miles above the Swan Falls power plant. Ten sacks are of screen sand and 10 just as it came from the bank with only the boulders thrown out. The captain will ship the lot to Dr. Day, and when the results of the test are received he will make them known for the benefit of the public.

Those in charge of the plant will test the sand for all metals, and will determine the best methods of concentrating the black sand and saving the gold therefrom. This work is being done by the government for the guidance of miners throughout the sections where black sands appear in such great quantities, the object being to throw light upon the problem of recovering the gold and to determine whether there are other metals that can be saved profitably.—Statesman.

For a New Breed of Horses.

Horsemen will be interested in the results of an experiment by the government in breeding a new

type of American horses.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson has given the matter his special study for two years past, and has obtained ample financial support from congress to carry out the idea. The aim is to produce a distinctly American family or coach horse.

The foundation lines of blood have been drawn mainly from the standard bred trotter, but there are large and valuable drafts from the Morgan and the thoroughbred.

When the term "coach horse" is used, Secretary Wilson does not mean to have it understood that he is trying to create a family animal intended only for show, but rather a strong going, handsome, up-headed horse, able to pull a plow or make good time on the road to a buckboard or survey.

The secretary chose Fort Collins, Colorado, as the best place to start the government breeding farm, and selected Dr. George M. Rommel, the department expert on animal husbandry, to get together the animals required for foundation stock. The care of the plan will be trusted to Prof. W. J. Carlisle, an expert formerly associated with Prof. Henry at the University of Wisconsin.

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