

TREES WITH A HISTORY

Elms Associated With New England's Colonial Days.

THEIR ULTIMATE FATE

Famous Treaties Concluded Under Trees—Landmarks That Tell of the Pioneers—The Crazy Man Who Gave Apples to the West—Big Trees of This Nation.

The first Protestant church service in America was under the trees at Jamestown and the first church bell rung in the West was the one that Father Junipero Serra tied to an arching oak bough at San Diego.

Because the Scotland "dool trees," or "grief trees," on which they hung their enemies in reality or in effigy, early colonists here must needs have something of the sort.

The Scotch had sycamores, the New England colonists chose elms, which were made to serve many purposes. Under them meetings were held, from their boughs the bodies of offenders dangled, and in their shade drunkards, liars and thieves sat in the stocks.

One tree on Boston Common had a dark history. It stood near the long path that Dr. Holmes immortalized in his "Autocrat of the Breakfast Table."

In 1876 this old tree fell in a wind-storm, and a detachment of police had to be called to keep the souvenir collectors from cutting it to pieces.

The dean of America's historic trees is the Washington elm of Cambridge. "Under this tree Washington first took command of the American Army, July 1775," reads the inscription compiled by Longfellow and engraved on a tablet.

Some say that the first evangelist in America, George Whitefield, preached under this same tree. Twice has lightning struck it—both times in the same place—and no doubt its days are now numbered.

One of the famous peace oaks that stood in front of John Eliot's old meeting house at Natick is said to be still in existence. It was brought to the missionary by the Indians he had taught and planted by them as an expression of peace.

Penn's famous treaty tree fell in a gale nearly a hundred years ago. Its prominence was so marked in its early days that the English soldiers placed a special guard around it during the Revolution.

The strength of the tree is almost incredible. At Jamestown a sycamore tree grew up between the graves of Commissary Blair and his wife. It carried one-third of Mrs. Blair's tomb three feet above the surface, holding it fast in a crotch, while the roots and the body of the tree shattered into tiny bits the stone slab that marked the commissary's tomb.

A once noted tree of the Middle West was the Miami apple tree that stood at the junction of the St. Mary and St. Joseph rivers. It must have sprung from seed dropped by a French priest or trader long ago.

Other apple trees were found down the valleys by the first settlers, though they were not of a kind indigenous to the soil. Many believed them to have been planted by a crazy man known as "Apple Seed Johnny."

He had an idea that as apples were of great benefit to man the trees should be planted in time to be ready for the settlers.

When the tide of home seekers finally turned that way there was great astonishment and rejoicing over the waiting trees, rich in flower and fruit. Such practical foresight can rarely be found in the hobbies of crazy men.

WHISKERS AGAINST THEM.

Bearded Foreigners in Crowds Always Under Suspicion.

If you went over to Russia and had a chance to see the czar, you would doubtless improve the opportunity if only to satisfy your curiosity as to what a real, czar looked like.

When President Roosevelt arrived in Canton to attend the funeral of Mrs. Ida Saxton McKinley it was only natural that a large crowd should be at the station to greet him.

As the crowd gathered he always managed to keep in the front rank, up against the ropes, stolid, watchful, patient. Once he was seen to get around to a position where he could look into the station.

"I've been watching that man over there," said one of the members of the local committee that had called to escort the president to the home of Justice William R. Day.

When the officer approached the man he naturally went about the job carefully. The foreigner was alarmed and flustered. One of those frightened, imploring grins spread over his face.

Finally he managed to stammer out in broken English that he had come to see the President, merely to look at him from a distance.

"Well, your whiskers are a little against you, but I guess you're all right," said the officer finally.

The man with the whiskers, having been pronounced all right, lingered with the crowd to his heart's content.

"You may cheer too, whiskers!" said the officer, and the Russian let out a series of yells that would have done credit to a Cossack.

"We, perhaps, have no good reason for it, but we usually watch foreigners with shaggy beards, closer than we do others.

"Yes," he continued, "foreigners excite our suspicions more than others, when they gather in crowds that assemble to meet the President; but as a rule they are well behaved.

Lord Cromer says that Egyptians have a propensity for hoarding gold. A native who recently died left \$400,000 stored in gold in his house.

Failure of the fruit crop will have no effect on the output of "doped" jams and jellies.

The praying Christian is always a doing Christian.

You can not beat a carpet with feathers.

A SCHOOL OF FISHING.

The Practical Belgians are Trying to Revive an Old Industry.

Some time ago a commission was appointed to inquire into the cause of the decline of the once flourishing fishing industry along the Belgian coast.

As a result of this report, the Belgian government decided that the only way out of the difficulty was the establishment of schools of fishery, where young Belgian fisher people be educated into modern methods of earning their livelihood.

Of these the Ostend school is the most important, and a model establishment is given to boys who have chosen fishing as their trade to acquire all the knowledge they may need, and to face the hardships of their vocation.

The course of study at the school lasts three years, during which time the many secrets of the fishing trade are revealed to the youthful Flemings.

In another room a class of boys is studying the rules of the road at sea and the exact position of the many lightships in the North Sea.

On the other hand, all the manoeuvres executed on board a fishing boat are practiced on dry land; for this purpose a full size model boat has been erected in the grounds adjoining the school.

This excellent practical education is given entirely free, which explains to a great extent why the number of pupils is steadily increasing.

The regular classes comprise boys between the ages of twelve and nineteen, but older men are admitted if they desire to perfect their knowledge as fishermen.

The "Seven Stars," Withy Grove, Manchester, claims to be the oldest licensed house in Great Britain.



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stituting it a free borough, but the smallness of the town may be judged from the fact that the tolls for its fares was a trifle above \$30.

Paris has the largest library in the world; New York the largest in the United States.

NEW YORK MARKETS.

Wholesale Prices of Farm Produce Quoted for the Week.

WHEAT July .98 1/2 Sept. .99 3/4 Dec. 1.03 1/2 CORN July .60 3/4 Sept. .62 3/4 Dec. .60 3/4 OATS—Mixed, @ 5 1/2 a 5 3/4 c.

MILK Exchange price for standard quality is 2 3/4 c. per quart.

BUTTER CREAMERY.—Western, extra \$ 24 3/4 a. 25 Firsts 23a 24c. State dairy, finest a24

EGGS Nearby—Fancy 52a 26c State—Good to choice. 22a 24 Western—Firsts. —a18

VEGETABLES POTATOES.—L. I. per bbl. \$2.25a\$2.50 CUCUMBERS.—per box, \$1.00a\$2.25.

FINANCIAL Pere Marquette stockholders are initiating steps to have restored to that road the \$1,600,000 paid for the purchase of the Toledo Railway and Terminal Company.

Figures of the bank statement showed a decrease of \$1,785,475 in surplus reserve, an increase in loans of \$3,787,000 and an increase in deposits of \$3,529,500.

BASEBALL LEAGUE SUMMARIES.

Standing of the Clubs. National. Chicago 72 35 .743

American. Detroit 87 35 .690 Chicago 60 38 .613 Philadelphia 56 37 .602

MUCH WHEAT IN NEBRASKA. Railroads in a Fix Now Trying to Move Part of the Crop.

Omaha, Neb., Aug. 6.—Nebraska railroads are swamped with wheat which is being shipped to markets and already the traffic is so great that the roads are badly congested.

Rockefeller to Live to 94. Cleveland, Aug. 8.—John D. Rockefeller is the healthiest man of his age in the world to-day and will live to be at least ninety-four, according to Dr. H. F. Bigger, his family physician.

Canned Meats Improve. Albany, N. Y., Aug. 8.—A bulletin from State Health Commissioner Porter says packers of canned meats are becoming more careful.

Zion's Lace Factory Sold. Chicago, Aug. 6.—It was announced in Zion City that arrangements were completed for the sale of the lace factory to a local dry-goods firm for about \$265,000.

Venezuela Will Pay Up. Caracas, Venezuela, Aug. 8.—Venezuela has advised Belgium that she will pay the disputed claims of Belgian creditors, amounting to \$2,000,000, in conformity with the decision of the Hague tribunal.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of Dr. J. C. Hatcher. In Use For Over Thirty Years CASTORIA. THE CENTAUR COMPANY, NEW YORK CITY.

THE "MILKSICK WEED."

Plant That Strikes Cattle with a Strange Malady.

From time to time in the last five decades Tennesseans have been stirred to a profound sense of interest in the State's mysterious malady, "milk sickness," as its deadly reappearance in certain sections of the State has been followed by fatal results to human beings and to stock.

The fatal sickness is known to a limited extent in several sections of the State but exists principally near Sparta, in White county. It is contracted through drinking the milk of cows that have eaten a certain weed, known as the "milk-sick weed," which looks something like clover and grows thickly on the infected land.

Preserved Cherries. Stone and stem cherries, saving all the juice that exudes in the process. Weigh the fruit and allow a pound of sugar to each pound of the cherries.

MAGAZINE READERS. SUNSET MAGAZINE beautifully illustrated, good stories and articles about California and all the Far West. \$1.50 a year.

ROAD OF A THOUSAND WONDERS a book of 75 pages, containing 120 colored photographs of picturesque spots in California and Oregon. \$0.75

Tommy—"Pop, ears are always on the side, aren't they?" Tommy's Pop—"Yes, my son." Tommy—"Then what's a frontier?"

"It is the little rift within the lute which ever widening, makes the music mute." It is just a little rift in the health of a woman often, which gradually takes the spring from her step, the light from her eyes, the rose from her cheek and the music from her voice.

A Beautiful Flag.

Every American with real red blood in his veins loves our flag. But do you possess a good one? You can get a beautiful flag almost free if you will send a check for \$3.50 to The Philadelphia Press.

SHAKE OFF THE GRIP OF YOUR old enemy, Nasal Catarrh, by using Ely's Cream Balm. Then will all the swelling and soreness be driven out of the tender, inflamed membranes.

Only a Mask. Many are not being benefited by the summer vacation as they should be. Now, notwithstanding much outdoor life, they are little if any stronger than they were.