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REPORT OF STATE FORESTER

Facts In Regard to Forests, Lumbering, the Woodworking Industries and Forest Protection.

(Special Frankfort Correspondence.)

Frankfort.—The forests of Kentucky are one of the State's great natural resources which, properly used and conserved, mean a permanent source of revenue to the citizens of the Commonwealth, says State Forester Baton. The best figures obtainable place the remaining supply of Kentucky timber at 2,500,000,000 feet board measure. The area of Kentucky is 41,262 square miles or 27,417,120 acres. About 35 per cent of this area supports some kind of tree growth. In 1912 (the last figures available) there was cut 541,311,000 feet board measure of timber from Kentucky forests, a decrease of about 200,000,000 feet from 1912. About 2,500,000 cross ties are purchased annually by the railroads from the forests of this state. About 75,000,000 feet board measure of timber from Kentucky forests is consumed annually in mining operations within the state. An unestimated amount of timber from Kentucky forests is used for staves, heading and hoop-poles; for telephone and telegraph poles and poles for electric light and power companies; for fence posts and rails; for lath and shingles; and numerous other uses. The annual drain roughly is 300,000,000 feet board measure. There are over 1,600 active saw mills in the Commonwealth and over $11,000,000 in capital is invested in the logging and milling operations. Over thirteen thousand wage earners are employed, this times as many as in the distilled liquor business, which leads the list in value of the product. Kentucky consumes each year over 200,000,000 feet of new wood products in the further manufacture of wood into final form, and imports close to 200,000,000 feet from other states for which nearly $10,000,000 is paid annually. Over 150 firms are engaged in this character of manufacture.

"Uncle Sam" Wants Husky Man.

"Uncle Sam" has come to the rescue of some of the hikers who constantly complain that they can find nothing to do. He announces that a civil service examination to be held in Frankfort, December 11, for the purpose of enrolling laborer at the custom house. There will be no educational or written test required and the only qualifications upon which to base the decision of the examiners will be physical fitness. Applicants will be required to pass a strength test which will consist of lifting, shouldering and carrying a sack such as the contents weighing 125 pounds. Of course several character for sobriety and honesty will figure prominently in the decision of the examining board.

Important Opinion Given.

The provision of the tax amendment to the Constitution of Kentucky, adopted at the election November 2, exempting state, county, municipal, school, taking purposes from taxation, is self-operative and not subject to referendum, in the opinion of Assistant Attorney General Charles M. Morris.

The amendment provides that any property, tangible or intangible, the amendment, classifying property and providing a rate of taxation on personal property, tangible or intangible lower than that upon real estate, shall be subject to a referendum vote of the people.

L. & N. Must Pay.

Judgment of the Scott circuit court for $659.46 damages in favor of Ellen Fenner against the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company, on account of the burning of her home at the Junction Depot by a spark from a passing engine, was affirmed by the court of appeals in an opinion by Judge Carl Miller. The Chesapeake & Ohio and Louisville & Nashville were jointly sued; but suit was dropped as to the Chesapeake & Ohio.

Would Make Desertion Felony.

George L. Schon, superintendent of the Kentucky Children's Home Society, is preparing a bill for submission to the next general assembly, making wife and child desertion a felony. He said that he believes such a law in five years will reduce the public expense of caring for deserted children $50 per cent. The bill will be modeled on the Indiana law.

Bill is Favored.

A bill appropriating $25,000,000 annually to states in road construction, which would give Kentucky $750,000 annually, has been drafted by the American Association of State highway officials, and the Commissioner of Roads gave his approval. The bill was introduced in congress at the coming session, in Kentucky, where the county and state share the expense equally and the state raises $600,000, the available road fund, and the aggregate county bond issues, would be $1,800,000 annually.

Red Cross Christmas Seals.

The Kentucky Tuberculosis Commission is preparing for the sale of red cross seals during the holidays, Secretary L. M. Hunt expressed the hope that at least 1,500,000 will be sold, 90 per cent to go to the county health boards and 10 per cent to the Red Cross Society.

Governor at Greenville.

Governor McCreary made an inspection of the state houses of reform at Greenville in company with the State Board of Prison Commissioners.

Court of Appeals.

The appellate court took under consideration the case of Z. C. Graham and others against S. R. Treadway and others, appealed from McCracken circuit court. The decision of the appellate court in this case may determine Barkadie Hamlett or James P. Lewis as the successful candidate for secretary of state. It will determine who was elected the representative of McCracken county in the legislature.

There is no evidence that any fraud was committed, nor is any fraud charged or even hinted at in the pleadings on the records. The whole court sat in the case, and at the conclusion of the argument a motion was entered directing County Elections Commissioners to postpone further action as the disputed ballots until this case is decided.

The mandatory injunction which Graham is seeking to have dissolved directed the Election Commissioners to meet and canvass the returns for a recount.

School Fair Will Be Held.

Under the supervision of Principal C. W. Bailey a school fair will be held at the Forks of Elkhorn, November 21, in which there will be 150 exhibits and nearly 1,000 contestants. The contests will be confined to the Elkhorn high school educational district, though the high schools at the Forks, Bald Knob, Peak's Mill and Bridgeport will compete in many high school subjects.

There are more than 800 pupils in the Elkhorn educational district and practically all of them will enter into the contests, which will include needlework, domestic science, farming, manual training, school work and athletics. A big dinner will be served on the ground, for which the visitors and arrangements will be made to accommodate the large crowd expected. Prof. Bell originated and conducted the first corn school contest ever held in Kentucky and hopes to make the coming event an even greater success.

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Hospital Measure Again.

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Complaints Are Filed.

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Agent Not Necessary.

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ITALY AIDS SERBIA

TROOPS ALSO SAID TO HAVE LANDED IN ALBANIA TO AID ALLIES.

SERB VICTORY IS REPORTED

Ten Thousand Bulgarians Killed and Wounded in Fierce Battle—Teutons Take 9,500 More Prisoners and Many Guns as Defenders Retreat.

London, Nov. 24.—Italian troops have landed in Albanian territory to go to the help of Serbia, according to a Chinese dispatch to the Journal La Suisse, forwarded by the Central News correspondent at Zurich.

The Italian fleet is bombarding Durazzo, the Bulgarian port on the Aegean sea, according to a Central News dispatch from Rome.

Serbians Report Victory.

Serbian forces rallying at Mount Gotovatz in central Serbia have inflicted a serious defeat upon the Bulgars and opened the way to drive the Elkhorn high school educational district, though the high schools at the Forks, Bald Knob, Peak's Mill and Bridgeport will compete in many high school subjects.

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MISS MARY NAGEL

Miss Mary Nagel, daughter of Charles Nagel, secretary of commerce and labor under President Taft, has reviewed the pleasures of a society debut for the purpose of nursing. Miss Nagel, who was promi-

TEN DEAD IN WRECK

ACTORS DIE WHEN SHOW SPE-CIAL AND PASSENGER COLLIDE NEAR COLUMBUS, GA.

VICTIM BEGS FOR DEATH

Proprietor of Carnival Troupe Caught in Burning Debris Pleads With Trainmen to Kill Him, But Dies of Injuries Twelve Hours Later.

Columbus, Ga., Nov. 22.—Ten persons are known to be dead and twelve injured as the result of a collision on the Central of Georgia railroad about eight miles from Columbus. Passenger train No. 2, from Birmingham to Macon, collided headon with a special train carrying the Al G. Barnes's Carnival company from Atlanta to Columbus.

The wreck caught fire immediately after the collision.

Victim Begs for Death.

The known dead include Fred Kempf, proprietor of the show, and his wife, who were burned to death while efforts were powerless to rescue them. Mrs. Kempf's body was recovered. Rescuers had Kempf with his body half free. He begged trainmen to kill him rather than let him burn to death. Frantic efforts were made to rescue him, but without avail.

The Kennedy shows had completed their engagement in Atlanta and were to open Tuesday in Columbus.

Rescuers Are Helpless.

The engineers of both trains mistriously escaped. The fireman of the train, it is said, had orders to take a siding and was thus carried special but by error ran in on the main line and started for Macon.

GREECE YIELDING TO ALLIES

London Dispatch Says Announcement Concerning Dardanelles Was Premature.

London, Nov. 24.—Announcement that Greece, after the Serbian disaster, ships are being held or seized in ports of the United Kingdom, in conjunction with the Greek and Turkish Greek and Italian sources, indicates that the diplomatic situation in the Balkans is improving from the allies' standpoint. No blockade of Greece is to be put into effect. Greece is to be allowed to send a military expedition to the Dardanelles to help the allies.

Its universal deduction is that the Greek government has satisfied the British demands, submitted by Earl Kitchener, to prevent the Greek army in Athens just week. It is assumed Greece has agreed to permit the safety of the Anglo-French expeditionary force.

"Certainly no attempt will be made to disarm the Greek army," Sir Rhallis, the Greek minister of justice and guiding spirit in the Venizelos cabinet, in an interview with the Daily Mail's correspondent at Athens. They are willing to accept defeat from Serbia if they must. We will even go to the extent of establishing a cordon to safeguard their retreat."

BIG FREIGHT CAR SHORTAGE

American Goods Held at Ports and Grain Remains in Elevators—Lack of Cars Is Cause.

Chicago, Nov. 22.—Where are the freight cars? This question is setting big dailies in Chicago, is implying a situation of freight-car congestion, which is threatening to cripple the country's industrial and agricultural growth. In the United States is 25,000 cars. According to freight traffic managers in Chicago and other western cities, the country's gigantic crop lies in elevators and goods are held with cars ready for ships. Australia and the Orient, and also Europe, are the chief countries of the world. Thousands of bushels of grain