FORESTRY GAIN IN KENTUCKY

BLUE GRASS STATE WAS THE FIRST TO UNDERTAKE FORESTRY WORK.

MUCH HAS BEEN ACHIEVED

Two State Nurseries Established to Supply State Needed Material to Increase Forests of State.

(Special Frankfort Correspondence.)

Frankfort.—The work of the Kentucky State Board of Forestry is now entering upon its fourth year and it is possible at this time to sum up what has been accomplished and what must be expected in this direction in the future. The bill creating the State Board of Forestry and providing for the appointment of a State Forester was passed in March, 1912. Kentucky was the first state of the east South to undertake organized forestry work, and the movement is largely because of this courageous on the part of a few individuals that the importance of the state and resulted in securing some active effort should be made in the latter interest. The establishment and extension of the forests of Kentucky in order that this resource may contribute to that part in the industries of the state that is dependent upon it is largely a considerable state of the work of the State Forester's office has been

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an effort to bring to the attention of the people of the state a knowledge of the relation of the forests to the economic life of the state and the permanent for conserving these natural resources. A phase of the work that has been most actively carried on is the matter of forest protection. Prior to 1912 the only forest protection, so far as the state is protect the forests from fire and other destructive agencies. Such efforts as had been made were local and largely ineffective.

The State Board of Forestry initiated a definite plan for forest protection which has been greatly aided by the cooperation secured with the officials of the federal government whereby it now is possible to make available for use in the state County forest wardens have been appointed in these counties and organized associations have been organized among the timber-land owners and these have been an awakening with the last two years to the value that forests may be to the people of protecting their valuable timber resources from forest fires. Such organization now up to the present time has undertaken a campaign for and there are associations in nine counties. In addition to the organization of associations for the protection of forests which have been established in Union county by the Kentucky & Indiana Terminal Railroad Company and 23 suspected cases were investigated for locals 109 visits were during the last month.

Final Hearing of Injunction Suits.

White Pulp & Paper Co. vs. J. C. Crabtree, in his capacity as the final hearing of the injunction suit brought by the Louisville & Nashville, Chesapeake & Ohio, Cincinnati, Indiana & Texas Pacific railroads to restrain the defendant from cutting timber in their franchise taxes for 1912 and 1913 and the Louisville & Nashville railroad, the valuations adjudged in the former case were fixed at $1,000 per mile for the valuation $116,478.40; and the franchise, rights and tax the directors which is the trade pass probably renew as much.

Ten-Year-Old Charge.

Hester Lockport, 10 years old, of Houston, Tex., accused of having killed Mrs.