

A Plea for Our Native Oaks

You are willing to select the only open spot on your lawn and pay for soil, manure and labor so that a little Maple bought at a fancy figure from a distant nursery may have a chance to grow into a fair sized tree in 50 years from now, long after you have cast all cares aside. Yet you think it perfectly proper to have the native Oaks on your grounds remain thickly dotted all over. Why, wonder what's the matter with them, why they die out? You are waiting for them to go so that you can plant other more valuable trees. Well, there are none, of all the trees the Oaks belong to the most stately. In the East where they always "go us one better", the nurserymen are growing millions of them to supply an ever increasing demand. Let us tell you what our mistake is, we fix up everything around our home grounds to suit us, but not the trees. You are willing to have your lawn cut every week and the flower beds cultivated, but the trees can get along the best they can without care. You call ours, of the best oaks, the scrub oak, because it is full of dead wood and tries hard to struggle along under conditions which are anything but natural. Do we know what to do to preserve and get life into them? We have men who know nothing else. What's the use of having phone 85 installed if you don't use it? We are waiting on the other end for you to say Hello and know that we can give you a dollar's worth of service for every one you hand us. Why suffer when we are so near?

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GENERAL NEWS.

WASHINGTON—Manuel Zamacoïa, who was former ambassador to the United States and now supposed to be the personal representative of President Huerta, arrived in Washington in the afternoon. He came direct from Mexico City, via Havana and Key West. The former ambassador was most suave and courteous, but refused absolutely to discuss his relations with the Mexican government or conditions in his country. He denied that he was here in any capacity but that of a private citizen. He said he had come to the United States to look after private and personal business interests. He denied also that he was going to New York to attend a meeting of the directors of the National Railways of Mexico.

WASHINGTON—The entire structure of optimism which President Wilson has reared in his mind for the success of his plan for bringing peace in Mexico, has come down crashing. High officials made no secret of the fact that President has finally concluded that the situation in Mexico City is like quicksand and that there is but little firm ground upon which to base belief that General Huerta will not be a candidate to succeed himself or any other belief with regards to events in Mexico. The president has no information as yet that preparations have been made for holding the presidential elections in Mexico next October.

CARRIZO SPRINGS, MEX.—Barney Cline, the American soldier of fortune, and thirteen Mexicans belonging to his band of ammunition smugglers were indicted for murder by a special grand jury here. They will be placed on trial Wednesday and if a verdict of guilty is brought in as is now expected, they will probably all be hanged. Cline is about thirty-five years old and gives evidence of high education. He claims to be a graduate of Harvard and says that Cline is not his right name. He refuses to throw any light upon his early life. He is familiar with prominent New York families and their social affairs.

NEW YORK—One more arrest has just been made in the case of Anna Ammiller, for whose murder Hans Schmidt, a priest, was arrested early Sunday. The prisoner is Dr. E. A. Muret, a dentist living on the ground floor of 301 St. Nicholas avenue. He was taken to the West One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street station. According to the report in headquarters, the physician under arrest is said to have performed an operation on the Ammiller woman, from the effects of which she died.

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NEW YORK—"Big Tom" Sullivan van was buried at 11:30 a. m. and the occasion was perhaps the most notable in the Bowery's history. It is estimated that 20,000 persons viewed the remains before being taken to Old St. Patrick's, where Mr. Kearney conducted the service. The interment was at Cavalry cemetery. Sullivan had been killed by a train after he had escaped from his brother's house, where he was confined, he being insane.

BERLIN—It is reported here that the Hamburg-American Steamship company announces that their big ship Imperator will be taken off the New York service in October and partly rebuilt. Her boilers have shown that they are unsatisfactory for requirements and will be fitted with others which will enable her to burn oil fuel. A number of staterooms will be converted into smaller compartments.

CALDWELL, N. J.—Mrs. Laura A. Thompson, a wealthy widow of New York, who has been occupying a cottage at North Caldwell, with her sister, Mrs. E. Doyle, for the past six months, was instantly killed when a runaway she was driving went under a railing along a five foot embankment on Bloomfield avenue and pinned her body between the car and the railing.

SAVANNAH, GA.—The officials of the Southern Express company declared they had evidence leading to a solution of the robbery of \$71,900 in transit from the Chase National Bank of New York to banks in Savannah, Brunswick and Valdosta, Ga., and expected an arrest would be made soon.

DAVENPORT, IA.—Being charged with violating the Mann "white slave" act in bringing a fifteen-year-old girl from Moline to Davenport for immoral purposes, Count Edwin J. Brunswick de Corompa, Austrian nobleman, was held to \$3,000 bonds before United States Commissioner A. G. Bush.

AUGUSTA, MAINE—Latest returns received indicate the election of John A. Peters, Republican, in the special election in the Third Congressional district to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Forrest Goodwin by a plurality of 600 over William R. Pattangall, of Waterville, Democrat.

RENO, NEV.—Professor J. C. Jones, head of the geological department of the University of Nevada, is in a hospital here suffering from perforation of the bowels. He was injured in playing on the faculty team in a soccer game with the seniors. He has a nationwide reputation as a geologist.

ILLINOIS PARAGRAPHS.

DIXON—Strenuously inspired by the success of Camp Hope, where forty-five "honor men" of the Joliet state prison are working without guards making a road near Dixon, Warden E. M. Allen announced his plans for the continuance of the humanitarian system. The making of a baseball field and recreation ground and a direct method of communication between prisoners and prison authorities marks the progress of the new era for the Illinois convicts at Joliet prison. The baseball grounds, which will be known as Dunne field, is now being constructed by the convicts and will be formally dedicated on Columbus day, Oct. 12. Governor Edward F. Dugne, after whom the field is named; Ben B. Johnson, president of the American league; Charles A. Comiskey, owner of the White Sox; Charles W. Murphy of the Cubs and several personal friends who are aiding Mr. Allen in his undertaking have been invited to the entertainment incident upon the dedication.

DUQUOIN—The Illinois State Baptist Bulletin, a denominational paper of the Illinois State Baptist association, this week announces various changes in the pastorates of many Baptist churches in the state. The Rev. T. J. Parsons, for several years a missionary at Chicago Heights, has resigned to accept a call of South Bend, Ind. The Rev. H. L. Williams, pastor of the Union church at Jacksonville, has resigned to go to Alton. Among the other resignations are those of the Rev. George E. Miller at Monequa and Dr. E. L. Kumrig at Tremont.

MOLINE—Ungovernable jealousy prompted by what she believed to be her husband's attention to several other women was given by Mrs. Phillip Thomas, 519 Fourth avenue, wife of a wealthy merchant, as the reason for two attempts at suicide. The first was by hanging, and the second, which was almost successful, by turning on the gas in the kitchen stove. Her fourteen-year-old daughter, Lily, was instrumental in saving her life in both cases.

ELGIN—D. E. Wood, a resident of Elgin, pioneer Illinois creamery man, president of the Elgin National bank and of the Creamery Package Manufacturing company, died at his summer home at Lake Geneva, Wis. For many years he was the senior member of the firm of Wood & Delans, South Water street, Chicago, commission men. They dealt in creamery products.

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