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**DESCRIBES FOREST  
TREES IN ILLINOIS**  
BOOKLET ISSUED BY STATE

Interesting Information Given  
Regarding Types and Lo-  
cality in Which They  
Are Grown

Responding to the growing demand  
for information regarding the trees  
of Illinois, the Department of  
Conservation has prepared a booklet on  
"Forest Trees of Illinois," for free  
distribution. The publication is the  
work of R. B. Miller, chief forester,  
collaborating with Wilbur R. Mattoon,  
extension forester, United States De-  
partment of Agriculture.

The publication gives the common  
and scientific names of ninety-four  
species of trees to be found in the  
state, with illustrations of the leaf  
and fruit of each. Brief descriptions  
are given of nine other varieties of  
trees, making a total of a little more  
than one hundred, and embracing all  
of the varieties to be found in the  
state.

**State Carefully Covered**  
In the preparation of the publication  
the state has been carefully covered.  
Special mention is made of certain  
sections in which a particular variety  
is to be found, together with advice  
as to section in which this or that  
species may be grown with the best  
success.

Richland county is given credit for  
the largest number of species native  
or once native to Illinois. A total of  
73 varieties of trees were located in  
that county. Out of the total of prac-  
tically one hundred trees native to  
the state 94 are hardwoods, with the  
remainder softwoods, or conifers.

According to the survey made in  
preparation of the publication it is  
discovered the largest tree in the state  
is a burr oak reported near Paris, Ill.,  
which is 18 feet in circumference at  
breast height and towers 108 feet in  
the air.

**Huge Burr Oak**  
A burr oak in Brownfield Woods  
near Urbana measures 15 1/2 feet in  
circumference 4 1/2 feet above the  
ground, and is 104 feet in height. A  
close rival is to be found in another  
burr oak in Union county which is  
slightly over 15 feet in circumference  
and yielding close to 5,000 feet of  
lumber. It is estimated the tree is 220  
years old. It is believed the oldest  
tree in the state is a tupelo gum in  
the Cache river bottoms, which on  
the stump shows 330 rings.

**SECOND BIG RODEO  
OPENS THIS WEEK**

**Cowboy's Olympic Games Will  
Occupy Soldiers' Field  
for Nine Days**

The Chicago Rodeo—the cowboy's  
Olympic games—started at Soldier's  
Field Saturday afternoon, continuing  
for nine afternoons and evenings  
and affording local people the oppor-  
tunity to see the most thrilling and  
dangerous of all American sports.  
The worst bucking horses from all  
over the west are already at the sta-  
dium in Grant Park. Outlaw oques  
more famous than any that have  
ever been brought here before will  
test the skill of the most adept rid-  
ers. Powerful Mexican longhorn  
steers are in top condition for the  
steer wrestling events. Brahma  
steers for riding contests, calves,  
wild horses and several hundred head  
of the finest saddle ponies in Amer-  
ica are ready for the world's cham-  
pionship events.

The world's championships, from  
bronk riding to trick roping will be  
settled at the rodeo. Forty thousand  
dollars in prize money will go to the  
winners.

Practically all the 1927 champions  
—Tad Lucas, Mabel Strickland,  
Nowata Slim Richardson, Frank Mc-  
Carroll, Everett Bowman, Florence  
Hughes, Homer Ward and others are  
here. About 150 of the best of all  
the ropers, riders and steer wrestlers  
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Sand, Potash, Gravel and  
Other Similar Prod-  
ucts; Details

The Dixon district in northern Illi-  
nois is attracting the attention of  
non-metallic mineral industries  
throughout the country as a result of  
the State Geological Survey's in-  
vestigations of the mineral resources of  
that district. Cement, Mill & Quarry,  
a national journal of these industries  
published at Chicago, recently carried  
an article quoting at length from the  
Survey's report and showing the com-  
mercial possibilities of these deposits,  
especially the limestone, sand, and  
potash.

The Dixon district embraces an  
area of 223 square miles in Lee and  
Ogle counties, with the city of Dixon  
as its chief center. Its principal  
mineral products at the present time  
are cement and silica sand. The  
largest operations are those of the  
Sandusky Cement Company and the  
National Silica Company, both of  
which have flourishing plants.

**Developed Profitably**  
Ample deposits of limestone, glass  
sand, building sand, gravel, cement  
materials, and potash have been lo-  
cated by the State Geological Survey  
in its study of the region, and all  
of these except potash are reported to  
be easily accessible and capable of  
being developed profitably by ordi-  
nary methods. The potash is a re-  
serve for future use. Water for in-  
dustrial purpose is available also at  
very low cost.

Dr. M. M. Leighton, Chief of the  
State Geological Survey, points out  
that the bringing of these resources  
to the attention of industries is an  
example of the valuable service  
rendered by the State's scientific  
bureaus in furthering the economic  
development of Illinois.

**Many Limestone Quarries**  
Besides being useful for making  
cement, the limestones in this part of  
the Rock River valley are valuable  
for lime, building stone, road metal,  
and crushed limestone for agricultur-  
al purposes. Thirty quarries have  
been opened in addition to the small-  
er quarries which supply argstone for  
farms locally. The most important  
use now being made of the limestone  
is for building roads.

The sand in the Dixon district is  
uniform and free from impurities  
that makes it of exceptionally  
high quality. It is used not only for  
ordinary glass, bottles, and cheap  
ware, but also for the finest flint and  
cut glass. It is also purchased in  
great quantity for use in the sand-  
blast process of cutting and frosting  
glass, and as an abrasive, for sawing  
stone, polishing and grinding.

**Sand and Gravel Pits**  
Supplies of this sand are practically  
inexhaustible, for the deposits aver-  
age at least fifty feet in thickness  
and are estimated to yield one hun-  
dred million tons per square mile.  
The supplies of building sand and  
fine gravel are also practically un-  
limited. Pits may be opened anywhere  
and abundant deposits of good qual-  
ity will be obtained except in a few  
places where the bed rock is close to  
the surface.  
An enormous deposit of potash has  
been discovered in certain shales, or  
"soapstones", which outcrop in ravines  
and underlie the entire region. These  
shales cannot be worked profit-  
ably for the potash alone with present  
methods, but it may be obtained as  
an important and valuable by-prod-  
uct in the manufacture of cement.  
There is here a great reserve supply  
of potash upon which the future of  
agriculture in Illinois may depend.

**SPACE INADEQUATE  
IN COUNTY'S JAIL**

Necessity for additional cell space  
in the county jail was felt by Sheriff  
L. A. Doolittle and his force as the  
fifty-seventh prisoner was locked in  
the county fastile, originally built to  
house forty-five.  
The county is host to a considerable  
number of federal prisoners, sent out  
here because of the overflow condi-  
tion in Chicago jails. Dope fiends,  
federal liquor prisoners and gang-  
sters from Chicago are often sent  
here to serve out their time because  
there is no room for them in Chic-  
ago. At present there are a number  
of dope fiends in the local jail, letting  
the effects of the dope wear off before  
they are given their freedom.  
A plan to build additional cell  
space as a second story to the pres-  
ent sheriff's garage is being consid-  
ered, but it is believed that the foun-  
dation of the garage would have to  
be strengthened some before a second  
floor could be put on. This plan  
would also necessitate the raising of  
the garage roof as it is considerably  
lower than the second tier of cells  
in the jail. However, if these mat-  
ters were attended to, the addition  
could easily be built on, by lengthen-  
ing the bull pen and building the cells  
along the sides. The addition would  
give room for some fifteen or twenty  
additional cells.

The numerous arrests under the  
prohibition act are one of the prin-  
cipal reasons for the flooded condi-  
tion of the jail. Hardly a day goes  
by that three or four men are not  
lodged in a cell, at least over night,  
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tion laws.

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