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KEEPING THE BOY ON THE FARM.

"A farmer whose son is also a farmer," is writing his autobiography for the World's Work. The editor has asked him to tell particularly how his son came to enjoy farm life and not hanker after the allurements of the city.

"From the very first," says this rural philosopher, "my partner and I set out to make life enjoyable for our children," his "partner" being his wife. There follow tales of porterhouse steaks which "would have appized the jaded palate of a dyspeptic president," and of huge bowls of strawberries and cream "which Queen Victoria might have envied." For playfellows the fortunate young folk of this farm had calves, colts, horses, pigs, pigeons, Angora rabbits, dogs, birds, guinea pigs, "and even a white rat!" Moreover, a savings bank account was opened for the children on the five cents an hour which they received for performing various outdoor tasks.

The New York World, in commenting on the article, says that it may not be possible always to instil thus a career-fixing joy of life either on a profitable farm or in a well-provided home elsewhere. And if all sons were to follow in the footsteps of the fathers the world would somewhere presently experience a dearth of men. The strength of this autobiographer's charming tale of experience is in its pointing to a degree of regard for the children.

Boys and girls do not enter this world of their own desire. The commandment which bids them honor their fathers and mothers has an unwritten corollary. Parents must honor and comfort their children. The farmer in the magazine did this in setting forth the best he had in thought and food. It is likely that many a son has gone further astray than "of the farm" for lack of such a keen sense of loving responsibility at the head of the home. Anyway, the boy is not kept to the acres by the selling of the best joints to the city markets while the chuck steak is served to the family.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY MEASURE TO BE RUSHED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Following closely the introduction of a bill by Representative James Francis Burke of Pennsylvania to require ocean passenger vessels to be equipped with wireless telegraphy, the house committee on merchant marine and fisheries today took it up for consideration. An immediate report is being urged, so that the bill may become a law at this session. According to Mr. Burke, a similar measure is now pending before the French assembly. The cost of equipping a ship is about \$1000, according to his estimate.

SAYS UNCLE SAM LOSES MUCH BY BIRD SLAUGHTER

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Feb. 8.—"The American people are losing \$8,000,000 a year as a result of the slaughter of bird life which allows insects to flourish and destroy crops," said G. O. Shields, explorer and writer, in an address delivered to a meeting of students today.

Shields said careful scientists had calculated these figures and that restriction of the slaughter of birds was an economic necessity. Wholesale destruction of the birds, he declared, was causing almost irreparable damage to farming interests in the United States.

"I make an appeal also," said Mr. Shields, "especially to young women, not to wear birds on your hats, but to substitute other ornaments, such as ribbons, or ostrich plumes."

RIG DUST STORM HURTS UMATILLA WHEAT CROP

PENDLETON, Or., Feb. 8.—In the opinion of many farmers much damage was done to growing grain by the dust storm yesterday and last night. Reports from the surrounding country in detail that the storm was much worse than was at first supposed, the shelter of location of the city preventing the full force of the storm being felt here. In fields where the soil was loose the dirt was blown away from the roots of the grain, leaving them unprotected and causing the grain to fall over. In other places the soil was made to drift like snow, burying some of the wheat so deep it will never see light again.

OLD SOAPY SMITH MAN MAKING TROUBLE AGAIN

JUNEAU, Alaska, Feb. 8.—Pat Connelly, former member of Soap Smith's notorious band of outlaws which caused a reign of terror at Skagway on the days of the big gold rush in the north, ran amok at Tenakee Springs yesterday. He attempted to kill one of the residents of that place, but was overpowered. There is no police officer at Tenakee Springs and miners held a meeting and appointed a man to act as guard over him while he is being taken to Seattle on the first boat.

EDITOR PAYS TRIBUTE TO ENTERPRISE OF OREGON

An unexpected tribute to Oregon and evidence of the widespread good that the publicity campaign being carried on to advertise this state throughout the east has come to Manager Tom Richardson of the Commercial club from George E. Vickers, editor and proprietor of the Philadelphia Evening Herald. The letter was written by Mr. Vickers to Bury I. Dason, manager of the publicity work at Albany, who is an old friend of the Philadelphia editor. Kind references were made in it to Mr. Richardson and his work here and the letter was forwarded to him, Mr. Vickers says:

"If ever printers' ink were put to good use, it is at this time by you folks in booming Oregon. But she is not being boomed a bit more than she deserves. I saw her products at the world's fair at Chicago. Such fruit, such apples, I have been reading about her enterprise in developing water power, about her magnificent grains, plants and flowers, about her wonderful dairies and sheep and goat ranches and her alfalfa fields and the enterprising people who have the credit of bringing about all this wonderful development, and I have in high respect and reverence and say: 'Fellow Americans, I am proud of you, proud I live in a land with such grand, grand-hearted, high aspiring people.'"

Oregon stands the test of the most thorough inspection. She speaks for herself in the wonderful things she is doing in the way of fruit culture, stock raising, dairying and everything else in the way of agricultural productiveness. I have been reading much about her in the magazines and every day warms my heart toward her grand, helpful, industrious, intelligent and fearless people."

Mr. Vickers says he is going to write an article for his paper soon telling of the wonderful development of this state, for he says that while Oregon has been slow in developing its soil resources, now the whole world is waking up to her wonders in this respect.

SMALL HATS AND BIG PINS THE COMING STYLE

CHICAGO, Feb. 8.—Small hats and enormous hatpins are evidently to be the coming style. Both appeared upon the heads of 20 women who met last evening to form what the men might call a milliners' union. The president, however, declared the meeting to be one of the National Association of Retail Milliners. "We believe the dignity of milliners' acts should be upheld by an organization," said Miss Marie. Most milliners wear \$20 to \$100 a week and expensiveness. Chicago milliners started the movement.

SWIMS FOR 2 MINUTES IN THE OY ATLANTIC

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—W. S. Davidson, a waterman, made a new record for sub-water surf bathing yesterday by remaining for 27 minutes in the icy Atlantic off Coney Island. He suffered as if effects from his plunge. Davidson says that he was formerly a nervous wreck and that his icy swims, which he takes frequently, have given him renewed health.

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