

When College Education is Rare. Tom Reed Recites His Experiences—So Does Chauncey Depew—And John Sherman.

The college boy of today, with his books, his lamp, his hat, and his tail, will never be able to tell the yarns of student life that are stored away in the brains of those who went to college when it was a thing—either rich or poor—did not care to understand the pride with which old laundries were viewed.

Thomas B. Reed smiles over his college life as one smiles over the babyhood of a weak child—procurious once, but all right now.

"I started to do college with a stout heart and about \$1 in ready money. The dollar would keep the heart stout until a few lessons and another dollar had evaporated."

"After graduation I intended to become a minister, being very fond of the sound of my own voice. I had changed my plans to that of a lawyer, and I went West, young man."

"It was in 1862, when California was awake over the legal-tender act, and gold was as important as now. The judge said to me: 'Tom, I hear you want to go to the bar.'"

"Knowing his tendencies, I quickly replied: 'It is in my mind.' 'You shall be admitted,' said he. 'Three years afterward I was a member of the Maine legislature, having concluded that 'East or West, home's best.'"

"I was a student at Yale," tells he, "in my freshman year. But, somehow, though I had not gone to college, I was hounded at first; I wanted to go back home. 'I am going to be a farmer,' I said to myself, 'and farmers won't have Virgil and Xenophon.'"

ask down I thought of my dormitory which I had abandoned if my shirt had shown away my petticoat yet. Next day I carried a chain for marking out seed droppings, and the third day I picked up stones in a field.

"I guess I'd better go back to school, and if I hurry to catch the train I'll be there before my leave absence is over, and then they'll let me come again—I want to! But by next vacation I was the most enthusiastic college boy that ever cheered for his college."

Senator John Sherman tells a school story of himself and his brother "Cumpy," the late General Sherman.

"Cumpy was a great deal smarter than I was," said the senator, "and he was bright on little things. I was a closer attendant to detail than he, I think. He was more the warrior than I, having had West Point training."

"I read his speech to him from my notes, and when I had finished he came and looked at us in amazement, for stenography was little practiced in the West then."

Before the public exercises the old boys found themselves wandering down toward the Androscoquin, where so many years before they had caught their first fish.

"I was so pleased I didn't ask for further instruction, and I sat in the boat and read the paper until leaving at once an answer to the ad. It was just a few minutes after noon the next day when I received a note asking me to call on Miss Blank at one of the leading hotels."

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Thrilling Reportorial Experience.

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"I was a newspaper reporter for just two days," said he, "or perhaps I had better say six months, for the business held me firmly in its grasp for that length of time and when I was able to get away from it you may be sure I had plenty of reporting and was glad to get a job as porter in a shoe store."

"I was about 23 when I got it, and when I finished I had his newspaper. I really didn't have any great amount of ability in that line, but I was possessed of the required 'nerve.'"

"I went down to 'Frisco and worked for a few days, and then I got one of the morning dailies for a job. Of course I went to see him in the evening when he was very busy. I walked into his office and up to his study and he said to me: 'What do you want?'"

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KNOWN THAT THE SOIL IS LIKE A BANK, and the steady drift of 2000-10000 tons of fertilizer to fertilize the soil.

THE FERTIVITE HOP. Frequent rains and good growing weather have made further improvements in the condition of the hop yards in this state, and the prospects are for a better yield, both in quantity and quality.

ARTICHOKEES FOR HOGS. Coburn in his "Swine Husbandry," gives the experience of A. C. Williams, of Vinton, Iowa, in feeding artichokes to swine.

AGRICULTURAL NOTES. Cut the weeds in the fence corners in August, just before they go to seed. Next to irrigation, subsoiling and constant cultivation are the best remedies for drought.

SUMMER CARE OF COWS. In many instances the cows are milked in the open yard in the summer, and in fly time the movements of the cows result in the spreading of the insect—London Daily News.

A GIRL'S COMPOSITION. Boys are men that have not got as big as their papas, and girls are women that will be ladies by-and-by. Man was made before woman.

MUTTON SHEEP. These are hundreds of undeveloped placid mutton counts awaiting organized capital and in a few years hydraulic mining on large placer propositions will be much more common than at present.

SCIENCE IN FRUIT CULTURE. If we review the history of the bearing of orchards, we will find that the conditions of planting at first combined a fresh soil filled with plant food and a mixing of species and varieties of trees, whereby cross-fertilization has been insured, and the crop never failed.

ORIGON FIGS.—Mrs. La Forest of Oregon City has now ripe on her trees in her garden some very fine figs. It is the second crop of the season, and the industry that figs of the size and quality of these should be ripened in Oregon this early in the year.

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turned to the house and declared to his wife that he would never perform another day's work on the farm, as evidence was opposing him, and he would be obliged to leave the farm, as he would be obliged to leave the farm, as he would be obliged to leave the farm.

FEEDING MILK TO PIGS. There is an immense amount of milk wasted in the feeding of pigs, as a drink. When fed to pigs in proportion of it passes through the animal undigested and hence does no good.

MONEY IN HUCKLEBERRY. Mr. Case, a resident of Marion county, has a huckleberry patch on his farm. His area in huckleberries would amount to five acres, but it is scattered in patches over about 100 acres.

THE ANGEL AND THE CHILD. (From the French of Heblon). An angel with a radiant face As if in gentle strain His image to behold, he bends On cradle bed unseen.

FARMERS ARE DISCOURAGED. The farmers in many sections of Delaware county, of this state, are so discouraged that they propose to abandon their farms entirely and seek some other business for a livelihood.

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