

**Union Labor on Farms.**

The organizer of labor from manufacturing centers have penetrated the farming districts of the Middle West and have succeeded in massing the "hired hands" that work on farms in an iron-clad union, says the S. F. Farmer. The wages demanded are from \$3 per day. The rules are numerous and they all bind the employing farmer. In harvest time he is forbidden to let a reaper or mower be driven by his sons or by his daughter or wife, under penalty of being boycotted or "unfair" employer of scab labor, and having his product followed into the market, where its freedom of the sale is to be obstructed. Various kinds of work now done on farms by the families of farmers are claimed as "belonging to the union," and the owners of the farms are forbidden to do it themselves or have it done by their families. The employment of non-union hired hands is forbidden, and the union hands propose not only to fix their wages but to largely deprive the owners of farms of their own property. These hired unions have been formed by agents of Mr. Gompers, American Federation of Labor. It has claimed upon the Federation that the \$1,000,000 farmers in the United States are the most numerous class of employers in the country, and according to the philosophy of the leaders of the Federation, by the compulsory fixing of an eight-hour day on the farms and denying to the farmer and his family the right to do nearly all the work they habitually do now, there will be made a large number of places for laborers, and a considerable part of the enormous foreign immigration we are receiving can be immediately unionized and employed on American farms, to the exclusion of the native labor born on the farms. The officers of the Federation who have made this organization present statistics which they profess to have gathered, according to which the farmers have been making a profit of \$5 to \$8 on every \$1.90 they have paid for hired help in raising and marketing an acre of wheat. "These statistics will be a surprise to farmers in some sections of the country where all the profits of an acre of wheat seldom equal the smallest of the two sums.

This movement finds the farmers unorganized and less capable of organized resistance than other classes of business men. They are producing perishable property which must be planted, tilled and harvested and made safe at the proper time or it means the loss of a whole season. Being forbidden to do much of this work for themselves and denied the right of hiring whom they please, it is easy to see that the Federation organizers have aimed their campaign at that one occupation in our industrial field where it seems most certain of victory. Heretofore the farmers have read with indifference of the union labor campaign in cities and manufacturing districts or have been in sympathy with the purposes of the Federation as understood by them. It remains to be seen whether that condition of indifference or sympathy will survive this application of the system to their own business.

**Clean Up.**

Personal pride in one's farm and its improvements and surroundings should be encouraged. If one is really in love with his home, his farm, his family, his neighbors and himself, he will consider all outlay for the betterment of his buildings, fences, orchards, lawns and shade trees well spent. All buildings should be kept painted and repaired. Fences should be kept in good condition and gates on hinges and swinging clear not dragging on the ground, with one or both hinges broken. Brush, briars and all manner of rubbish should be cleared away from the fence rows and road sides; grass seed sown where the rubbish formerly abounded, and during the Summer and early Fall all weeds and sprouts should be kept down by repeating mowing, either by hand or machinery, as the situation warrants. I have noted cases where a new man goes into a community and begins a reform by cleaning out neglected fence rows and road sides and waste places along ravines and it's not long until the neighbors will get out their axes and brush scythes, and by using odd times when not in field work they soon have brush and briars cleaned along their fences, which have been growing unmolested for probably five or ten years.

The idea is this: Clean farming is "catching," and once it breaks out in a careless neighborhood, one can soon see good results. Cleanliness is akin to Godliness, and the man who extends his neatness to his farm operations naturally elevates himself and his

family. His neighbors catch the same spirit and they begin to respect themselves more highly, and with the farm home all neat and reasonably convenient they are entitled to more self-respect and to greater consideration from their neighbors and friends, and so the whole tone of a neighborhood is vated by the exercise of good taste and personal pride in the farm home.

**Crops in Montana.**

The so-called arid section of Montana, where irrigation is impossible, bids fair to become a field of roses, instead of a barren desert, peopled only by rattlesnakes and prairie dogs. Officials of the state experiment station have been conducting a series of experiments which show, according to Frank W. Hall, assistant to the director of the station, that good crops can be raised on the land, provided care is taken in the selection of the grain or the vegetables to be raised.

Excellent wheat can be and is being raised in many places in the arid district and a number of the farmers are growing fine crops of alfalfa and red clover, which brings a good price in the market on account of its excellent qualities as seed.

The greatest drawback thus far encountered is the fact that but one crop can be raised every year, instead of two, and often three, in the irrigated sections.

It is expected that these experiments will create an active demand for the so-called arid land, which has gone begging for many years. In fact steps are now being taken for the formation of a colony to take up the land.

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