

PRES. ROOSEVELT'S COMMISSION INVESTIGATES AMERICAN FARM LIFE

AN INDIANA FARM HAND WRITES AN INTERESTING LETTER TELLING OF MANY DISCOMFORTS AND INCONVENIENCES THAT MAY BE REMEDIED BY SYSTEMATIC METHODS.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29.—An Indiana farmhand has written a letter to President Roosevelt about the work which the Country Life Commission is carrying on. The President has turned the letter over to the Country Life Commission and the commission has asked the farmhand to write some more.

"I have been a farmhand just long enough," says the President's correspondent, "to learn the cause of so many sons and daughters and well-meaning, reliable farmhands leaving the beautiful farm and country and going to the city. A lack of order and system on the farm and too long hours for a day is what is driving the best minds from the farm to the city and shop. What can we expect of a hand, or the farmer's wife and her posterity, in the way of intellectual development when they get out of their beds at 3:30 in the morning and work from that time until 8 or 9 p. m.? And no attention paid to the sanitary conditions of the home, and necessary conveniences on the farm for doing the farm work with the least labor and time."

This man has given the Country Life Commission some very interesting first-hand information about rural conditions and recommendations based on a long experience in farm work and farm life. He has worked for all kinds of farmers, good and bad, he says, and he has always had his eyes open to detect the causes of their success or failure. He has drawn his own conclusions and sets them forth in down-right, straightforward fashion. Education pays in farming, he says. The farmer who plans out his work and carries it through in a systematic, business-like manner, just as the city man does, will be able to shorten the hours of labor. "So many farmers measure everything on the farm from the standpoint of muscle," he continues, "and are extreme in some things and slack in others. I decided several years ago that life is too short to work for Peter Tumbledown Farmers."

"Now, Mr. President," he writes, "you can take this for what it is worth. I have not given you half of my experience." The Country Life Commission has written him that his suggestions are so useful that they hope he will send more. "Compel the farmer to be a business man," he says—"Go into the homes of some of the farmers and the so-called farmers and ascertain how they live, and learn of their methods of doing the business in which they are engaged. And you will be surprised what a variety you will find. Ascertain what they read, and what stress they put on the literature that comes into their homes (if any comes) bearing on the business they are engaged in. See what per cent study their business. "Give me the educated farmer as a boss and the educated farmhand as a hand. When I come in contact with a hand or farmer that studies this business I find him advancing, and it is a pleasure to work for such men."

"The majority of the farmers are eight-hour men, that is, eight hours in the forenoon and eight in the afternoon. Eight or ten hours on the farm cannot well be adopted in all cases, but it need not be from fourteen to sixteen hours. If the family arise every morning at 5 o'clock and the wife and daughters attend to the household duties, and the farmhands and sons attend to the chores and go to the field at 7 o'clock and work until 11 or 11:30 and go to the field again at 1 and keep at it until 6 o'clock, and go to the house and eat the supper and then do the evening chores, they have done a farm day's work. Regular hours for work, and regular hours for meals, and regular hours for sleep, and regular hours for rest and recreation, with plenty of standard papers and books, including the best agricultural papers and books, and a full faith in God, and good grub is wanted."

"The family should rise at 5 o'clock on Sunday morning as well as on week days, and do the necessary Sunday morning chores, and then go to church and show the business man in the city that Sunday on the farm does not consist in exchanging the stock from one field to

another, or salting it, or unloading a load of hay that was brought in on Saturday evening.

"Coming to the meals at the meal hour makes it easy on the wife so she can arrange her household duties in order, as can also the husband his farm work."

"Men of worth and standing in the shop and city tell me that if order and system were used on the farm they would go back to the farm. If the farmer wants to keep his sons and daughters on the farm he must not lengthen the hours for a day's work at both ends. Limit the hours of work on the farm to twelve or thirteen with pay for overtime, and freedom to the hired man on Sunday."

The Country Life Commission welcomes letters like this, because as Professor L. H. Bailey, chairman of the commission, recently pointed out, one of the objects of the investigations of the commission will be to obtain, as fully as possible, the opinions of both farmers and of their hands concerning the question of farm labor and the condition of hired help. It is likely that when the Country Life Commission reaches Indiana in the tour of the country which it will make early next month it will endeavor to get into personal touch with this letter writer.

LUX GOES TO OREGON ASYLUM. Contention Made That Relatives Are Trying to Get His Property.

PORTLAND, Oct. 30.—Upon the statement of Attorney John F. Logan that Lewis A. Lux owns \$15,000 worth of property in California, and that his relatives are doing their utmost to take it from him, Judge Cantenbain, in the circuit court ordered Lux committed to the Oregon State Asylum for the Insane at Salem. Attorney Logan said that Lux' wife, Mary Allen Lux, with their two children, lives at Berkeley. Lux, he said, is endeavoring, for personal reasons, to reach New York. Mr. Logan also remarked that Governor Chamberlain, who was in the courtroom several days ago when the Lux case came up, has said in conversing with Logan that it was strange the California asylum at Napa should make such a strenuous effort to locate Lux. Mr. Logan replied that he believed others than the California authorities were behind the effort to take his client south, and that the state was not bearing the expense.

When the court announced that Lux would be taken to Salem, Mr. Logan, jubilant over his victory, said no appeal to the Supreme Court would be taken.

When Mr. Logan contended yesterday that the record upon which Lux was to be returned to California was not complete, Judge Cantenbain placed upon the stand John McLaughlin, the attendant who came from Napa to take charge of Lux. McLaughlin testified that Lux was twice a patient of the Napa institution, the first time in 1905. Besides Mr. Logan, John H. Stevenson appeared as attorney for Lux. Johnson examined the man and reported to the court that Lux is fit to be at large if he is cared for by friends. The physician said the man is ill and unable to work.

Lux recently escaped from the Napa asylum, where he had been incarcerated because he imagined that he was Jesus Christ. He was under arrest in Curry county for a time and came to Portland via Coos Bay.

TO MARSHFIELD VOTERS.

The platform adopted by the Marshfield Citizens League, which asks all desiring a better city to join it and aid in carrying out its aims is as follows: "WE PLEDGE OUR CANDIDATES TO AN HONEST, STRAIGHT FORWARD, ECONOMICAL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, AND TO REDUCE THE DEBT OF THE CITY IN ALL LEGITIMATE MEANS POSSIBLE."

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MUCH INTEREST MANIFESTED IN THE PROBLEM OF PROVIDING MORE COMFORTS AND MAKING LIFE MORE ATTRACTIVE IN THE RURAL COMMUNITIES.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29.— President Roosevelt's mail is stacked high these days with letters concerning the commission on country life, which he recently created, and the number of communications on the subject is growing greater daily. A rather strange feature of this correspondence, considering the far-reaching significance of the commission, is that so far it has contained no word of adverse comment from any quarter. The suggestions are all constructive, and many of them will prove of great help to the commission when it formulates its plans of campaign.

Many of the letters to the President are from men whose names are known everywhere, but the bulk of them are from the men who are most vitally interested—the farmers themselves. The general tenor of the farmers' letters shows that not only are they deeply concerned in the work of the commission, but that they have clear-headed ideas of the President's purpose in starting the inquiry and of what the outcome may be. The writers get down to the business and set forth their ideas with a hard-headed logic and clearness of statement that makes it seem a little doubtful if the belief of some persons that rural schools ought to be improved is well-founded. The farmers themselves, however, agree that the educational facilities in the country districts ought to be made over so as to fit country conditions and needs more closely. A number of writers urge the need of introducing some sort of elementary agriculture into the schools. Not all are of this opinion, however. Some maintain that there is a danger of trying to make agricultural instruction too academic.

The one point in which all the farmers without exception agree with the President is that the greatest trouble with agricultural life is its isolation. The remedy for this that is most frequently proposed is better roads. Another solution that is advocated by a large proportion of the writers is that a means be sought to prevent the holding of large farms by persons or corporations who do not work them themselves. The argument is advanced that such action would attract settlers to the country and that the wide spaces between farms would be broken up, and that further if the big tracts which are now worked by absentee owners or held for speculation were split up among independent owners, there would be greater opportunity for small farmers to come in and gain profitable livelihoods.

A number of the President's correspondents urge a revival in some sort of the old lyceum which provided a social center for rural communities. Several writers tell of excellent results that have been obtained in their own neighborhoods by literary societies, not so much in their educational capacity as in providing a community bond.

Many suggestions are made concerning the post-office service.

All these letters are being filed and the gist of their contents will be brought before the commission for its consideration.

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PLANER—6x24 S4S, 30 in. blowers, swing cut off saw, emery knife grinder and grind stone.

FARM—195 acres with 5000 ft. stumpage left and 1,000,000 ft. piling, 35 acres under cultivation, house 16x30, 2-story and addition 16x28, 5 rooms first floor, 4 rooms second floor.

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- I, 16x36—one story D, 3 rooms
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TWO HORSES—1 set heavy and 1 set light harness, 1 heavy wagon, 1 harrow, 1 plow.

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