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FARMING EAST AND WEST

Farming in the eastern and Atlantic states generally is not paying appreciable returns on invested capital. It is not a desirable occupation in the New England states—it is an experiment in New York—it is unsatisfactory in Virginia.

Right near the densest centers of population, close to the world's best markets, farm lands are being abandoned as fast as they are being developed on the Pacific coast.

From 1880 to 1920 improved farm land acreage of the New England states has declined 7,933,857 acres, or an average daily loss of 479 acres. Allowing \$10 an acre as a fair value for the land lost, classified now as unimproved, the loss is estimated at \$22,513 per day for the entire period of forty years.

New England is harvesting 5,000,000 bushels of corn less per annum than in 1880. The number of sheep in the same period has declined 1,000,000 head; there are 183,000 fewer cattle than in 1880. If this land could be reclaimed for production more than \$168,000,000 would be added to the present gross agricultural income of New England.

In New England are plenty of improved highways, but they lead to abandoned farms.

There can be no such story told in the future of the Salem district, if our farmers will continue to diversify and intensify.

To produce the things they can produce best and at greatest profit—

And to organize and keep organized with a view to being sure of the best markets—

For it is one thing to have the best prune country, and the best country for loganberries, flax, filberts, walnuts, strawberries, apples of right varieties, black raspberries, mint, evergreen blackberries, cherries, pears of the right kinds, gooseberries, etc., etc., and the best dairying country out of doors, and a country adapted to the production of the best live stock of various families and breeds—

In short, the country of diversity and the land of opportunity—

And it is another thing to harvest and prepare and market to the best advantage the things we produce.

It is the manifest duty of every one in the Salem district to work for the full development of our country; to stay on the job till there is not an idle or slacker acre between the Cascades and the Coast Range; for the good of this generation and the generations to come—

Because the potential wealth from the soil here is vast beyond that of the valley of the Nile, or of any other section of the entire earth; and if he is a benefactor of his kind who makes two blades of grass grow where only one grew before, how much more is one the friend of the whole human race who helps to build up from undeveloped resources a granary and supply depot and store house that may feed many millions in the years of the future.

An airplane trip around the world is set for next year. They may become common and commonplace after that.

England has loaned £2,500,000 to Palestine. The money-changers of London want to get their money back; therefore, they loan it to the Jews.

The Procyon has been made flagship of the Pacific fleet. Some one suggests that she must have been named by the fellow who gives the monickers to the Pullman cars.

General Leonard Wood sticks to his post in Manila. He never dodged a man's job in his life. There is neither gold nor glory in Manila, but there is work to be done there and General Wood will stay and finish the job.

The Slogan man has the job for next week of proving that this is the best pear country in the world; and the same as to gooseberries the week following. He asks your help, if you can help. Both things are true—the task is to convince everybody that they are true.

The wood working plant at the penitentiary is doing very well; is capable of furnishing profitable employment to part of the men; of teaching some of them trades. But it could not pay all the costs of the institution if it were ever so well equipped and managed and every available man employed in it.

The flax plant, equipped with spinning machinery, can support the institution—and likely it can do so and still leave enough men to run the wood working plant. But the important thing, first, is to develop the industry that will support the institution. Fortunately, the flax plant will compete not at all with outside labor, and it will teach the men a trade that will be of more service to the state generally than any other trade, and by the same token be of more use to the men who learn it than any other trade could be, because they will find employment thereby when they are free men again—and will pass it along to others. There is a book full of other benefits, including those that will accrue to the flax growers in having a ready market at remunerative prices.

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NONE SO BLIND

In the course of the trial of some of the striking miners charged with the Herrin massacre a witness told of hearing several shots fired and then seeing eight or ten dead men lying on the ground, but could not tell how the victims met their end. Possibly they perished during the blizzard of seven years ago and had never been removed. It is difficult to convict when witnesses are reluctant. It would be quite a wonderful thing if Williamson county could purge her own infamy, but it is a great deal to expect.

NO CAUSE FOR ALARM

Guy de Maupassant closed one of his romances with the sage reflection that "Nothing is as good or as bad as it seems to be." Add to this the homely philosophy of the Italian peasant, "A barnyard filled with fertilizer will work more miracles than a chapel filled with saints," and one gets a perspective of what is really happening in Europe and in the rest of the world.

Judging by the dispatches, generally fragmentary, that appear in the daily papers, governments are falling, peoples are starving, civilization is crumbling and violence is everywhere. Hope has been banished and the alarmists are in the saddle.

But, when one views the current events in the light of history, one discovers that at no time in the last 100 years has Europe enjoyed a single season of domestic tranquillity. Wars and revolutions are always waging there or in the making.

Every decade brought its particular crises, some of them as acute and as alarming to the timid as that through which Europe is now passing. General history passes over them lightly; for the historian found that what appeared at the moment to be an epochal event proved later to be only an incident.

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FUTURE DATES

December 31, Sunday—Elks "Midnight Polka," Grand theater. Monday, Jan. 1—Y. M. C. A. "Open House," for everybody, New Year's day afternoon and evening. January 5, Friday—Elvin M. Oswley, national commander of American Legion to be in Salem. January 8, Monday—Inauguration of Governor-elect Walter M. Pierce. January 9, Monday—Legislature meets

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Basketball Lessons



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NO. 5. FOUL GOAL TOSSING

(This is the fifth of 12 lessons in basketball by William C. Grave of the University of Pennsylvania, intercollegiate high scorer for 1921. Mr. Grave was captain of his team in 1921, and was named as all-American center in 1919, 1920, and 1921. Mr. Grave holds the record of having played 90 basketball games and losing only five.)

From one-quarter to one-half of the points scored by a team during a game are made by foul goals. In fact, this phase of the game had reached such importance that a change in the rules was sought to prevent a team winning on foul goals alone. The intercollegiate championship was won two years ago because the winning team had a foul goal tosser who shot 135 fouls out of 150 attempts.

Much as practice is needed in perfecting form in the other phases of the game, foul goal tossing demands as much practice as all the other phases put together. If it is your ambition to be the one that will bring his team to victory; to hold the rib or fall of the team in your hand at a crucial moment of the game when one point means winning or

the foul line and practice and practice.

Try Underhand Shot: The underhand shot has proved the easiest and most natural way of shooting. Stand with the feet about ten inches apart and the toes just touching the foul line. Grasp the ball with both hands slightly to the rear and above the center. Hold it about waist high and about six inches in front of the body. Then bend the legs, allowing the body to sink, at the same time lowering the hands until they almost touch the body. From this semi-crouched position straighten the legs and bring the arms forward and upward, throwing the ball underhand toward the basket. Shoot high, so that the ball can drop in easily.

Practice first for direction, so that the ball will go in a line toward the basket and not to either side. When you have the direction, the distance will come naturally. Another very important feature is to grasp the ball exactly the same way each time. No ball is exactly round, and if you do not hold it the same way each time, it will throw you off. Do the same thing exactly the same way each time and you will go a long way toward success in foul goal tossing. (Next week: "Five Man De-

THE SHORT STORY, JR.

UNSPOKEN THOUGHTS

Eleanor Sloan had sent out invitations for a big New Year's party. All the girls in the high school were invited. It would be the biggest party of the year.

"Whom are you going with?" Ruth asked Hazel, as the two girls walked home together.

"Oh, no one in particular. With whom are you?"

"No one."

"Oh, shoot," she thought, "now she'll expect me to ask her. And I'd rather go with any other girl in high school. Hazel's such a stick. Why couldn't I have said I was going with Helen or Gladys or anyone!" The silence was becoming painful. "Well, I suppose I'll have to ask her."

"Goodness!" Hazel was thinking. "I got myself in bad that time. What ever possessed me to ask her that? Now she'll expect me to ask her to go with me."



I'd rather go with any other girl in high school. Ruth's such a little snip. Why didn't I tell her I was going with one of the girls? Well, it's too late now. I'll have to say something or hurt her feelings."

At the same instant both girls opened their mouths. "Well, let's go together," they proposed in concert.

Hazel laughed. "We're both of the same mind," she said, thinking how far different her real desire was.

"Ruth smiled grimly. She was thinking what an awful hypocrite she really was.

"Well, goodbye, I'll call for you about 7:30," Hazel said as she turned into their yard. She had been home only a few minutes when the telephone rang.

"That you, Hazel? Say, a bunch of us are going to the party in Helen's machine. We want you to come along."

"Oh, shucks!" Hazel sputtered in anger. "I've got to go with Ruth. I promised her, and she'd be hurt if I didn't. Isn't that just my luck?"

Ruth stopped in to see Gladys on her way home. "Oh, Ruth, you're just the person I want to see," she said. "Dad is going to take us to the party and we want you to go, too."

"Oh, dear," wailed Ruth, "and here I have to go with Hazel. I promised her and I can't go back on her now."

At 7:30 the two girls started out together. They were the last to arrive at the party. "I'm glad I came with her, after all," thought Hazel. "It's nice to do something unselfish. She enjoyed it, even if I didn't."

"Well, Hazel wanted me to come with her," thought Ruth. "I made her happy, anyway. It's nice to know that."

PICTURE PUZZLE

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