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WRITES LETTER TO PRESIDENT

INDIANA FARM HAND TELLS PRESIDENT SOME FACTS.

Long Hours on the Farm—Eight Hours in the Forenoon and Eight in the Afternoon—Drives Young Men to Seek Other Employment.

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 farm hand 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 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 sister, 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 downright, straight-forward 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 his 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 adapted 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 five 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 changing 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 Prof. 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.

Harper's Booms Northwest. Harper's Weekly is planning a series of articles on the Pacific Northwest to appear in early issues, and J. K. Mumford, one of America's most prominent magazine writers, is personally gathering the data now.

REPUBLICANS MEET FRIDAY

Tomorrow night Hon. R. R. Butler will address Independence people on the political issues of the day. Mr. Butler is one of the good speakers of Oregon and has met with crowded houses in all parts of the state where he has delivered addresses. Special arrangements have been made for an interesting program and a good time is assured to all who will come out. Come out and bring the children. There will be something for their enjoyment as well. A special invitation is extended to the women.

ENJOINED FROM HOP CONTRACT

Another step was taken in the celebrated case of the Krebs Hop Co. vs. Livesley, et al, when the supreme court granted a restraining order yesterday enjoining the defendants from execution of judgement received in superior court for collection of money on a hop contract. The supreme court at the same time gave itself the power to enjoin using liberal construction of the statutes.

Dealing as it does with a hop contract, great interest is shown in this case by the farmers of Marion county, from which court it was appealed. The judgement amounted to \$4048. The suit started asking for advance payment of a hop contract and judgement was awarded. Contention was made before the lower court that the money should be paid before the delivery of hops and was sustained. The plaintiffs alleged that there had been no delivery or tender of the hops and that they were sold to other parties and that defendants were insolvent. The restraining order enjoining from execution of judgement was issued temporarily until the hearing.

Political Speaker Interrupted. Public speakers are frequently interrupted by people coughing. This would not happen if Foley's Honey and Tar were taken, as it cures coughs and colds and prevents pneumonia and consumption. The genuine contains no opiates and is in a yellow package. Refuse substitutes. D. G. Dove.

ORCHARDISTS CONVENTION

WILL MEET IN PORTLAND DECEMBER 1, 1908.

Big Fruit Men of the Entire Northwest Will Attend This Convention—Exhibits of Oregon's Best Fruit From All Sections Will Be Made.

Mr. Orchardist, do you know that now is the time to select that choice fruit which is to make your section a name for the production of first-class fruit—"as good as Hood River?" Do not wait till Christmas and then complain because people are talking of your neighbors' fruit and not of yours. Make up your mind now to capture some of the cups and awards to be given by the Oregon State Society. Write Jas. H. Reid, of Milwaukie, Oregon, for a list of prizes, and then save your best fruit for competition in one or more classes.

This is the greatest meeting and exhibit ever held in Portland and you will never cease regretting it if you fail to be in evidence at that meeting and have your best fruit entered in the running. The society will keep your exhibit in cold storage, free. If you wish it write to Mr. Reid as to details.

We are not ready to announce the program yet, but we will have some of the best talent in the country and the whole event will be an epoch-making occasion in the history of Northwest horticulture.

A score or more of splendid cups, medals, awards and ribbons will be assigned to the winners in the various classes and you ought to take home some for the credit of your section as well as for your own personal pleasure.

It will do you a world of good to meet the big fruit men from British Columbia, Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, California and outside points. One of the interesting features of the meeting will be a question box. If you have a question that you desire answered by the convention send it in and designate who shall answer it if you wish a particular person to consider it. Let us have the questions early so that all may have a chance to see what is coming.

Delegates from all parts of this northwest region will obtain reduced rates on the railroads and "Horticultural Week" in Portland will be a red letter day for the fruit growers of the Pacific Northwest.—December 1 to 5, 1908.

Had a Close Call.

Mrs. Ada L. Croom, the widely known proprietor of the Croom Hotel, Vaughn, Miss., says: "For several months I suffered with a severe cough, and consumption seemed to have its grip on me, when a friend recommended Dr. King's New Discovery. I began taking it and three bottles effected a complete cure." The fame of this lifesaving cough and cold remedy, and lung and throat healer is world wide. Sold at all druggists. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

SAID BY SALEM STATESMAN

The possibilities of the newspaper field in small cities are shown to some extent by the rapid growth of the Independence Enterprise during the past few months under the able management of Chas. E. Hicks, a former member of the Statesman force.

Since assuming charge, Mr. Hicks has built up the subscription list, done away with "ready print" patent insides, furnishing an eight-page paper teeming with live local news and advertisements of merchants from Independence, Salem, and the surrounding towns. He now carries about five times as much paid advertising matter as formerly, and has adopted a "strong editorial policy."

Mr. Hicks is just now installing a Mergenthaler Junior Linotype machine of the latest model, something attempted by few country weeklies in the United States.

Polk County Valuations.

Following is a statement of valuations made out from the assessment rolls for 1908 by the county assessor, C. S. Graves, as published in the Oregonian this week. It gives the following summary of valuations and the gross valuation of all the taxable property in the county. The summary will be subject to slight revisions by the Board of Equalization, which meets this week, but the changes will not have any appreciable effect on the total of the valuations:

Tillable land, 116,626 acres	\$3,276,960
Non-tillable land, 329,856.62 acres	3,364,860
Improvements on deeded or patented land	527,690
Town and city lots	289,240
Improvements on town or city lots	621,940
Improvements on lands not deeded or patented	31,280
Railroad bed (73.67 miles)	704,800
Telegraph and telephone lines (178.50 miles)	20,704
Railroad rolling stock	77,170
Steamboats, engines and manufacturing machinery	137,945
Merchandise and stock in trade	227,106
Farming implements, wagons, etc.	71,635
Money	42,930
Notes and accounts	89,355
Shares of stock	103,520
Household furniture	141,005
Horses and mules (4843)	183,070
Cattle (7674)	97,975
Sheep and goats (35,576)	66,520
Swine (3946)	10,830
Dogs (69)	1,805
Gross val. all property	\$10,979,430

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Chapped skin on the hands or face may be cured in one night by applying Chamberlain's Salve. It is also unequalled for sore nipples, burns and scalds. For sale by P. M. Kirkland.

DAIRY EXPERT COMPLIMENTS

Hon. F. H. Scribner, president of the Wisconsin Buttermakers' Association, but more especially honored in the Pacific Northwest as the breeder of "Loretta D" (belonging to the W. S. Ladd Estate, Portland, Oregon), the cow that won first prize in the hundred and twenty day milking test at the St. Louis Exposition in 1904, has said:

"There is no spot in our great United States that can excel Oregon and Washington in dairying. This is my conclusion after spending six weeks in the former state and thoroughly investigating several of her beautiful valleys, and after an extended trip through Washington. I wish to say to the dairymen and farmers of this section, relative to its dairy possibilities, that I fear they don't fully appreciate the wonderful opportunity here for the raising of feeds best adapted to the dairy industry, and the excellent climatic conditions for the growth and development of stock. You should here reach the climax of productiveness." Mr. Scribner's Wisconsin farm of eighty acres supports, under his skilled management, ninety head of stock.

ANTIOCH.

Thomas Strain of Monmouth was in this neighborhood the first of the week.

William Fishback made a business trip to the county seat Wednesday.

Chas. Osborn of Black Rock was visiting friends here last week.

Roy Clarke, who has been visiting his sister, Mrs. Retta Hamer, of Salem, returned home Sunday.

Joe Brown of near Airile was here Saturday buying goats.

Joe Housman and family of Monmouth were guests of Mrs. Housman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bosley, Sunday.

Mrs. W. H. Mack has gone on an extended visit with relatives in Minnesota.

O. M. Lehman and family of Monmouth have moved to Mrs. Bressler's place.

Our school teacher, A. J. Shipley, attended the teachers' institute last week at Dallas.

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