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THE LADIES' AID

The old church bell had long been cracked,
Its call was but a groan;
It seemed to sound a funeral knell
With every broken tone.
"We need a bell," the brethren said,
"But taxes must be paid;
We have no money we can spare—
Just ask the Ladies' Aid."
The shingles on the roof were old;
The rain came down in rills;
The brethren slowly shook their heads.
And spoke of "monthly bills."
The chairman of the board arose,
And said, "I am afraid
That we shall have to lay the case
Before the Ladies' Aid."

The carpet had been patched and patched
Till quite beyond repair.
And through the aisles and on the steps
The boards showed hard and bare.
"It is too bad," the brethren said,
"An effort must be made
To raise an interest on the part
Of members of the Aid."
The preacher's stipend was behind;
The poor man blushed to meet
The grocer and the butcher as
He passed them on the street;
But nobly spoke the brethren then;
"Pastor, you shall be paid!"
We'll call upon the treasurer
Of our good Ladies' Aid.—Ex.

FOR THE OVER WORKED BOYS

What Pa Remembers

I guess there must be somethin' queer
About a kid like me.
'Cause there ain't hardly no one here
That ever seems to see
That I don't like to bring in wood
An' do th' chores all up;
I'd rather be where skatin' good,
Or playin' with the pup!
My pa he talks a awful lot
About the way he did
His chores, if he wuz tired or not,
When he wuz jest a kid.
Sometimes he tells about th' piles
Of great big chores he had
An' gran'ma sez, "Tut, tut!" an' smiles
An' then my pa gets mad.

She says when pa wuz young he'd go
Away off slidin', when
He'd ought 'a' bin a-shovin'-snow,
Or choppin' wood—an' then
In summer too, he'd run away
Where all th' kids wuz at,
An' swim an' fish with them, but, say,
Pa can't remember that!

I guess when folks grow up they all
Can't just remember much,
'Cept how they worked when they
wuz small,
A doin' chores an' such;
But tho' my gran'ma's old's kin be,
Her memory's the best;
She tells what pa done, seems to me,
Better than all the rest.

MORE AND BETTER FARMERS NEEDED

Brains and Bread Come From the Farm. The Farmer Leads All

The farm is the center of all the very source of life and the cause of prosperity. The farmer should not for a moment think his calling degrading or his position inferior. With out him the nation would become a bankrupt and the world would starve. He may not own an auto, ride in a palace car or wear a tall hat; he may not be petted, praised and flattered, but all must bow to him and from his hard hands is meted out the very life of the world.

Not only is he great in what he produces in the fields but he is great of soul and mind. From his sturdy and powerful ranks have come preachers, statesmen, inventors and presidents. He has not only furnished the bread but also the brains of the nations.

He usually is jolly and kind hearted. He is awkward at grafting and reception. Making an honest living makes him honest and nature loves him and fondly guides and inspires him. Whether a Lincoln, guiding to safety the ship of state amid the aw-

ful storm of rebellion, or a Grant humbly receiving the sword of his noble foe, he is always great, always a leader.

The town, the city degrades and destroys manhood and womanhood, morally and physically—eats up and devours the good that is in us.

The farm, the country, nourishes and feeds the best and highest there is in us.

But for the stream of young blood flowing into the city, fresh and pure, from the country, the city would become a stench too great to be endured. When night comes on, the family of the farmer go to rest and in the sweet embrace of sound and peaceful slumber, they truly rest and develop.

The city people go forth to the entertainments to gratify their unnatural appetites and late they seek their beds to lie in feverish and unhealthy dreams.

More and more does the world recognize the farmer as at the very head of the procession and more and more is farming being reduced to a science.

Universities throughout the country have awakened to the present day need of a deeper application on the part of our college men to the study of Agriculture in all its various branches. Not detracting from the advantages of the many professions that are encouraged in most educational institutions, suffice it to say that there are, each year, graduated from institutions of learning more lawyers, doctors, dentists, teachers and preachers than are required, while the country stands absolutely in need of attention by minds and men scientifically trained in all the various branches of agriculture.

There is need of a course in agriculture that will complete, and offer a term of study fitting the student to play an important part in the general development of the nation. With the advance of irrigation, dry farming, scientific plant breeding, intensive farming, seed selecting, soil physics and fertility, the various different parts of animal husbandry and modern methods of water and rainfall conservation, the need of scientific training is becoming more and more necessary. In this age of competition the combination of science with practical experience will help in a large measure to overcome the problems of crop failure, which yearly occasions chaos and loss to the nation. Instead of this condition, a system of crop reliability, ever increasing in usefulness and scope, will be developed by the colleges where agriculture plays an important part in the educational work.

Arizona has been first to fully realize the advantages of scientific agriculture and prompt to establish a four year course at its university at Tucson, which is perfect in completeness and which carries with it the degree of B. S. The university is entitled to the hearty commendation of the agricultural interests of the country at large for taking this step, the effect of which will be of national importance.

Invention and scientific discoveries astonish the world from time to time and their output is greater and more astonishing all the time until we are fast coming to the place in which we may reasonably expect anything. So will farming in its application and method advance until it makes a very garden of beauty of this old rockribbed earth. Texas still looks like a wilderness to the passenger on the flying trains and yet she produced last year over three hundred and sixty-five millions of dollars worth of crops. No one can even dream of what scientific farming will yet make out of this old world.

"WE NEED MANUFACTORIES"

Speaking, the other day, to one of our most enterprising citizens about the probable growth of Independence he said, "We need manufactories here." I asked, "What kind?" and he answered, "Any kind." How can we get them? How do we get anything? By going after it. The crowded East is looking this way for openings. If the business men, the secretary of the Commercial Club and every one will watch the papers and try and locate those who want to come West to open up manufactories of various kinds, we can get men on the string and then by liberal inducements we may turn them this way. What kind of inducements can we offer? Let us begin to think out that way and watch for them and if we get our thinking machines at work, we may bring something to pass no one can tell how soon.

FUNERAL OF BERTHA A. FREEMAN ROBINSON

The funeral of Bertha A. Freeman Robinson was held in the Baptist Church of Monmouth, today. The altar was banked with beautiful floral offerings sent by those who loved her. The remains arrived from Aberdeen, Wash., last night, where her

short illness and death took place.

Mrs. Robinson was born June 23, 1889 and her life, before her marriage was spent in Monmouth. She attended the Normal there and had many friends at that place. October 23, 1908 she was married to John Robinson, an Aberdeen merchant. She leaves a husband, father, mother, brother and two sisters who mourn her loss. The funeral sermon, preached by Rev. Carson, was a most beautiful and inspiring deliverance.

JAMES HUNTER PASSES AWAY

Mr. Hunter came to Oregon some years ago, on account of the health of his wife who could not live in the East. He settled in Monmouth, but never felt reconciled to leave his old friends in the far away. His homesickness effected his eyes until he became blind. He expressed himself a few days before he went back, East for treatment for his eyes, as though a premonition had come to him and caused him to say, "If I cannot live among my friends I want to die." He went to Ann Arbor, Michigan, his old home, mingled for a few weeks with his old friends whom he could hear but not see, then crossed the doorway of the hospital, was operated upon and soon died. Mrs. Hunter, who remained behind in Monmouth, was notified by wire and she immediately took the train for Michigan. What a sad, long, lonesome journey! Mr. Hunter was a well educated and interesting man. He has gone whence we all must follow. May we all be ready!

A Friend.

OBITUARY

Isaac Franklin Foster was born in France, September, 5, 1835. When a small boy he emigrated with his parents to Missouri. Having been an orphan while yet quite young he moved to Oregon with some relatives in the year of 1852 and since then has made Polk County his home. In 1861 from that union four children were born, of whom but one is living. His wife dying in 1874 he lived a widower the rest of his days.

He leaves a brother, Josiah Foster of Seio, Linn County, and one daughter, Mrs. Mary Purdon of Independence and seven grandchildren, as well as other relatives, to mourn his loss.

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The camping party left Independence two weeks ago last Saturday and reached Hebo, Ore., in about a day and a half; they were entertained for the greater part of the time on the farm of Mr. Geo. W. Bodyfelt, who has been a County Commissioner of Tillamook County for eight or more years and who has a \$35000 farm on the Big Nestucca river. All report Mr. Bodyfelt and family as the best of hosts.

The party made several excursions into different creeks and resorts adjacent to their camping grounds, one of the most notable of which was a trip to Sand Lake, near Cape Lookout, where a large whale had been washed up on the beach. Some time ago a ship near Seattle, Wash. harpooned a whale and the fish was so ferocious that the ship was nearly wrecked, and to save the vessel the whale was cut loose; the whale that feet of three inch rope. The whale was washed up on Sand Lake beach had a harpoon in it and to the harpoon there was attached about 300 feet of three inch rope. The whale was found by a Mr. Hathaway formerly of Buena Vista Ore., who estimates that nearly \$1000 will be realized from the oil and whale bone he is now taking from the carcass.

Baptist Calendar for Month of August August 13—Regular services with the pastor in the pulpit both morning and evening. Baptismal services at the close of evening service.

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