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City or Country

Perennially the discussion comes up as to the relative merits of town or country life, and we heard a heated argument recently on the subject, one person championing the country as the place where the greater amount of happiness is to be found, while his opponent held that the city or town offered far more chances for enjoyment of life.

Our opinion is that with present day conditions, life on the farm is to be preferred to life in the city, especially for those in moderate circumstances, and were it possible for us to choose, the present writing would find us on a "little farm well tilled." Life for the laboring man in the city is made up mostly of a daily grind, six days in the week, with the possibility at any time of losing his job through sickness, closing down of the plant where he may be working, or by being "fired." When the laboring man in the city stops work, his income stops also, and if he happens to have a few dollars laid by for a rainy day, the clouds are very apt to give up their moisture about this time. The principal methods of enjoyment of the dwellers in the city are attending the theater, ball games and other forms of amusement. While these are all well enough in moderation, the constant sameness soon palls on one, which is shown in the look of boredom on the faces of most of the city people.

Time was when to live on a farm was almost to live out of the pale of civilization, because of no other means of communication with the outside world except by traveling over roads, (especially in the winter time,) whose condition was worse than execrable, to judge by the muttered language of the farmer as his horses wallowed through the knee-deep mud and a wagon wheel sank to the hub in a chuck hole. The long months of isolation during these times, which fell most heavily on the women

living on the farm, were almost too grievous to be borne, and accounted mostly for the young leaving the farms for the cities.

Those times and conditions are now happily past in the case of most of the people now living on farms. The telephone and rural free delivery of mail brings the farmer in direct touch with the cities, and if the country roads, which are being made better from year to year, still are too poor for much travel during some of the winter months, the tiller of the soil and his family have the daily papers to while away the evenings, and may hold social converse with neighbors and friends in town over the magic wires. Dwellers of the country districts are being brought closer together because of the cutting up of large farms into small tracts, which gives them better advantages for social intercourse. This also gives the farmer more returns for his labor, and more time for recreation, than where he attempts to take care of more ground than one man can handle. Farmers are learning that ten acres well cultivated will net them more money with less work, than one hundred acres half cultivated. By systematizing his work the farmer now has time to visit the city with his family, and will spin into town in his rubber-tired buggy or his automobile, with his family, and enjoy an evening at the theatre or other places of amusement, and his enjoyment will have a zest to it that is lacking in the case of the blase city dweller. Should the farmer be ill for a few weeks, he is not haunted by the fear that he may come to want, as his crops will continue to grow and his stock to take on flesh, with the assistance that will be given by kind neighbors.

With the increasing advantages of country living, more and more people are leaving the congested cities for farms, and as the electric roads into the rural districts increase and the highways are improved, making for rapid travel to and from the city, those who are better fitted by training to work at trades rather than to perform farm labor, will at least seek to own an acre or two in the country, where a home may be built, a cow and chickens kept, a garden raised, and the owner spend his nights away from the turmoil of the city after his day's work is done.

County Experience Meetings

One way to advance the best interests of Washington county would be for the people living within its borders to get together once a year for a day or two, and discuss the needs of the various sections; tell what has been accomplished in the way of road building, soil culture; what crops are best adapted to the different qualities of soil; what kind of live stock are the most profitable where the crops raised must be taken into consideration; better methods of marketing; how to enhance the relations between the grower and the consumer, and, in fine, to make of the gathering an experience meeting, where those who have profited by past experiences may pass their knowledge along.

About the only occasion when the people of the county get together is on the 4th of July, and then more for the purpose of giving manifestation of their patriotism, than anything else. The fairs that are coming to be an annual feature in Washington county are of much benefit as

showing what can be produced by the soil of the county, but we think they do not go far enough. In connection with the display of live stock, fruits, vegetables and manufactured products, there should be given a series of lectures by men and women chosen from each section, and the people should make it their business to be present and get the benefit therefrom.

Columbia County Shown Up

The Rainier Review published a Columbia County Development number last week, which shows up the resources and development of our neighbor county in great shape. The paper is filled with splendid half-tone cuts of business houses and dwellings in the various towns of the county, and tells in an entertaining manner of what makes Columbia county one of the greatest in Oregon. Walter C. Fry, the publisher of the Rainier Review, knows how to place the advantages of his county before the world, and we congratulate him.

The barber belongs to a shaving set.

Single men should not lead double lives.

The fish you catch always eye you with baited breath.

Are your friends the kind you need or the kind that need you.

The man who puts his foot in his mouth at least makes both ends meet.

In the drawing for brains the number of blanks seems to have been numerous.

The bachelor who is afraid of falling in love should take out an accident policy.

Woman tells us that angels do not gossip. Where do women go to when they die?

There's one good thing about your political enemies. They never borrow money from you.

If a woman is really in love a cheap engagement ring will answer just as well as a diamond one.

Somehow Senator Gore, the blind Senator, does not always see things the way his colleagues do.

And if some people didn't think they knew quite so much they would probably know a little more.

What has become of the old-fashioned man who attended a wedding and insisted on kissing the bride?

You cannot always judge a man by the clothes he wears, but you can judge his wife by their appearance.

When a young man starts sowing his wild oats, his parents should see that they are thoroughly thrashed out.

Victoria Falls.

The African name for the Victoria falls is "Mosi on tunja," which means "smoke thunders here."

Society Molars.

Dentist—Well, how do the new teeth work? Everything satisfactory? Patient—Not exactly. They seem to cut the others.

Dentist—Naturally. They don't belong to the same set, you know.—Exchange.

The warm weather has a tendency to make some people hot in the collar.

A Mormon preacher claims that the garden of Eden was located in Missouri. Anyway old Adam was shown a few things.

A Berlin scientist says that food can be made from air—which may enlighten us as to how some people have existed in the past.

No, no, Ermyntrude, no one in Forest Grove is heir to four hundred millions. Merely a pipe dream of the other fellow, dear.

The mosquito who puncture the epidermis of the grouch with his proboscis and makes a meal of his corpuscles must want to commit suicide.

When speaking of a dead friend do not say, "peace to his ashes," or some people may think you are making a mean inference about the place he went to.

When you wish to take a fall out of any one, it is good policy to be sure of what you are writing about, otherwise you may make yourself ridiculous.

One hundred Chicago girls in writing essays on "The Ideal Husband," said he was one "capable of living the real life." A diagram should go with that

HILDA THE HELPER

VIII.—Might Have Been Mayor

Hilda the Helper now and then was wont to say to women, "Let us CO-OPERATE WITH MEN and be right in the swimmin'."



So pleased were all the men with her—they saw SHE WAS A STAYER—they said, if she did not demur, they'd like to make her mayor.

But Hilda had another plan in helpfulness to mingle, the which concerned a single man who wouldn't long be single.

Oregon Electric Time Card

LEAVES Forest Grove	ARRIVES at Portland
6:50 a m	8:00 a m
8:30 a m	9:50 a m
10:30 a m	11:40 a m
12:20 p m	1:30 p m
1:40 p m	2:50 p m
4:10 p m	5:20 p m
7:00 p m	8:10 p m
9:45 p m	10:50 p m

LEAVES Portland

7:05 a m	8:15 a m
8:30 a m	9:40 a m
10:20 a m	11:30 a m
12:10 p m	1:20 p m
2:10 p m	3:20 p m
3:30 p m	4:40 p m
5:30 p m	6:40 p m
8:25 p m	9:35 p m

Saturday Only
Lvs Portland 11:30 p m—Ar. F.G. 12:35 a m
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