

BOY PLEAS FOR BETTER SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTRY

Nothing is needed in preface or addition to the following except a word to emphasize the interrogation: "Why?"

The Chicago Daily Tribune,

Dear Editor: It seems hard for me to write what I have in mind. I am a boy of 13 years and have two sisters, one 9 years old one 4 years old. My father and mother lived in Chicago all their lives. Five years ago we came here on a sixty acre farm. We liked it very much, although father was sick most of the time. By hiring the heaviest work done we live comfortable. I am thru grammar school, "roughed it through," as mother says, and go to High school. I like going to school as much as I like our sixty acre empire. But here is where my troubles begin. Mother and father say they will not let the girls "rough it through." They intend to sell the farm and go to the city on account of the poor country schools. The poor farmers' children have no chance for a good education while the wealthier farmers' children go to the city and they never come back. If we had thorough sanitation, centralized schools, free transportation, and a county school board then country life would be almost perfect. Why must we go to the city for better schooling? Why can't we have just as good schools in the grand country? The native farmer will do nothing progressive, especially in the line of education. "They have too much already," he says. But why not make him for the good of the nation? Because, as I understand it, the educated farmer can make three ears of corn grow where one grew before, which would decrease the cost of living very much. If we had centralized schools, with free transportation, good roads would have to come. After we have the centralization of schools started a few years the cost will be no more than at present, with better education for the farmer's child. I wish I was 21 years old, I'd never leave nature to go to the city and I hope I still think so when I am 21 years old.

Hoping to get central schools, yours respectfully,

The boy has asked some questions which will puzzle legislators and country school officials to answer satisfactorily except by assent.

The Tribune speaks gospel truth. Legislature that fail to provide good schools for boys and girls on the farm deserve severe censure. Farmers who thru penuriousness or carelessness withhold from their sons and daughters such school facilities as can only be provided in central schools are guilty of crime against the growing generation.

In settled communities the district school is a mark of antiquity. The central school, with its staff of teachers and equipment for practical instruction in agriculture, is the only method of handling the problem of education effectively.

The bulk of the nation's wealth is in its soil. The development of that wealth, the great, vital burden of maintaining national credit, national prosperity at home and abroad, is upon the farmer.

The country can get along with second-rate lawyers, third-rate doctors, and fourth-rate parsons, but it cannot hope to progress, it cannot be rich and powerful, unless it has first-rate farmers.

The boy who writes to The Tribune has hundreds of thousands of fellow-sufferers. The number of families who leave farms and remove to crowded cities to be near better school is legion.

Nine times out ten, the boys and girls of such families instead of returning to the country to become happy prosperous growers of fruit, vegetables, or other farm produce, remain in the cities to be underpaid clerks, miserable old maid wage-earners, drifting to unhappy and ill-provided old age in uncomfortable surroundings.

Instead of being producers they become consumers. They are gain to the city, but a terrible loss to the farm and thus to the nation.

The life-blood of the country should no longer be drained by the vampire cities. Good education should be put within reach of every child of the farm. Good farmers should demand adequate school facilities for their children. Legislators that stand in the way should be brought to book in summary fashion, and made to do their duty.—Vegetable grower,

STATE AND NATION

JOIN TO AID FARMER

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis Oregon.—The United States Department of Agriculture through the division of farm management, will cooperate with the Oregon Agricultural college as soon as the federal Government is able to make the necessary adjustments. This important step was definitely decided upon at a recent conference held at the Oregon Agricultural College between president W. J. Kerr and R. D. Hetzel, Director of Extension, representing the college, and C. B. Smith and Byron Hunter, acting for the federal government.

The new arrangement calls for co-operative overhead supervision of field and farm demonstration work by the federal and state departments. When put into operation the plan will have the advantage not only of furnishing financial aid from the federal government, but of bringing the help of the great federal organizations and the information in its possession directly to the farmers of Oregon. Mr. H. T. French will have immediate supervision of this department of the extension work.

WANTED—The PRESS desires to secure a live correspondent in every community in Washington county. Send in your application at once.

An Ode to Alfalfa.

I like to gaze upon the wheat, that there's no other state can beat, and contemplate the seeds of tin, that it will soon be bringing in, I like to see the fields of hops, one of many banner crops; and think of how that price will place, a smile upon the farmer's face. But of the crops that I survey, a doing business here today, the one that seems to hit the top, is this renowned alfalfa crop; it is the crop, that rain or not, is always Jonny on-the-spot, it hums along with lusty cheer, and blossoms several times a year; the other crops may quit the game, but it does business just the same, of all our products it is chief, in manufacturing pork and beef, the pasture lands are gorgeous now, in their abundance for the cow, but when the rains neglect to come, it's then alfalfa does the work. Of all the crops that grow my son, alfalfa's got the whole bunch skun, and if you haven't got a field, and sharing in its splendid yield, get busy at your earliest chance, and set out some alfalfa plants, and take it right from me old kid, that you will bless the day you did.—Osceola Record.

TRAIN SCHEDULE

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OREGON ELECTRIC

LV PORTLAND	AR FOREST GROVE
6:45 a. m.	8:05 a. m.
8:05 a. m.	9:25 a. m.
10:25 a. m.	11:45 a. m.
1:25 p. m.	2:45 p. m.
3:45 p. m.	5:05 p. m.
5:15 p. m.	6:40 p. m.
6:35 p. m.	7:55 p. m.
8:30 p. m.	9:35 p. m.
11:40 p. m.	12:45 p. m.

LV FOREST GROVE	AR PORTLAND
6:10 a. m.	7:30 a. m.
6:45 a. m.	8:05 a. m.
8:30 a. m.	9:50 a. m.
10:35 a. m.	11:57 a. m.
1:05 p. m.	2:25 p. m.
3:40 p. m.	5:00 p. m.
6:00 p. m.	7:20 p. m.
8:05 p. m.	9:25 p. m.
9:45 p. m.	10:50 p. m.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC

LV PORTLAND	AR FOREST GROVE
7:15 a. m.	8:40 a. m.
3:30 p. m.	5:32 p. m.
5:40 p. m.	6:58 p. m.

LV FOREST GROVE	AR PORTLAND
7:40 a. m.	8:00 a. m.
8:24 a. m.	10:20 a. m.
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Save Good samples of your grains, grasses, clovers, etc., Enough of each to make a bundle about three inches in diameter. Tie and hang heads down, in a safe place.

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