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Indiana Farmhand Writes About Country Life.

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 farmhand 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 posterity, 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 down-right, straight-forward fashion. Education pays in farming, he says. The farmer who plans out his work and carries it through in a systematic, businesslike 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 was 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 in to the homes of some of 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 adopted 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 daughter 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 at 1 and keep at it till 6, and go to the

house and eat their 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 men 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 easier on the wife as 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. I. H. Bailey, Chairman of the Commission, recently pointed out, one of the objects of the investigation of the Commission will be to obtain, as fully as possible, the opinions of both the farmers and of their hands concerning the question of farm labor and the condition of hired help.

The Northwest Fruit Growers' Meeting.

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 neighbor's 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 Milwaukee, 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 other 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 con-

vention 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 fruitgrowers of the Pacific Northwest—December 1-5, 1908.

E. R. LAKE, Secretary,
Corvallis, Oregon.

Smith-Mattoon Wedding.

A very pretty wedding occurred at the home of J. E. Smith October 15th at high noon when their youngest daughter, Miss Eva E., and Mr. C. Milton Mattoon were united in marriage.

The bridal party entered to the strains of Mendelssohn Wedding March played by Miss Blanche McNay.

The bride was attired in white silk and carried a shower bouquet of white carnations and was attended by Miss Grace M. Jolly, of Corvallis, who was dressed in blue silk and carried a shower bouquet of pink carnations. The groom was attended by Mr. C. Albert Smith, of Astoria. Rev. Gould, pastor of the M. E. church at Forest Grove, officiated.

Immediately after the ceremony the company retired to the dining room where a delicious repast was served.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Mattoon of Oregon City; Mr. and Mrs. Whitehead, Mr. and Mrs. Holter, Mrs. Gale, of Portland; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cummins, Mrs. Meats, Miss Blanche McNay, of Newberg; Mr. and Mrs. Rees, of Willamina; Mrs. Garrigus, of Forest Grove; Mr. H. C. Smith, Miss Grace Jolly, of Corvallis.

A number of beautiful presents were received.

Mr. and Mrs. Mattoon left on the evening train for Victoria, B. C., and on their return will be at their future home in Portland.

A GUEST.

Portland Notes.

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), 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.

Even more successful than former displays was the Eighth Biennial Fruit Fair at Hood River. A very large delegation went from Portland by special train on Saturday.

Harpers Weekly is planning a series of articles on the Pacific Northwest to appear in early is-

ues, and J. K. Mumford, one of America's most prominent magazine writers, is personally gathering the data now.

Obituary.

Died at her home in North Newberg, October 13, at eight o'clock p. m., Fannie M., wife of R. L. Hixson and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Dye.

Last November, at the hospital in Sioux City Iowa, she underwent an operation for removal of a cancer of the breast. The operation seemingly was a successful one. Last July the family came to Oregon for the sake of her health which did not improve after the journey was made. One month ago at a sanitarium in Portland, the specialist physicians pronounced the cause of her decline in health to be cancer of the stomach. Mrs. Hixson was nearing the close of her forty second year. Born November 12, 1866, at Ames, Iowa. From that place, in 1881, she removed with her parents to Vermillion, South Dakota. At the age of eighteen years she was married to Robert L. Hixson of Spirit Mound South Dakota, at which place they made their home until they removed to Newberg.

To mourn her loss she leaves a husband, one daughter, three sons, father, mother, six sisters and one brother.

She possessed a sympathizing and cheery spirit which made her a comforting friend to all who knew her. Mrs. Hixson was a loyal Christian woman and a member of the M. E. church, being converted to that faith at the age of seventeen years.

Rev. F. L. Young, pastor of the Methodist church conducted the funeral service at the house and she was laid to rest in the Rose Lawn cemetery.

Basketball and Box Supper.

Some of the young ladies of the college and town have undertaken to make the college dormitory a little more cheerful and homelike by adding some much needed furniture. On Friday evening, October 23, at 8 o'clock there will be a basketball game played between the Freshman and the dormitory boys.

Immediately following the game of ball there will be boxes sold for a box supper, the proceeds to go to the above-mentioned cause. All ladies, young or old, who are in any way interested in Pacific College are invited to bring boxes of lunch and the gentlemen are invited to be present to purchase them.

If you want to help the college, if you like basketball, if you enjoy fun, come and let's have a jolly time. Admission 10c, ladies free.

COMMITTEE.

Marriage Licenses.

Lela B. Davis, age 28, to C. H. Breeding, age 31.

Minnie M. Hutchens, age 21, to Wm. T. Ogden, age 25.

Eva Ella Smith, age 21 to Milton Mattoon, age 29.

Mary Richards, age 65, to Douglas Jones, age 60.

Judge Lowell to Speak.

On Monday evening of next week Judge Lowell, of Pendleton, will address the citizens of Newberg in Duncan's hall from a republican standpoint. Come out and hear him.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to extend sincere thanks to all kind neighbors and friends who assisted at the death and burial of our loved one.

M. R. L. HIXSON
MR. AND MRS. L. L. DYE.

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