



LETTER FROM A STURDY SCOTCHMAN

C. D. Nairn Tells How They Train Farmer Boys and Girls in Old Country

In response to a request for a donation for the School Children's Industrial Contest, Superintendent Alderman's office received the subjoined letter from one of the most successful farmers and stockmen of the State, a man who landed in this country with no capital except his knowledge of how to farm. The fact that he has made a financial success and is now the owner of more than one good farm, is splendid evidence of the value of early instruction in agriculture, such as he tells about getting when a small lad. It contains so much good, common sense and suggestions worthy the consideration of every parent that Mr. Alderman thought they should have the benefit of it. (Signed) N. C. Maris. The letter follows:

"In reference to children growing gardens, I have taken particular pains to note how parents act in my neighborhood toward teaching their children how to plant, cultivate and care for gardens. I find they are so busy with their spring farming that the garden for the home is neglected until seeding is over, and then I never see the children giving any assistance. In short, the parents never give their children any instruction nor encourage them to produce anything to exhibit. Being statistical crop correspondent, I take special notice of this fact. How different when I was a boy back in Scotland, where gardening was considered very important on the farm. Men make a business of going from tarm to farm to 'delve' (dig or spade over) the farmers' garden. Father would have us (4) boys viewing the man with the short handled spade, pushing in the manure ahead and turning each spadeful as level and even as a plow. Then we would be taken to a corner and by actual experience make a garden of our own. This old man that came year after year to make gardens was instructed to show us boys how to mound up the seed beds, how to sow the seeds with two fingers and thumb in drills, how to use the rake in covering; in short, how to make a garden from start to finish. Father trained us for farmers; how to sow seed with the two hands, how to mow, to hoe potatoes, to 'single' turnips, etc. He just devoted all his time to our farm education when we were not in school. This early training was worth a great deal to me when I came to this country. Then mother trained the girls in dairying and everything pertaining to woman's work on the farm. Father and mother looked at this matter as a duty toward their children, and we enjoyed the work.

"Now, unless parents give their children instruction and encouragement it will be uphill business for you. Many farmers do not know how to make a good garden. I know this to be a fact, as very few can furnish even new potatoes for the table at threshing time. I strive to have new potatoes by May 24th, when the average farmer is beginning to make a garden. What is to be the remedy? The children have to get their instructions from some other source. In rural districts it could

be possible to get these instructions along with their book. For example, take my school district (Enterprise). There is a new schoolhouse close to the county road. The children use the road for a play ground. There is an acre of fine land lying idle—yes, worse than idle—growing weeds, briars, etc. Why could it not be possible to stake off lots for all the children, letting the boys grow vegetables and the girls flowers. If the teacher is not capable to give instructions, let the directors of the school district take turns on Saturday or other days, or if this is not convenient let them appoint someone to give instructions in garden work at stated times, and instead of plowing a larger garden I would start with a square rod or more and get the child to make it from start to finish, cultivation and all, and as they get interested in plant life, increase the space. I give these suggestions for your consideration along with a \$20.00 Collie pup for the children, the same as I gave last year."

Yours truly,
C. D. Nairn.

Dr. Hollipeter, of Portland, is in town.

WANTED IN VIRGINIA

For Murder Committed on Christmas Eve.

The Sheridan Sun says: On Monday morning Marshal Flynn received a telegram from J. B. Miller, sheriff, at Abingdon, Virginia, asking for the arrest of Peter Schelley, wanted at that place for murder, and suggesting that he might be found at the W. S. Evans' place. Accompanied by Deputy Sheriff Henderson, Marshal Flynn went at once to the place designated and found the man wanted and placed him under arrest. He acknowledged his identity and told the officers he was expecting it. He talked freely of the affair and said the killing occurred on Christmas eve over a difference of 75 cents. He stated that the man killed was his life long friend, and while he regretted the act, it was done for self protection. He said the trouble began when he wanted to move over the state line from Virginia to Tennessee and the murdered man wanted two dollars for taking the load of goods. He agreed to pay this amount, but having only \$1.25 he gave him what he had and promised the balance later. The day before Christmas the man who did the moving and another man came to his place in a drunken condition and demanded payment of the 75 cents. During the altercation he knocked one man down and the other rushed at him when he struck him with a knife in the left breast and died the next day. The foregoing is in substance his side of the matter. In appearance he is a short spare man with a rather kindly appearance and looks anything but vicious. He is about 55 years old and is accompanied by a young man about 22 years of age, whom he says is his son. He arrived here about ten days ago and called at this office for any information as to parties wanting wood choppers. He was directed to the Phillips' place north of town, but not securing work there got a job at W. S. Evans' place, where he and his son were when arrested. Neither man had any money but they were in possession of a revolver which was taken by the officers.

MOTHERS' RALLY DAY

Interesting Gathering at Home Of Mrs. J. C. Hodson.

The "Mothers' Day" rally which was held on Thursday afternoon of last week at the home of Mrs. J. C. Hodson, was a decided success. Although the wind was blowing hard and cold from the northeast, reminding some of the Easterners of weather "back East," sixty ladies were present and enjoyed the carefully prepared program on Motion pictures as a source of amusement for children. The president, Mrs. Etta Moore, was in the chair, and all united in singing "Blest be the Tie That Binds," after which Mrs. Catherine Bartlett led the devotional exercises.

Mrs. Berta Terrell read a very interesting and instructive article entitled "Mothers and Motion Pictures," by Kate Davis, founder and president of the National Legal Regulation League. Through this organization work is being done in every state in the Union for the elimination of the vicious and the demoralizing in motion pictures by means of legal regulation, by local ordinance, or by state legislation.

An original paper by Mrs. Levi T. Pennington, was certainly a source of inspiration, and showed up what the "movies" are doing for our children and young people. While Newberg is said to show only films selected with special care, yet any one may note the ads on the bill boards this week and fail to find naught but sensationalism. If these have been selected with care and are "number one," what would number two be? Mrs. C. O. Whitley sang a beautiful solo, "Mother's Prayer," with piano accompaniment by Mrs. Harry Boswell. Mrs. Myrtle Hollingsworth rendered with ability two poems, "When Mother Tucked Me In," and "The Boy Who Kisses His Mother." Mrs. Evangeline Martin read a paper on "Theatres and Moving Pictures." Many helpful points were brought out. A general discussion followed, a number taking part. Delightful refreshments were served.

The Misses Lois and Viva Brown favored the company with a musical selection on the violin with piano accompaniment, after which the meeting adjourned by repeating the Aaronic Benediction.—Press Correspondent.

BIRTHDAY SURPRISE

A very pleasant surprise was given Roy Ellis at his home at 115 Meridian street on the occasion of the anniversary of his birthday, February 5. The surprise was complete and the evening enjoyed by all present, especially so by Abel Ellis, the invalid brother. The invited guests were the Misses Pauline Myers, Marjory Gregory, Irene Hatch, Jennie DeBorde, Myrtle Thomas, Ruth Hinshaw, Olive Ramsey, Florence Kaufman, Mildred Benson, Esther Miles, Messrs Arthur Benson, Reve Potter, Virgil Hinshaw, Addison Kaufman, Alfred Haworth, Frank Johnson, Harry Haworth, Emmett Gully, Prescott Beals, Lloyd Ellis and Prof. and Mrs. Herbert York.

Report Without Foundation

The report that a case of leprosy existed in Newberg has been investigated and it is utterly without foundation. H. A. Littlefield, Health Officer.

SHORT FURROWS

BY ABE MARTIN

Parcel Post Hints in Indianapolis News from Pen of this Well Known Writer.

Postmaster Gabe Crow has pushed th' followin' parcel post rules an' regulations fer th' convenience o' th' patrons o' his office:

Th' first zone shall include all territory within such quadrangle in conjunction with every contiguous quadrangle representin' an area having a mean radial distance o' approximately one hundred an' fifty miles from the center o' a given unit o' area, er vice versa. A quadrangle is a four-sided figure.

Seventy-two inches is th' limit for quashes.

Crosscut saws, porcupines an' scythes, an' other mailable matter o' a character likely or liable, t' lacerate main, wound er otherwise interfere with a rural carrier's life, liberty er pursuit o' happiness should be carefully packed in excelsion an' crated.

Do not pound stamps after they're affixed. It shakes th' mail out o' th' boxes.

In mailin' a pitchfork it should be given t' th' carrier er postmaster handle fust.

In mailin' onions it is permissible t' write "With Best Wishes," "Merry Christmas," "Sale an' Sane Fourth" er "Happy New Year" on th' package. Th' name an' address o' th' sender should be scratched on th' upper left hand corner of a watermelon t' insure its prompt an' reg'lar delivery.

An egg, er eggs, bearin' any message er communication, such as "I hope the few lines"ll find you well an' happy," etc., written either with an indelible pencil, fountain er other kind o' pen, er chalk, will not be admissible at parcel post rates. Any egg, bearin' such message, er communication, will be subject t' fust class, er letter postage.

Where any message, er communication, either written er printed, is found among th' giblets in a drawn duck er hen th' addressee'll be obliged t' pay somethin' like \$1.09 additional postage er let it alone.

All parcels should be wrapped so as to be easily examined. Examination free.

Th' sender may write his occupation, along with name an' address, in th' upper left hand corner o' a package as "Ike Coles, Bull Mooser, Green Fork, Wayne County, Indiany."

All country butter held er postage will be chloroformed after two days.

Write "In haste" on packages if you want 'em delayed.

On packages mailable under th' parcel post, a mother is allowed to write "socks," er "pigs feet," er "bologna," er such terms as'll designate th' contents. Such terms should be written at a safe distance from th' point o' destination theron written, so as not t' confuse th' rural carrier.

Stuffed sausage should be tied an' not sewed at th' ends so as t' be easily assessible fer inspection. If sewed th' letter rate'll be imposed, thereby increasin' th' cost o' livin'.

Nothin' scurrilious o' any girth will be acceptable fer transmission.

A goat muf should be deodorized an' mailed in a stove pipe, er other metal container.

Th' postmaster will not be responsible fer any egg that has not been properly vaccinated.

When a postal employe finds a

message, er communication, either written er printed, secreted, hidden er allowed t' find lodgment in a sack o' p'taters, either sweet er Irish, er in any package er container er sack containin' mailable merchandise, er merchandise offered fer mailin' under th' parcel post laws, his fust duty shall be t' notify th' Third Assistant Postmaster-General, given all th' circumstances, th' name o' th' sender, th' name o' th' addressee, date o' mailin' an' any other information t' that might interest th' department, whether directly er indirectly bearin' on th' case, after which he may go t' lunch.

Patrons o' th' office must not discuss th' proposed cut in th' tariff on chemicals with th' postmaster.

Butter that is strong enough t' walk will be rebated at th' office o' destination.

LYCEUM DATE CANCELED

A telegram received from the Britt Lyceum Bureau says Gov. Glenn, who was to speak here on next Monday night, is unable to make the trip at present and the date is canceled. Further information will be given later relative to filling this number.

MARKET REPORT

Made by Secretary Plummer, Portland Union Stock Yards, February 7, 1913.

Receipts for the week have been: Cattle 824, calves 11, hogs 3552, sheep 5622, horses 106.

During the week the cattle market has been steady to a shade weaker. The bulk of steer offerings have been short of prime in quality and the few in this week's run were difficult to move at \$7.50 to \$7.75. Demand is slow for all grades, but especially so for poorly finished stuff, and small lots of cows sold from \$7.00 down to \$4.50, according to quality. Light calves steady to strong at \$9.00. Bulls steady \$5.50 to \$6.00.

An improved tone featured the swine market. Prime hogs found ready buyers at \$7.50 to \$7.55 and one car at \$7.60, prices from five to ten cents higher than recent quotations. Receipts totaled over 3,500 head and the entire supply was cleaned up without delay.

The demand for prime wethers, yearlings and ewes was greater than receipts, the bulk of which were contract shipments. Yearlings \$6.25 to \$6.35, wethers \$6.00 to \$6.15 and ewes \$5.15 to \$5.24 represent the bulk prices in the sheep house. Lamb trade seemed firm as \$7.25 bids were easily coaxed if choice quality offered. The lamb supply has been small as the 1912 crop is nearly exhausted.

THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM

Will be shown at the Gem Theatre, next Wednesday and Thursday, February 19 and 20, afternoon and evening. This remarkable picture, in three reels, was produced by the "Tha-hauser Film Corporation" at an enormous expense, over seven thousand feet negative film having been made from which three thousand feet were selected by a committee composed of Ministers of the Gospel and well known authorities on Biblical history. Endorsed by schools and churches throughout the country. The Sunday Oregonian gave it an entire page. Appropriate music. No increase in prices of admission.

BADGERS HOLD ANNUAL LOVE FEAST

A Big Dinner Served and Interesting Program Rendered.

The Wisconsin rally which was held on Tuesday in the I. O. O. F. hall, was a grand success in every way. The day was ideal and the hall very comfortable and pleasant; the crowd, above 250 in number, was an exceptionally happy, congenial and generous one. After a bountiful dinner was served, an excellent program was rendered. Not being able to secure a copy of the program I feel that I must make mention of a few of the numbers, while all deserve great credit. As 'an association, we wish to thank all who helped in making the day one of enjoyment and uplift. The music furnished by Frank and Percy Sharp, violinists, with piano accompaniment by the Misses Olive Johnson and Mary Scott, was certainly an uplift. We are proud of our Badger musicians and appreciate the generous number of selections given us.

The following solos were touching and beautiful: "Old Wisconsin Farm," by Mrs. Annie Hutchins, and "Old Wisconsin Home," by Waldo Potter. Waldo is always "called back" and in response gave "My Oregon Home." Little Ozro Huffman, about four years old, brought the "house down" with a recitation "The Badger Boy and his cousin Joe a Webfoot." Short reminiscent talks were given by several pioneer Wisconsiners, some of whom made the "wagon trip" across the plains. One man, who said he was a "little afraid of the Indians," drove through Canada, making a distance of about 3000 miles and occupying about five months time.

There was a call for all the "Wisconsin born" to rise to their feet and form in line around a table in the center of the room where a beautiful cake had been placed, which was furnished by Mrs. H. L. Christenson to be served to them. Imagine her surprise on seeing sixty-four march up and claim their portion. Not at all discouraged, she re-cut the cake and promised one large enough to make up for small pieces this time.

While we mourn the death of two members since our last meeting, we are reminded that our loss is their gain, and hope that we may all meet again.

A short business session followed in which F. L. Ames was elected president; J. W. Moore, vice president and Mrs. L. A. Moore re-elected secretary and treasurer.

The time of the next meeting is to be decided by the executive committee.

Mrs. L. A. Moore, Sec.

WHAT HAPPENED TO MARY

The third series of this story will be shown at the Star Theatre Friday and Saturday of this week with three other splendid films, accompanied by appropriate music by Miss Arney.

Coming, Monday and Tuesday, February 17 and 18, "The Grotto of Torture," a special feature, in two reels. A thrilling never to be forgotten picture of life in India. Real elephants, leopards and crocodiles. Also "Friends," a biograph, featuring little Mary Pickford.

Coming, February 24 and 25, "The Kerry Gow," a famous Irish drama by Joe Murphy, set amid the beauties of the Emerald Isle, produced in three big reels.