

CULTIVATED CORN ON HIS HANDS AND KNEES

Crippled Minnesota Boy Crawled in Field and Won First Prize in Corn Club Competition—Health Improved, He Now Teaches Agriculture in High School at Lewiston, Minn.

Written Specially for The Gazette-Times by ROBERT FULLER.

Warren W. Simpson lived with his widowed mother on a forty acre farm at Northfield, Minnesota. A cripple from infantile paralysis, he entered the corn club in 1912, and by sheer willpower and determination completed his project by actually crawling through the corn on his hands and knees in order to cultivate it.

He not only succeeded in obtaining a yield of 103 bushels per acre, but at the same time his health improved so that he became able to walk. With his prize money and larger returns from the little forty acre farm, because of his increased knowledge of crop production, he went on through high school and last year finished an agricultural course at the University of Minnesota.

He is now teaching agriculture in the Lewiston, Minnesota High School, and being club work by cooperating with the county agent and acting as local leader.

His team was the champion Junior Livestock Judging team in the State of Minnesota in 1921 and represented that state in the Non-Collegiate Livestock Judging contest at the International Livestock Exposition, just closed, winning fourth in competition with twenty states.

"When I was a child," said Mr. Simpson, while he was in Chicago, "I determined then and there to become a club leader or agricultural teacher, in order that I might do for other boys and girls what was done for me in Boys' and Girls' Club Work."

It may be said that this case is exceptional, but "Truth is stranger than fiction." Hundreds of club boys and girls are now acting as local leaders in their various communities and carrying on the work in just as remarkable a way as in the case of Warren Simpson.

HOOSIERLAND VS. YANKEELAND

Senator "Jim" Watson, of Indiana, recently found the following article in an old scrap book that had been stored in an attic of an Indiana home for years that a generation:

"We were greatly amused, not long ago, at a dialogue we heard between Down-Easter and Hoosier. They were respectively cracking up their own localities and running down their opponents.

"At length says the Hoosier: "Why, our land is so rich, why ye never seed anything so tawdry rich in all your born days; why, how d'ye suppose we make our candles, boys?" "Don't know," says the Yankee. "We dip 'em in the mud puddles," says the Hoosier.

"Yes," replied the Yankee, "and I guess there's so much mud in your diggins that there isn't many places where a man could not dip swedes for the mud puddles. I heard of a man traveling in your country all day long in the road, where the mud was so deep you couldn't disinker a glimpse of his legs for hours at a time."

"Well, now just tell us, Mr. Yankee, if it's a fact what they do say about the roughness of the roads down east. They do say there are so many stones in the roads, and the wagons do jolt up and down so awfully, that the only way the people ever grind out our plaster of Paris is by loading the big pieces in a wagon and just driving at a moderate trot over one of your roads; and half a mile's driving will make it all into powder."

"There's no doubt but that we can tough dry land occasionally on our roads. But then if there are some stuns in the roads, the traveler is never wayward and his blood taken by mosquitoes as big as oysters."

"I'll tell you what, stranger, they do say there are hell counties down east where the stones are so thick that they have to sharpen their sheeps noses so that they can get them between the rocks to eat grass. Indeed, I heard one say, who once traveled through your country, that he once saw a whole field of men and boys standing on the rocks, each of them letting a sheep down by the legs in among the rocks to feed. And in another place he said he saw a lot of farmers shooting the grain in among the rocks so that it would take root and grow."

"Well, now, stranger, suppose you tell us something about your own country; you're the only man I ever saw from the west that didn't die of fever," says the Yankee. "Let's see if you know more about the west, you think you do about the east."

"Well, old Yankee, I'll just tell you all about it. If a farmer in our country plants land with corn, and takes first-rate care of it, he'll get a hundred bushels to the acre; and if he takes middle care of it he'll get seventy-five bushels to the acre; and if he don't plant at all he'll get fifty."

"The trees grow so large that I once knew a man who commenced cutting one down, and when he had cut away on one side for about ten days, he thought he'd just take a look 'round the tree, and when he got 'round 't'other side he found a man there who had been cutting at it for three weeks, and they'd never heard one another's axes."

"I have heard tell, yet I sometimes doubt that story, that the Ohio partridge have sometimes grown clear through the earth and been pulled up by the people on 't'other side."

"Well, now," says the Yankee, "I rather guess as how you've told enough, stranger, for the present. How'd you like to trade for some clocks to sell out west?"

"Never use 'em. We keep time altogether with pumpkin vines. You know, they grow just five feet an hour, and that's an inch a minute. Don't use clocks at all. It's no use, old Yankee, we can't trade nohow."

Author Chose Barry For Role of 'Penrod'

Booth Tarkington Declared Boy Star the Lifelike Impersonation of His Popular Character.

In "Freckles" Barry the screen has found the ideal impersonation of "Penrod," the boy character immortalized in Booth Tarkington's stories. The opinion comes, not from Marshall Neilan, who has made the film version of "Penrod," that will be shown at the Star Theatre Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 24 and 25, but from Booth Tarkington himself. The Indiana author was largely responsible for the selection of "Freckles" Barry for the title role.

Mr. Tarkington submitted a list of nearly forty boy actors and other child players to Mr. Tarkington," said Mr. Neilan, "and from the photographs attached to the list Mr. Tarkington made his choice. Mr. Tarkington was familiar with the screen work of "Freckles" Barry, Marjorie Daw and Lena Baskette, the "vamplet" in "Penrod," and chose them at once for the leading child roles."

"It is not merely the story of the country boy or the tale of the city boy—he is every boy. In creating the character of "Penrod" Mr. Tarkington based, as so many others have done, on a certain type or class of boy. He has reached down into the fundamentals of every boy and has pictured characteristics that are immediately evident in all American youths. The story might have taken place in a large city or a small town, it will therefore be appreciated by those who have always lived in the city as well as those who have never left the country town."

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Wool to be Exploited.

The agricultural committee of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, through a special wool committee, plans on making an extensive exhibit showing Portland's advantages as a wool center, at the national wool growers' convention in Spokane January 24, 25 and 26. The special committee, composed of R. A. Ward, C. J. Smith, Victor T. Johnson, Farmer Smith and W. A. Munsell, has prepared a leaflet setting forth Portland's many advantages as a wool center which will be handed to all attending the convention.

Publicity Bill Is Drawn

Measure Would Substitute Publication in Newspapers for Voters' Pamphlets.

Salem, Ore., Jan. 17.—Publication in every qualified newspaper in Oregon for two issues of all constitutional amendments and measures to be voted on at elections held in this state is proposed in a bill introduced by Senator Touze of Clackamas county.

First publication of the measures and constitutional amendments would be made not more than 30 days prior to the election and the second publication not more than four days preceding the election. Printing and circulation of the voters' pamphlet, under the proposed law, would be eliminated.

The rate for the publication of the constitutional amendments and measures is fixed in the bill as follows: For newspapers of less than 500 circulation, 20 cents a single column inch; up to 1000 circulation, 25 cents an inch; up to 2000 circulation, 30 cents an inch; up to 3000 circulation, 35 cents an inch; up to 4000 circulation, 40 cents an inch; up to 5000 circulation, 45 cents an inch; and for papers having more than 15,000 circulation, 50 cents an inch per 1000 circulation.

Tommy's Inquires.

Tommy had received strict instructions to ask no questions, and Tommy tried hard to obey. But childish curiosity won, and he suddenly and loudly inquired:

"Mamma, do Mr. and Mrs. Brown still play in the band?" "Why, Tommy, Mr. and Mrs. Brown don't play in the band. Why do you ask such a question?"

"Because," said the terror, in disappointed tones, "I heard you tell me that Mr. Brown played second fiddle to his wife."

There was music after tea, and Tommy was the drum.

E. L. Padberg, who was in attending to the installation ceremonies of Willow Lodge, I. O. O. F., last evening, stated that the intention of Laxton McMurray to begin at once the construction of a new brick building at Ione, on the lots recently purchased from the C. B. Sperry estate. The building will be two stories, and the upper floor will be arranged properly for the holding of lodge meetings and will furnish a suitable place for the various lodges of Ione. The lower floor will be available as store rooms and the new building will add much to the appearance of the business portion of the city.

J. H. Frad came in from Portland last evening and will spend a short time at Heppner, looking after business affairs. He states that his part of Oregon has had just a lot more rain of late than is needed, and for a time the flood conditions at Portland became quite serious. Some Eastern Oregon sunshine would be appreciated down that way, according to Mr. Frad.

FOR SALE—Two brood sows, wt. nearly 400 lbs., with 5 pigs each; \$40 apiece. Inquire of Louis Balager, Ione, Ore.

THE HEARTLESS STEAM ROLLER

(Oregonian)

These be sad days for the uplift. Even the most exalted schemes of service, the most philanthropic plans for the common weal, run into hard sledding, if they cost anything.

Take the case of Brother William Woodward. A member of the school board, he came face to face with the defects of the system, its failures to do for the coming generation what it should do. So he got himself elected to the legislature, with the noble and unselfish idea of curing various ills; and he prepared a bunch of bills in the confident opinion that the legislature would be glad to hear and to heed. Several bills—excellent bills, too—were introduced on the very first day.

One of them—to prevent the wearing of sectarian garb by teachers in the public schools—the house promptly passed. It was in accord both with correct policy and with public opinion. Besides, it did not cost the taxpayers anything. There is a different tale to tell about subsequent events.

The house yesterday with great unanimity, squashed two others of Representative Woodward's admirable measures. One of them—to add dental clinics to the public schools—would have increased the tax burden, and the other—letting everybody (if a citizen) vote at school elections—had a special bearing on the tax problem.

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Will Attend Shrine Ceremonial at Portland

A large number of members of Al Kader Temple, Mystic Shrine, who live in this section are planning to attend a Ceremonial to be held in Portland on Saturday, January 27th.

This ceremonial will be the first to be given under the direction of Hal T. Hutchinson, Illustrious Potentate, who took office last month. The ceremonial will be held in the large Public Auditorium in Portland, and will be preceded by a banquet to be served in the auditorium of the building. A concert by Al Kader's Band and Chanters will open the program, with the various sections of the ceremonial following.

The annual Potentate's Ball, which is attended by members of the order and their ladies, will be held in the Auditorium in Portland on Wednesday night, January 31st. This is the

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He Wasn't Anxious to Go.

Herbert Hoover, Secretary of Commerce, on one of his many ocean trips experienced a terrific storm. Many of the passengers were much exercised over the possibility of the boat going to the bottom. This was particularly true of a young man who had but recently been received into the ministry. He earnestly inquired of one of the crew if he thought there was any danger. "Why," replied the sailor, "if this keeps up a few hours longer we will all be in heaven before sun-up." The chaplain, horrified, cried out, "The Lord forbid!"

J. O. Kincaid, extensive farmer of Ione, is in the city today to attend a meeting of the executive committee of the Morrow County Farm Bureau. He states that in his neighborhood the grain is all coming along well, and never looked better for the time of year. Mr. Kincaid looks forward to a fine harvest the coming season and feels that the outlook for the farmers of Morrow county is bright.

KEEP IN MIND THE Tea at Mrs. Livingstone's on Tuesday afternoon, January 23, from 4 to 8 o'clock. You are cordially invited. Price 25 cents. Benefit of new church fund.



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Saturday, January 20th

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Written by Edmund Goulding A TIFFANY PRODUCTION

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So look out for trouble.

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'PENROD'

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