

Here's Howe

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"The Sage of Potato Hill"

THE SAME OLD WORLD—A WONDERFUL
STORY OF PROGRESS—RURAL
EXTRAVAGANCE



A recent magazine writer contends that friendship is passing. . . It is the same old world—so far as friendship is concerned, and in nearly everything else, except that we have more tops to play with. . . The modern man, when time hangs heavily, turns on the radio, to see what sort of devilment is going on in other parts of the world; in an older generation, a bored man shouldered his rifle, and went out to shoot an Indian.

I have observed that literature is unfriendly to men. Yet, in all fairness, and justice, the most marvelous thing in the progress men have made. Tell me, if you can, a tale as wonderful as the growth of man from barbarism or worse to his present state.

A writer in a farm publication says: "No century has ever seen such a thing as rural extravagance." Extravagance is as common in the country as in the towns. When a farmer buys more machinery than he needs, and lets it stand out in the weather when not in use, what is that but extravagance?

When he over-borrows at the bank, that is extravagance. When he spends more time in town than is necessary or profitable that is another exhibition of it. Farmers live too economically so far as food and housing go, and are too extravagant with agents, and in the use of their working hours. They sympathize with farmers because their calling is not very profitable. This is true of many others. Teachers and preachers are worse paid than farmers. There are millions of clerks not so well paid as farmers, and factory employes everywhere are appealing to the government

and public for help. And in all the hullabaloo the fact remains that citizens of all classes may do pretty well in this fat country if they accept generous opportunities, and handle them with reasonable intelligence and efficiency. And the fact remains that those who choose to appeal for aid cannot be much helped by public appropriations or taxes.

We can no more make everybody prosperous than we can make everybody healthy; there are elements entering into the problem going back to heredity, individualism; general preaching, general prayers, bulk sympathy will not do; life is a problem to each individual, and we can only treat him as well as he treats us.

I lately heard a woman talk of a male relative who had been a drunkard all his adult life, and she made one statement that interested me. She said all the man's relatives, friends, and acquaintances were in league to keep him away from whiskey but that he could go into any strange community anywhere on earth without funds, and within a few hours secure all the whiskey he wanted, and be howling drunk. . . Often the needful things may not be had for love or money, but whiskey and pistols seem to be within reach of anyone wishing to use them.

I often hear of what mothers should "tell" young daughters. The first should be the agony and danger the best of wives suffer, the second, the inevitable disposition of men to be less thoughtful as husbands than as lovers. Such information is gross and material, but young girls are entitled to know what they are stepping into when they put on wedding dresses.

The doctors of this state are cooperating in a plan to see that every child is in good physical condition. This summer the way can be smoothed a little by attending to some necessary matters. Every child should be vaccinated against smallpox before he is sent to school. The administration of toxin-antitoxin is equally important and is becoming a routine in some counties. The physical handicaps of the child should be determined. All defects that can be remedied should be attended to before school opens.

Bigger Co-Op Keynote of Farm Relief Plans

Oregon State College, Corvallis, Aug. 14.—Believing that size and strength are the factors that make either buying or selling organizations effective on the market, the new Federal Farm Board has taken its stand in favor of larger, stronger and better coordinated marketing associations achieved through consolidations and affiliations among existing groups, as opposed to organization of new ones, reports Paul V. Maris, director of the extension service at Oregon State college, who has just returned from the fifth annual meeting of the American Institute of Cooperation at Baton Rouge, La.

As an instrument to aid the board in putting across its program the National Cooperative council was brought into being at this meeting. This body, comparable to the American Federation of Labor, the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, and similar bodies, will cooperate with the farm board and the division of cooperative marketing in the department of agriculture. It will deal with congress and other federal bodies in the interest of co-operatives, and will seek to educate the American public to be cooperative-minded.

Since more than 12,000 cooperative associations have been formed in the United States and individual representation on the directing board of the national organization is impossible, each commodity group will be recognized with representatives. Thus the fruit, wheat, cotton and wool growers and all the other various agricultural industries will take part in the council's activities. Through the efforts of George O. Gatlin, extension special-

ist in marketing at the college, state cooperative councils also will be represented, giving Oregon, one of the pioneers in this movement, position in the national organization.

"It is worthy of note that the morale of all existing cooperative associations should be strengthened by the passage of the marketing act and appointment of the Farm board," says Director Maris. "The official sanction given to cooperative marketing should tend to bring it a larger degree of support than it has ever experienced."

1928 GOOD FARM YEAR. Washington, D. C.—Owners of good-sized farms had the best year in 1928 since the big farm slump of 1921, according to a Department of Agriculture report. They averaged \$1,334 in cash returns against \$917 for the low year of 1922. Food raised on the farm and consumed at home was estimated worth an average of \$269.

The cash returns included the return on the labor of the farmer and his family, estimated at an average of \$768 at ordinary farm wages. Expenses were higher in 1928 than in 1927, averaging \$1,518, the department found. Increases in income were greatest in the Central States.

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(State Board of Health)

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The attention of parents is called to the youngsters who are to begin school in September. At one time a visit to the outfitters for new suits, shoes and hats was thought all that was necessary. Now, the first thought should be, is the child physically and mentally fit to attend school?

Pre-school child health examinations are being held all over the United States. The purpose of these examinations is to discover conditions that need attention, that

would handicap the child, or would make him susceptible to disease if left unremedied. The physician pays particular attention to the general health as indicated by weight, posture, heart and lungs, hearing and vision, throat and nose, and teeth. When corrections are needed, the parents are urged to go to their family physician for advice and treatment.

You want your child to enter school well and strong. The progress of his school program is dependent chiefly upon his health. Physical defects make mental progress difficult. You doubtless know that diseased tonsils, decayed teeth, impaired vision and hearing will handicap the child in school. Three out of four children who enter school have correctable physical defects. It is important that your child have a good physical examination. Make an early appointment with your physician. Present a copy of his report when the child enters school.

Now is the time to get ready for school. In order that your child may enter school physically fit he should have a health examination.

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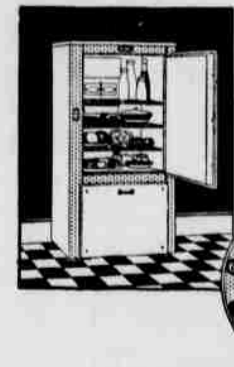


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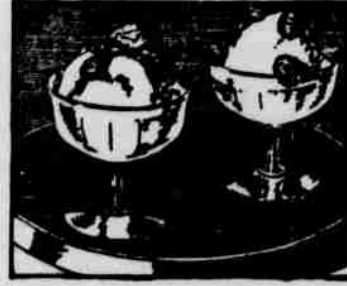
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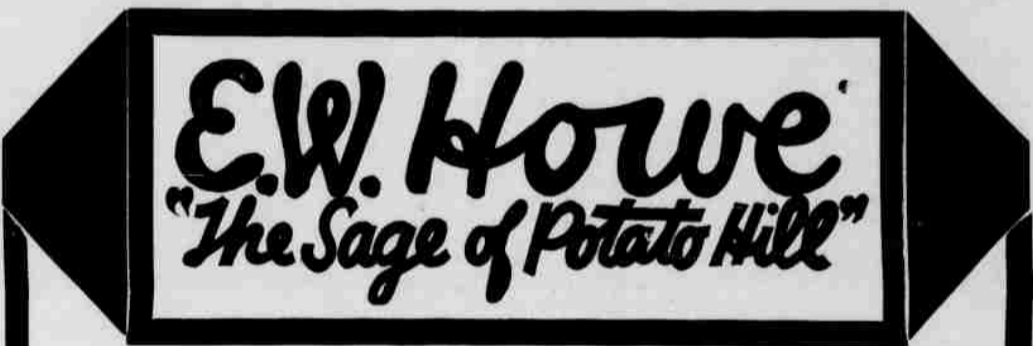


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