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THE BEST VOCATION FOR THE YOUNG MAN

Does not the increase in land values in this country raise a question of supreme importance with reference to the opportunities of our coming generation,—the young men who are now growing to manhood and must soon face the problem of providing a home and a living for a family?

The price of land in all the States where agriculture has become a well-established industry, is now so high that a young man coming out of school or college, with his life and all its problems before him, cannot, in any reasonable time, in any occupation which is open to the average man, earn enough under ordinary circumstances, to buy a farm for himself, so that he may own a home. He must be either a wage-worker or a tenant farmer.

Is there not a solution of this problem which can be made to apply to every young man of average industry and capacity? And is not that solution to put the value and the power of production from the land into the boy himself, by a system of right education, rather than in the land? In other words, to make this point clear, one hundred and sixty acres of land is none too much for a man to have to furnish a good living for himself and family, under the ordinary methods of farming now prevailing in this country.

But what is the purpose of working that farm? Is it not, first, that the farmer may have a home for himself and his family, and second, that he may have an income sufficient to enable them to live in comfort, with all the advantages of education and social environment which every citizen of this country craves and should have?

If that home and that income can be just as well produced from ten acres of land as from one hundred and sixty acres, the amount of money necessary to secure the acreage required is reduced from \$16,000, the cost of 160 acres at \$100 an acre, to \$1000 the cost of ten acres at \$100 an acre. The acreage cost may be put at \$100 because, although in many places land commands a much higher price, there is still plenty of good land to be had where a young farmer could start in life, for \$100 an acre.

A young man with no capital except industry and ordinary capacity, can hardly hope to earn \$16,000 or to in any way save it as the reward of his own labor, during the earlier years of his life. He might, if more than ordinarily industrious and economical, save enough by the time he reached middle life to buy such a farm, but he could not do so within a reasonable time after he was ready to marry and establish a home; much less, before or at that time.

Now, instead of bringing together a sixteen thousand dollar farm and a one thousand dollar boy, suppose that we reverse the combination and put a sixteen thousand dollar boy on to a one thousand dollar farm. All that is necessary to do that is educate and train every boy who is willing to receive the training, in the public schools, from the kindergarten to and including the country college, so that he will become so skilled in the art and science of close and intensive cultivation of the soil, in the processes of plant growth, in irrigation, soil culture and fertilization, in the selection of the kind of crops to grow, and in the methods, processes and systems of marketing them, that by intensive farming of a ten-acre tract costing \$1000, your sixteen thousand dollar boy will be able to produce from ten acres a greater profit by better and more intensive methods of farming, than the average farmer now produces from one hundred and sixty acres.

It is no longer a theory,—it is an established and unquestioned fact, that this is quite practicable, and that the only element of doubt is in the farmer himself.

Of course the average farmer and landowner imagines that the very least acreage he can get on with is a quarter section, and that the more land he has the richer he is, and consequently, he bends all his energies to crowding out his neighbors and adding as many acres as possible to his own domain.

In the near future this greed for land will gradually fade away, and farmers will find that with less land and more cultivation, they can make more money, and that the smaller the farm the better the roads will be, the more good neighbors they will have, the better the schools and churches, the libraries and social environment, and that the greater will be the educational advantages they will be able to give to their children. With "the small farm well tilled," life itself becomes a vastly more valuable and enjoyable thing than on the isolated farm, where the owner is devoting his life to laboriously laying up money to buy out his neighbors and isolate himself still more from his fellow-man.

To carry out the plan above suggested, it is only necessary to get two ideas firmly planted in the American mind:—

That the first thing to be considered is the life we live and our relations with our fellow men, rather than the amount of money we may have in the bank or the number of acres over which we may exercise dominion.

Second, that to reconstruct our social system and solve every social and political problem which now confronts this country, nothing is necessary but to provide a system of public school education and bring it within the reach of every boy and girl in the land, which will train every one

of them so that they will know how to cultivate ten acres of land in such a way that it will yield a greater profit than a quarter-section farm ordinarily does to-day, and will know how to cultivate one acre of land—a home acre—in the suburbs of a city or factory town, so as to produce from it a large measure of the living for a family, notwithstanding that the head of that family, or other members of it, may be occupied in a clerical capacity elsewhere during the day or working in a factory or a mine.—Maxwell's Talisman.

THE OFFICIAL PAPER

The Klamath Republican has again been named the official paper of Klamath county. The year 1905 was the first time since its establishment some ten years ago, that the Republican has had the distinction of being the leading paper of the county. That it intends to keep this distinction is evidenced by the fact of the wonderful increase it has made during the past year.

The percentage of gain made by the Republican during the year has been two to one compared to that made by the Express during the same time. According to the sworn statement made by the Proprietors of the two papers and presented to the Board of County Commissioners on Friday, the Klamath Falls Express has 391 subscribers within the county, while the Klamath Republican has 507. When the present management took charge of the Republican less than three years ago, the entire circulation of the paper was 336. Today the number of bona-fide subscribers to the Republican is nearing the 1000 mark, and increasing daily.

This is a record that the Republican justly feels proud of, as only by hard and conscientious work has it been accomplished. Our every effort has been devoted to the upbuilding of our own paper, rather than to the tearing down of some other paper, and thus our success is not robbed of any of its pleasure by the knowledge of any unfair means used in its accomplishment. The motto of the Republican in the future shall be as in the past, "treat every man alike and give the news."

REGISTER EARLY

Under the direct primary nomination law, the early registration, of every man who expects to take a part in all of the elective functions is imperative. No voter can sign a nomination petition until he has registered, and nominating petitions for state offices will have to be circulated early in the year to get the candidates before the people at the nomination election.

The registration books were opened Tuesday, Jan. 2, to give all of the voters an opportunity to register, and they should do so at once. They will then be eligible to sign all nominating petitions, and will encounter no further difficulties when it comes to voting. Of course, in the county nominations, the hurry will not be so great, but the voter should register early just the same, so that he can take part not only in the county, but the district and the state elections as well.

Apportionment of Taxes

The State Board of Tax Apportionment has made the annual estimate of the revenue necessary for state purposes for 1906 and apportioned the amount among the several counties according to the rate fixed by law. The total revenue required is found to be \$1,025,909.08 of which over \$150,000 is covered by surplus not applied and over \$277,000 by miscellaneous receipts leaving an even \$600,000 to be raised by apportionment among the counties. The tax of each county is as follows:

Baker	14,625.00
Benton	12,625.00
Clackamas	20,937.50
Clatsop	13,250.00
Columbia	6,625.00
Coos	12,687.50
Crook	8,125.00
Curry	2,500.00
Douglas	21,562.50
Gilliam	5,437.50
Grant	5,570.00
Harney	10,000.00
Jackson	19,625.00
Josephine	5,625.00
Klamath	7,187.50
Lake	6,687.50
Lane	28,875.00
Lincoln	3,437.50
Linn	32,875.00
Malheur	5,875.00
Marion	38,312.50
Morrow	5,937.50
Multnomah	195,187.50
Polk	19,187.50
Sherman	5,437.50
Tillamook	5,437.50
Umatilla	30,625.00
Union	13,937.50
Wallowa	4,525.00
Wasco	14,625.00
Washington	18,812.50
Wheeler	4,187.50
Yamhill	24,437.50
Total	\$625,000.00

Among the chief items in the list of expenditures are \$150,000 for public buildings, \$41,000 for the State Board of Agriculture, \$52,500 for the State University, \$222,000 for the insane asylum, \$30,000 for fisheries, \$46,000 for the State prison, \$45,000 for the Indian War veterans and \$45,000 for the national guard.

PERSONALS IN PASSING.

George F. Bowerman, new librarian of the District of Columbia, is a newspaper man.

A. W. Payne, of Bangor, Me., is credited with being the oldest practicing attorney in the United States.

Miss Hobhouse, of New York, intends to take some Venetian lace-makers to South Africa and have them teach their art to the Boer women.

Mme. Loubet, wife of the French president, is to be the first recipient of a new decoration bestowed in France on those who have distinguished themselves in the cause of charity.

A newspaper clipping bureau in Manhattan has collected 8,714 newspaper stories about the late Senator Hanna since his death. On an order from Elmer Dover, Mr. Burelle, the proprietor, has arranged these clippings in an album, consisting of 3,313 pages. It will consist of eight volumes, and it will contain matter equal to 16,321,536 words.

Admiral Makaroff, precisely ten years before he went down with the Petropavlovsk, delivered a lecture on St. Petersburg on the submergibility of warships. The Victoria castratope in the British navy was used as an illustration, and he had a model which he sank repeatedly to show the audience how rapidly an injured vessel of that class goes down.

In an attic room of his costly Fifth Avenue palace Col. John Jacob Astor, the possessor of between \$75,000,000 and \$100,000,000, spends much of his time studying and experimenting in electrical science. A practical and watchful man of business, he neglects no part of his duty in the management of his vast properties, but his mind has a scientific bent, and it is recreation for him to solve complex problems.

John Philip Sousa, the conductor, has received notice of his promotion from Officer de l'Academie Francaise to "Officier de l'Instruction Publique" of France. The new distinction gives Mr. Sousa the golden palms and rosette of the French academy. He is the only American who has received this decoration. He is also a member of the Royal Victorian Order of England, having been decorated by King Edward VII. three years ago.

Choose the Long Route.

Young Man (with young woman on his arm, to passer-by)—Can you tell me the way to Jubilee street?
Young woman (interposing quietly)—And please, sir, will you tell us the longest way round, because we are in no hurry?—Tit-Bits.

The Probable Kind.

"What kind of sail are you going to use on your yacht next year?" asked the enthusiast.
"Sheriff's, I guess," replied the owner, who had just looked over the steward's accounts.—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

They Caught Beck.

Mrs. Grumbleton—I do pity those poor policemen who have to be about in all weathers. It's a wonder they don't catch their death of colds.
Mr. Grumbleton—they never catch anything. Don't move fast enough.

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