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In witness thereof, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the state to be affixed, this, the seventh day of November, not of farm hands, but of farmers,

SYLVESEER PENNOYER, Governor.

tino, W. McButing Secretary of State.

By the governor:

WHAT IS AGRICULTURAL EDU-

The more I see of agricultural schools, and the more I study the subject of agricultural teaching, the more I am convinced that the teaching of practical farm work at a college or school of agriculture is, and of necessity must be, a farce and a humbug. A farmer's son goes to an agricultural college to pursue a a course of study in the principles of scientific agriculture, and to obtain nn education which will fit him more intelligently to manage and plan farm operations. In nine cases out of ten he already knows as much about the manual operations of farm the chances are that he knows much daily in order to learn how to hoe, mow, dig and plow, because the controlling powers are possessed Country Gentleman. with the idea that farming is a handleraft, and must be studied like carpentry or blacksmithing. Instead

EVENING CAPITAL JOURNAL of the form is easily acquired by the most ignorant laborer with the necessary muscle, and no college professor can teach him better. A familiarity with these form operations of course is desirable, and any intelligent boy can learn it all in a few lessons in observing the operations of the workmen on the college farm, which should be so managed as always to present to the studenta model of what good, practical, money-making farming is.

In another light this much-praised manual labor idea is wrong; hard manual labor in the afternoon is a poor preparation for study at night. A man who has worked faithfully in the afternoon is tired, and his brain will sympathize with his body, and he will be in no condition to study intelligently the subjects for the class room next day. Student labor can never be made

its short duration and because of the fact that the boys themselves see that it is a mere farce, and go through it in a perfunctory manner, thus losing precious time which should bear better fruit in mental culture. And then again, during the summer mouths, when all the studies in natural science can best be prosecuted, and farm management at its height, all these teachers of agriculture, botany, entomology, etc., drop their work for a rwo mative state, and his personal popularity there is unbounded. Harristitutions do so. Thus more time months' holiday, because other institutions do so. Thus more time stitutions do so. Thus more time of that unprecedented figure. He is lost, and the wonder is, not that rolled up a plurality of 78,810. the agricultural colleges graduate so few farmers, but that they ever turn out any. The training of their administrative faculty by the daily observance of farm management in observance of farm management in fault continually. I can't bear it the hands of men who thoroughly any longer." Don't be too severe understand business methods in farming, would be worth more to them during the summer than at any other time of the year, and the Favorite Prescription will make her idea that professors and students in such an institution need an annual outing of a couple of months is utterly ridiculous. Why a college compare with this. It is the only professor with a lecture or two medicine for woman's peculiar weak-nesses and ailments, sold by drugdaily, and more than half of his time comparatively free, living in a healthy country place, with every satisfaction in every case, or money facility for wholesome exercise, should be paid for two months' service which he does not render, is hard to understand. Do they proprose to teach students that a farm Granules. manager can successfully conduct his business, and yet spend two months every summer at the hotel

If professors and students honestly "put in their (time," as people at any other busines are expected to do, could we not look for greater results, thoroughly understanding their business and qualified to direct the skilled, muscular forces which they will find in the shape of farm bands in every good farming neighborhood. Farmer's sons avoid agricultural colleges, not because they are lazy and do not wish to engage in manual labor, but because a young man seeking an education seeks to be more than a hewer of wood and a drawer of water, and because they perceive that this demagogical ery about dignified labor is really a belittling of mental

or other popular resorts?

culture. The sooner our agricultural schools realize that compulsory manual labor on the part of a student is not a travesty on work, but is an absolute waste of valuable time, the sooner they will enter on a higher plane of usefulness, and succeed in sending out real farmers instead of half-trained smatterers in science work as any of his instructors, and and practice. In any case, long, independent experience only can more in this line than the professor ripen the farmer, just as it does the of agriculture. And yet, in most of doctor and the lawyer, and no these institutions, he must labor on school in any of these professions the farm a certain bumber of hours can do more than prepare a man for studies which his whole life will be too short to complete entirely .- Cor.

OUR CANDIDATE.

We are not diposed to pull down of using all the limited time usually or dispurage the candidates from devoted to an agricultural course in other counties, but we wish the pubbecoming expert in the sciences lie to know that Marion county-and which have a bearing on his pro- the Capital Journal backs the fession, he is compelled to spend suggestion—has a candidate that half his time in learning things he will compare favorably with the has already learned better at home most favored. He is a good-sized, and in which he will probably never bealthy member, who will not have fourth excel—if he equals—any practiced to get up on his chair to be seen nor farm hand he may employ. College require the aid of a speaking trumpet catalogues are full of nonsease about to be heard. He has the experience, dignifying labors, etc. just as if knowledge and ability to make an colleges were intended as training officer such as Marion county and schools in manual labor, and not as the state would be proud of. He is schools for developing brain power not canvassing the state for the posiin agriculture. Methinks the labor tion-in fact so far as the CAPITAL of the brain is just as well, worth JOURNAL knows, he may not want dignifying as that of the hands, it, but he is the right man for the In mechanical pursuits, boss and place, all the same. There are a few journeymen must of necessity be things that we do not want, but we One men possessed of manual skill, since do want Hon, T. T. Geer Speaker this is the Alpha and Omega of me- of the House of Representatives, chanics. But the manual dexterity and expect to see him elected.

THE RNIGHTS OF LABOR.

The desire of delegates to the general assembly, K. of L., to continue Powderly as their chief has been expressed to him formerly. The seven delegates who represent the Canadian assemblies called on him and asked binr to accept the office once more. He gave them to understand he would do so providing he could choose his own advisers on the general executive board. Everything indicates that he will be given his wish, and there is now only a difference of opinion regarding the way that it shall be done. Powderly will undoubtedly continue in office and will choose his own cabi-

Canada wants to be represented on the general executive board. The South has a like desire, and a movement is on foot looking to the selececonomical or effective, because of tion of some representative business

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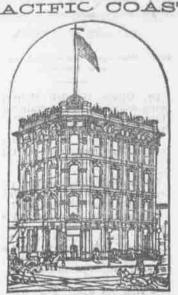
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