

## THE DESERET FARMER

A staunch and tried friend of the Deseret Farmer called on the editor last week, and frankly stated that in his opinion the Deseret Farmer was not realizing its whole opportunity. He complimented the editorial and typographical appearance of the Farmer but felt that we omitted mention of many agricultural items that would be of interest to our readers. And frankly, we confess that this charge is true. We are struggling along in our efforts for the upbuilding of agriculture in this state and sometimes we feel that the "seed is being cast upon stony ground." There are thousands of good warm supporters of this paper but there are other thousands who fail to see the need of "book learning" and who give no moral or financial support. Then too we must appreciate the fact that in Utah homes there are a great many papers and magazines—in addition to the big city daily there is the country paper. Then the long list of church magazines—one for each organization and the constant appeals for support for these makes the burden in the ordinary home rather irksome. Despite all these obstacles in our path, we have weathered five years of storm, winning friends and making enemies. We are trying to dignify and make attractive farm homes and farm life and if we fail in your ideal of what a good farm paper should be, we ask leniency trusting that when all the factors entering into the details of making a farm journal are taken into account you will at least ascribe to us honesty of purpose.

## FARMERS INSTITUTES

In our issue of last week we presented an outline of Farmer's Institutes and schools for the coming season. With one exception these schools have now all been definitely arranged. Most of the Institutes are also already arranged for. The Institute workers are engaged at present in securing photographs, slides and charts, and propose making the coming season the greatest year for Institute work that Utah has ever experienced. We doubt if there is a better field for Institute work any-

where in the west than is to be found in this state. The farmers and farmers' wives are already well organized and by co-operation with these organizations, it is possible to get in touch with the leading men in each community.

The farmers here are anxious for the new light of modern education, and are constantly seeking out new light in their chosen work. The Institute workers receive a hearty reception, and it is certainly a pleasure to work under conditions so favorable in every way.

In speaking last week to a gentleman from a neighboring state, he said that the great difficulty with their farmers was that they were a self-satisfied, easily-contented lot. They plant their fields to alfalfa, which readily sells at \$12.00 per ton. They do not feel the need of diversified crops, and in consequence have no use for the Institute workers. It occurred to us at the time that it would be a splendid thing if the alfalfa leaf weevil should attack those fields, so as to bring other problems into their lives, that they might feel the need of education. The great joy of life comes in conquering the seemingly insurmountable obstacles. The man, whether he lives on the farm or not, who simply glides along with the current and makes no effort for self improvement does not make much progress in this world.

Don't forget the State Fair. The officials of the Fair are working harder than ever to make the meeting this year overshadow all previous efforts. Dry farmers should also keep in mind the exhibit from their farms for the Congress at Billings in October.

The strawberry crop in Utah this year was splendid both as to yield and quality. As a matter of fact one would have to go a long way to find nicer flavored fruits than are found in our favored valleys.

Weedy lucern fields are an abomination in the sight of all good farmers. There is absolutely no excuse for a weedy lucern field if the grower will adopt the suggestions often appearing in this paper to disc and harrow the field.

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