

Special Correspondence.

TOLCHESTER, Md.—An enthusiastic crowd of farmers and their families, to the number of 500, gathered recently at Tolchester from all parts of the State for the summer meeting of the Maryland State Grange. State Master B. John Black, delivered the welcoming address, declaring it to be the purpose of the Grange to work for the improvement of the country community, and that it would do its share in solving the market problem, which they were about to discuss.

L. B. Floor of the Office of Markets, U. S. Department of Agriculture, discussed the relation of the parcel post to the marketing of farm products and its bearing on the cost of living problem. He said, "We cannot do without the function of middlemen, but we should reduce the number and use every channel that opens to us for getting the producer and consumer in contact. There seems to be a mutual distrust between them that must be overcome. As his share the producer must supply a high grade product at a fair price to the consumer customer if he is to hold his confidence and steady patronage."

Dr. H. J. Patterson, President of the Maryland Agricultural College, the next speaker, made a strong address on the need of cooperation and profit sharing in the home. "If you are unfair to your sons and daughters," he said, "in sharing with them the profits as well as the work of the farm and home, you cannot expect them to cooperate in good faith with their neighbors or trust them in marketing and selling their produce. Neither should cooperation be attempted in a wholesale manner. Let two farmers in a grange or neighborhood cooperate successfully together in marketing or delivering their milk or any other farm produce, and others will soon join them. In securing practical cooperation in the marketing of farm products, nothing succeeds like a successful example to point to. Until such an example is to be found in each neighborhood, little progress will be made in the solution of the problem for that community."

Dr. Patterson stated further "The Agricultural College should have a department equipped to study this problem of the distribution and marketing of farm products, and lead its aid in solving it as it is doing with the problem of greater production on Maryland farms."

Dr. Augustus Stabler, State Demonstration Agent, spoke on the forming of a cooperative producers' association. The things he considered essential to its success were an equity of vote, the limitation of interest on shares, and the division of profits according to patronage.

"Either the individual farmer or his organization," he said, "should make a study of marketing his products, and follow them to their final consumer so that he will know better how to prepare them and what price he should get for them."

The sentiment prevailed among those attending the meeting that the granges should lead in solving the problem of marketing and the cost of living on the part of the Maryland producer as its especial work.

FARM FACTS

By Peter Radford, National Lecturer, Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union of America.

Those who till the soil are the chosen people of God.

Farming is as old as the human race and is yet in its infancy.

Success is bound to come to the farmer who plans while he plows.

No civilization has ever advanced beyond its agricultural development.

No farmer is successful who thinks more of his barn than he does of his home.

The development of the farmer himself must precede the full development of the ground he tills.

The most beautiful fact in the farmers' work is that everything he plants is a lesson in faith.

The best farmer does not bother about getting ahead of his neighbor; his great business is to get ahead of himself.

We must give to the people who live on the farm the same educational advantages for their children as those of the cities enjoy.

The country clergy is an agency of much potentiality because the rural life movement is religious as well as industrial and social.

There should be a social and industrial survey of every community. The pastor, the teacher and the school and church officials are they who should make such a survey.

In a recent survey of a community in New England, the average annual income of 154 farmers who has a common school education was \$229, while the average net income of 128 farmers of the same locality with a high school education was \$482 annually. This was worth to each farmer who possessed it \$253 a year.

PHIN'S GOOD LUCK

By GEORGE MUMFON.

Phineas Kelly was accustomed to see "a look of old woman's eye," he phrased it, when he came home to her after eight hours of peaceful employment as a bricklayer. Years of practice had enabled him to interpret it accurately. It meant, "lie low, Phineas, for things have been at sixes and sevens all day."

On such occasions Phineas, good-humored man that he was, would slip out quietly after tea to the corner saloon, where he would sit talking politics and domestics with his cronies over a glass or two. The time came over a glass or two, strictly sober, and prepared to find that the odd and even numbers had straightened themselves out during his absence.

On this occasion there was an altogether different look in Phineas's eye. "What is it woman?" he exclaimed, sensing that something quite different from anything in his experience had happened. "Speak out, Mary, girl! Is it the measles? If Tim's got them I'll whole the life out of him!"

"No, it isn't," snapped his better half. "Uncle Jim's dead and has left me all his money. The lawyer thinks it will come to five thousand dollars."

Phineas uttered various exclamations, but he was as straw in his wife's hands. Before he went to bed it was understood that he and Mr. Hogan, with whom the subject had been broached a time or two, day-dreaming, should go into the contracting business. Hogan had saved a tidy sum, and with this legacy their dreams could be realized. During the twenty-eight days remaining before June Phineas's papers after his death.

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But three days remained when the post brought a letter from the lawyers in Ireland. Phineas brought it dutifully to his wife. She opened it and gave a scream.

"Phineas! We haven't got any money at all!" she gasped.

Phineas Kelly, with a mixed feeling of joy and sadness, took up the missive and spelled it out:

"We beg to inform you," he read, "that an error was made in stating that the estate of your late uncle, Mr. James Smylie, was likely to be proved at five thousand dollars. The total amount of the estate is seventeen thousand, all of which goes to you under the will, and—"

"Seventeen thousand!" cried Mary Kelly, springing from her chair and grasping the letter from her husband's hand. "Phineas! It's true! Listen! And a check for this amount will be forwarded in a few days to you."

Suddenly the excited woman began to execute a pas seul before her husband's eyes.

"Phineas!" he exclaimed, "you'll be tired to pack if you—"

"But we're not moving, Phineas! We're going to stay right on here."

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