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**The Agricultural Short Course.**

The announcement of the short course for the agricultural department of the Austin high school to begin next Monday is one which ought to interest a great many farmers' sons in this vicinity. It would seem that there ought to be a large class of young men anxious to get some agricultural training, who would jump at the opportunity which is here presented.

The most successful man of the future will be the trained man. Whether that training is extensive or meager, he will most likely prosper in the same marked degree. True it is that some young men might take one winter of the short course and be far more successful upon the farm than the more thorough trained man. But his success

will be largely because this short course training broadened his view and gave him the inspiration for greater things. With full training he might make a master hand to his chosen line.

The young man taking the short course is likely to get more agricultural knowledge there in the three months than he would in plodding along on the farm alone in half a life-time. And this knowledge is available to him at once and will put him in a way of gaining much more in a comparatively short time.

While it may mean something of a sacrifice to leave the work on the farm for even a short time, to pursue this course, it is a move that will pay well and should be taken advantage of by every young man and boy upon the farm.

**FARMER BEN'S COLUMN**

This is the time of year when millions of our women folks are grindin' in their regular treadmill of Christmas present makin' and plannin'. One woman up to Austin that our gal Sara knows sits up to 11:30 every night at it and starts in at seven in the mornin' all on fool fancy gifts to giv away to swap for something of equal value. I'm glad the Society for Prevention of Useless Givin' is gainin' in members. I believe in Christmas gifts but they ought to express friendship and this can be done without goin' into big values. I am just as grateful for a small gift when I know that it's accompanied with love and honest regard as tho it cost ten dollars. It ain't values that count. But it's gettin' worse all the time. Lots of folks can't be satisfied with reasonable givin' but must go to excess and so they are slaves to a custom that is all rite in its place and all wrong out of its place. The folks in moderate finance alwus get more fun out of Christmas givin' than the rich.

I'm glad that Henry Rines has filed for state auditor and I hope he'll get there with both feet. He's the squarest man the public has run up agens for many a day. He was speaker of the last House and cut down the runnin' expenses from \$71,000 to \$47,000, more than one third. He has showed what he can do in public economy by doin' it instead of blowin' about it and gettin' us in deeper all the time like Eberhart. Rines has been county auditor ten years and he knows the business like a expert. He's ben in the legislature four terms and knows state affairs like a book. He knows just where the leaks are and will be a big power in helpin' to plug 'em up if he's selected state auditor. It's a most important offis now with school fund and public lands and investment of state trust funds and all such and Farmer Ben knows Rines to be incorruptible, unextravagant, honest, clean, capable, economical, independent, progressive, and full of wise business activity and shrewdness and authority.

It alwus seemed so funny to Farmer Ben that folks could be fooled by outsiders rather than patronize home trade and talent. I see it every day. I can canvass Austin and get a hundred suckers to throw their money in some outside wildcat bogus investment schemes where I can get one man sensible enuf to put his money right into Austin or Mower county property or business. Look at this singer business. Austin has got some of the best singers in the world, regular belladonnas, and yet folks will pay a dollar a head to go to hear some outsider when they will not go across the street to hear our home superior music. Churches will pay money to poorer singers who are strangers rather than appreciate their own better talent. They send away for some poor stick of a speaker with a lot of stale jokes and anecdotes for special occasions when our own public speakers can walk rite round 'em in oratory and new thinkin'. Lots of women would rather go to St. Paul and get swindlin' prices just socked to 'em than to buy better goods at lower prices rite in Austin. So it goes.

What a differ in folks you meet. Some are open hearted, friendly, gracious and cheery and some are just the opposit, surly, grouchy, selfish and ugly. They've got some specimens up to Austin that look like they hung round the swill barrel all the time. You meet 'em on the street and they hardly speak to you. They go home and haven't a pleasant look or word for wife or children. They are sour specimens of humanity at best and if they think they have any enjoyment of life themselves they are simply sinkers on other folks lightness of heart. They don't enjoy seein' anybody else enjoy themselves and if such folks prevailed in the world we'd have one everlastin' funeral procession so fur as feelings go. The sooner the world is rid of such the happier and better all round. I never could see the gain of such surly livin'. I like to meet cheery and friendly folks. They make you think we all belong to one big family with community of interests. If it would do any good, I'd like to contribute towards a barrel of glucose to sweeten up some folks I know.

One of the speakers up to the state horticultural meetin' said that Minnesota apples mean half as much again money for the grower as Washington apples. With proper organization for

sellin', Minnesota growers can realize on 90 per cent of their crop. In Washington they are lucky to sell 15 per cent. When it comes to relativ price of orchard lands, cost of growin', packin' and shippin' and the average prices paid to the actual growers we've got 'em skinned to a finish and anybody who goes to the Pacific coast to make big profits in fruit raisin' as over agens Minnesota orchardin' is a big chump and worse. The trouble would be out west that is here. Lots of folks expect to make fruit growin' a success without workin', just set out the trees and let the worms and grubs and rabbits and weeds and mice and flies trim 'em and when a lot of small fruit is grown shake the trees and dump into barrels and cart them on the hind axle of a springless wagin to market.

My paper says that ex-president Mellon of the New Haven railroad thinks that no man is worth more than \$25,000 per year for his services to a corporation. He adds that there is no man who can earn more than that amount in a year. I just feel in my bones that this is a genuine true statement. Mind you, he ain't sayin' that lots ain't gettin' more because they can. Mellon had \$20,000 a year while he was president of the New Haven. But the prop is on actual earnin'. I tell you \$2,000 a month is gain' some for actual worth of services. Rite here is where we touch one of the tender places in high finance. Millions of dollars of money are wasted in needless exorbitant salaries just because there is a ring that can figger to get 'em and this has to be added rite on the cost of production or transportation and the corporations howl for increased rates. I tell you a salary of \$4,000 or \$5,000 is bigger than most men can really truly earn actually. It would surprise lots of people to study up how extravagant salaries eat into legitimate profits.

FARMER BEN.

**HENRY RINES FOR GOVERNOR**

Henry Rines, candidate for the Republican nomination for state auditor, is a resident of Mora, Minnesota, where he publishes a newspaper, the Kanabec County Times. He is 41 years old and has resided in Minnesota forty years. He began his political career when 22 years old, being elected county auditor of Kanabec county, which position he held ten years. In 1906 he was elected to the legislature and has served four terms in the House, being speaker in the 1913 session.

Mr. Rines was author of the bill passed in 1907 repealing the mineral lease law, which permitted the leasing of the state's mineral properties for 25 cents per ton royalty. Several attempts had been made in previous sessions to increase the royalty without success, so Mr. Rines concluded that the only way to protect the state's interests was to repeal the law and trust to future legislation to pass a new law with increased royalties. Governor Johnson in the 1908 campaign made the statement that this piece of legislation had saved the state's school fund millions of dollars. Mr. Rines was also active in securing the passage of the law creating the tax commission in the 1907 session, the result of which was the increase in assessments on iron ore properties amounting to \$125,000,000 in one year. He had incorporated into the act an amendment providing a method for re-assessing undervalued properties. The tax commission proceeded under this amendment in making the re-assessment in 1907.

In the 1909 session Mr. Rines was chairman of the rules committee of the House. Among the acts of that session of which he was the author was one reserving to the state all water powers on state lands sold, in the same manner that minerals are reserved. He was joint author with Hon. C. H. Warner of Aitkin of the five per cent gross earnings tax upon railroads passed at the extra session of 1912 and adopted by the people at the last general election. This legislation increased railroad taxes more than a million dollars per year.

Mr. Rines was elected speaker of the 1913 session. Under his administration the House rules and procedure were revised, resulting in reducing the number of employees one third and a reduction of the expenses of the session to \$47,000, as compared with \$71,000 for the 1911 session, a decrease of \$24,000. During his legislative career he has been a supporter of most of the so-called progressive legislation and has affiliated with the progressive element in the Republican party.

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