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FARMER BEN'S COLUMN

The townies who are crazy over autos don't want to be tellin' us farmers about the waste of leavin' farm machinery round to rot and spoil and not get half the wear from 'em. One of the worst things about the auto craze is that they throw their machines after about two years use to get some new fad. This spring the man who ain't got a new Cadillac eight ain't in it and last year's sixes are piled up in the boulevard. This is cert makin' a awful increase expense of livin' and will add to the financial burdens of lots who can't afford it. The true rule about all machinery is to take care of it and get the proper wear out of it. An auto that is not abused should run for five or six years and do just as good real service but that don't do when it comes to your nabor havin' better. My farm machinery lasted five times as long as some of my nabor's simply because I took care of it. I tell you this auto extravaganza is goin' to put lots of folks up the tree later.

Just as Farmer Ben said a few weeks ago, we've got just as good productions and better rite here in Minnesota as any where else in the world. "Made in Minnesota" means the best after you have ben everywhere else. We took a prize last week for the best butter in the country and we're doin' the same thing in other lines. Our home music talent is equal to any. Florence Macbeth who entranced the Austin audience the other evening by her singin' was born and raised rite in this state and took her trainin' all from a American expert voice trainers and she is the equal of Melba or any of the other brag singers. I'm glad a Austin young lady is goin' to Boston Conservatory and gettin' ready to astonish the world with her vocal talents. The beauty of their singin' is that instead of tryin' highfalutin' ways with exccrutatin' efforts to make impressions they just sing natural and they range all over gamut with ease and purity of tones and sweetness that is exquisite.

I've ben watchin' this vodka business in Russia with big interest to see how it came out. Vodka was their universal liquor and it was generally thought that everybody boozed with it and the whole nation was weakened by the habit and not up to standard. But last year the Russian government forbid the manufacture, sale or use of vodka and I'll be switched if the evil hasn't practically dropped out of sight and the mass of the people have sobered up and make better citizens and better soldiers than ever before. The government didn't simply forbid the use of vodka but got at the root of the whole trouble and don't allow it to be made. So when it ain't in existence it cert ain't used. The best of it is there was no insurrection over this radical move but everybody seems to accept the situation gracefully and is untold better off. So long as the liquor is made in any country it'll make trouble for sets will get it, but if it's makin' is absolutely prohibited then its use will disappear.

We hear so much all the time about improvin' our schools that you'd think that the better our boys and gals are educated the better morals they'd have and the better the whole community would get. I'm old fashioned enuf to doubt this. Our youngsters may be educated to high school rank and yet have their moral natur so neglected that they are practically heathen. I'm really worried over the lack of moral impressions in our schools. The woods are full of boys and girls who are gettin' no trainin' of the heart and conscience but simply of the head and where we're comin' out on this is ominous of no good. People are so ignorant of moral philosophy and religious teachin' and old fashioned ideas of duty and obligation as tho they lived in the heart of China. Mere intellectuality don't keep a man out of jail or make him honest or pure. Mischief and evil and wrong ideas and depravity show out just as fully with the rich and educated as with the ignorant.

There cert ought to be some way devised to get voters to express their views at the polls on constitutional amendments more fully. Every legislatur a new batch is put out and submitted at the next election and such a stingy percent of the voters take any notice they fall down unpassed. Just whether it would be wise to set the necessary proportion of the total vote lower so as to carry changes I can't say. But the whole matter of gettin' voters to the polls is a very serious one to Minnesota.

they are talkin' of fine or even imprisonment upon voters who refuse to exercise their franchise at the polls. A compulsory law of some kind seems to be inevitable. The people are the real bosses in this country if they would only take hold and boss. It's mity poor policy for the tax payers to stay at home and let the other fellows who don't pay taxes run our public affairs and then think that kickin' does any good. Everybody who stays away from votin' every chance may stay right at home and work the skin off their hands earnin' tax money.

FARMER BEN.

Famous Musician Compliments a Great American Business Man.

In the March Woman's Home Companion appears an interesting and suggestive article entitled "What is Good Music?" The author is Riccardo Martin, the first American to sing great tenor roles at the Metropolitan Opera House in New York. Mr. Martin was born in Kentucky, was educated in New York and Europe, and has appeared in all the great cities of the world. In the following extract taken from his article, Mr. Martin compliments a great American business man:

"There is one point more on which I should like to touch, and that is the relative value of art and business. And the latter has had a very vital effect upon good music in America. Some there maybe who, without thought, say that people successful in business can't talk about art. The successful business man is preeminently able to take care of himself. He launches great undertakings; his capital supports through occupation thousands of men. James J. Hill, for instance, opened up the great Northwest, a vast tract comprising thousands of square miles of territory. Such a man deserves the same admiration that we accord to a great painter."

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Notice of Hearing Upon Petition of Freeholder

WHEREAS, A petition signed by Chas. Enright, a freeholder of School District No. 22, in this County, representing that he is the owner of the following described lands, situated in said District, to-wit:

N. W. 1/4 of Section 12 in Windom Township

And that said land adjoins School District No. 22 and that it is about one half mile nearer to school house in District No. 22 over a more traveled road, has been presented to the County Board of Mower County; and asking that his said lands may be set off from said District No. 22 to said District No. 22 and the said Board has appointed a time and place for hearing thereon. Therefore,

NOTICE

Is hereby given that said petition will be heard by said Board, at a session thereof, commencing on the 30th day of March, A. D. 1915, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, at the office of the County Auditor in the City of Austin in said County, at which time and place the said Board will hear the evidence and the arguments of all persons interested, for or against granting the prayer of the petitioner.

Dated at Austin, Minn., March 10, 1915
By order of the County Board.
O. J. SIMMONS
County Auditor and Ex-Officio Clerk of Board.

Notice of Hearing on Petition for Formation of New District

WHEREAS, A petition has been filed with the County Board of the County of Mower with the approval of the County Superintendent thereon, signed and acknowledged by a majority of the freeholders who reside in the proposed new district herein described, and who are entitled to vote at school meetings in their respective districts, and duly verified by the affidavit of one of the residents of said proposed new district, praying for the organization of a new school district out of the territory hereinafter described, to-wit:

Section 33-34 and 35 in Township 105 Range 18 in Dodge County;

And the N. W. 1/4 of Section 2 and all of Section 3 and the E. 1/2 of Section 4 and the N. W. 1/4 of Section 10 all in Township 104, Range 18 in Mower County and the said County Board have appointed a time and place for a hearing upon said petition as by law required.

Now therefore,

NOTICE

Is hereby given, that a hearing upon said petition will be had at a meeting of the said Board, commencing upon the 30th day of March, A. D. 1915, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon of said day, at the office of the County Auditor, in the City of Austin in said County, at which time and place the said County Board will hear arguments of all persons interested, for or against the proposed organization of said new school district.

Dated at Austin, Minnesota this 10th day of March, A. D. 1915

By order of the County Board of Mower County, Minn.
O. J. SIMMONS
County Auditor and Ex-Officio Clerk of Board.

A LETTER FROM THE SUNNY SOUTH

Key West and the Islands Around are Seen for Us by the "Boys"

(Grand Meadow Record)
Daytona, Fla., Feb. 14, 1915

Editor Record:—

"The Boys," are back to their "first love" and happy. All the blandishments of the land men, lot men, "Glades" men and all other kinds of men have no charm for us, compared with Daytona.

Leaving Miami for Key West, on the Florida East Coast R. R. (over the sea route) it was truly picturesque side. From Miami south for 156 miles (70 miles of it over the sea) there is little or no agriculture, it is native swamps, jungle, wire grass, stones, with here and there some poor mortal trying to exist.

Long Key Fishing Camp, 65 miles from Key West, is the last permanent habitation, of perhaps a dozen houses all told, but is the first eating station north of Key West, and is a pretty little camp on the Atlantic coast, and good fishing. From there on, we have bridges and keys—in succession, until we wonder where does it end. But all things come to an end, even the great U. S. and here we are at last on the "jumping off place." It looks very natural, much the same as on our previous visit two years ago, only much improved cleaner, more thrifty and business. The bay full of boats and ships, the same fish wharf with the same odors and wrangling among the fishing people. Surely the cost of living (on fish) cannot be high here, when a fisherman will kill, dress and deliver you a couple of good ones, enough for a family, for ten cents. We have run across one of the everglade victims, that did not go up the canal with, and he reports a miserable trip; cold, wet and dismal, he did not purchase, but admits that if the water could be drained, and the wire grass subdued, and not so much frost to kill truck, and some way to ship out fish, etc., a person might exist there for a time. We did not hear of one of the party buying a farm (frog pond) there, in the 50 mile square of sangras and lake country.

Key West will soon become the tourist route to Cuba, Jamaica and Panama as since the completion of the great "over the sea R. R." the time is much shortened, and now it is possible for a train of freight or Pullmans, to start from Portland, Oregon, or Portland, Maine, and run to Key West, Havana and Santiago, Cuba, without change of cars. It is hard to realize the possibilities of engineering, when backed by unlimited capital. The dream, aim and hope of H. M. Flagler, builder of the East Coast R. R. was not wholly realized before his death. He reached Key West on the first train into the city but died before the immense transfer ferry boat was completed, which now carries a full train on four tracks on the deck of the ferry boat, "H. M. Flagler," to the tracks of the Cuban Railroad in Havana. The great ferry boat in addition to her load of cars, is capable of carrying 4000 tons of freight, below decks, and is now under contract to deliver equivalent to 700 tons of Cuban sugar daily, at Key West, for eastern markets. At Key West, the "Flagler Railroad" has reclaimed from the gulf, more than 800 acres, by suction dredges pumping the sand from the harbor and filling in the shoal water, surrounding it with an immense concrete wall next the gulf, for warehouses, shops and yards. In all, the great engineering feat stands next to the Panama Canal. The whole east coast of Florida from St. Augustine to Key West 500 miles, owes its upbuilding and success to that one man who built and owned the railroad, and the chain of great hotels, Henry M. Flagler.

We put up at Hotel Seminole, where I had twice before found refuge, and we enjoyed our stay in the quaint old city, where more Spanish is spoken than yankee. "The boys" were much impressed with the beautiful Senoritas who promenade, afternoons and evening accompanied by their chaperones. Their black eyes, hair and eyebrows with dark complexion, reminded us of the Creoles of New Orleans of 50 years ago, except the fashions are so different.

During our stay, a Cuban warship came into port, for the purpose of removing the remains of a noted Cuban Major-general (Manuel de Jesus Calvar) and his wife, who had died and were buried in Key West 25 years ago. Nearly the whole day the boxes containing the remains, were in San Carlos Hall, where religious services were held. At 3 p. m. the Cuban officers arrived, then an escort of 60 Cuban soldiers and band, then our Yankee Kaki dressed soldiers in light marching order. The military band and officers all resplendent in gold and shining steel. The procession marched to the docks, the remains transferred to a boat, taken in tow by a naphtha launch, and taken aboard the "Patria," for transport to Havana for final burial. We took several snapshots of the troop, and smart as the Cubans appeared, give me our boys, and "Old Glory" forever.

Returning to Miami, for a few days then to Palm Beach, but soon reached Daytona, the town of our choice, for a ten or twelve days' stay. Where, on or about the 4th of March, we shall commence our return trip via Washington, hoping Minnesota will warm up in the next two weeks, so that the boys won't be too great for "The Boys."

C. F. G.

CHAUTAUQUA

Some of the Best Talent Coming this Year that Ever Appeared on the Program in Austin

T. F. Graham, representing the Redpath-Vawter Chautauqua System, was in the city Friday renewing acquaintance and completing arrangements for the big Chautauqua to be held here this summer. He carries with him a case of photographs showing likenesses of the various people booked to appear and is enthusiastic about the program, declaring it to be "The best ever."

Seven musical organizations have again been provided, one for each day. Of these we note Bohumir Kryl and his Band; The Cambridge Players; The Old Home Singers; Schildkret's Orchestra; The Orphean Musical Club and The University Girls.

The System has brought us some great hands, but Mr. Graham says with emphasis that Bohumir Kryl's Band eclipses all previous offerings. Kryl himself is said to be the world's greatest cornet artist and is a bandmaster of exceptional entertainment instincts. He knows how to handle both the great classics and the popular selections.

The Old Home Singers is said to be one of the most enjoyable of all musical organizations. They sing the old songs that have found lodgement in human hearts and revive memories that are sweet to all. The University Girls is a sextet of talented and winsome young ladies whose program is a rich profusion of songs, skits, stunts and crammed with entertainment from first to last.

Sam Schildkret's Orchestra made tour of the System last season and is returned this year. Mr. Graham says, in response to almost an unanimous demand. Little needs to be said here about the entertainment powers of this talented leader or the marvelous effects by his great orchestra.

The Orphean Musical Club is a male quartet that knows how; and the Cambridge Players do, in masterful fashion, acts from Shakespeare and Barrie, together with humorous selections of high quality and strong appeal.

The speakers this year are Judge Schoover, J. K. Vardaman, Ng Poon Chew, Hon. Victor Murdock, Lou J. Beauchamp, Byron Platt and Hon. Jas. E. Watson of Indiana; Arthur Kachel the celebrated monologist, will render "The Melting Pot."

Senator Vardaman is too well known to need comment here. So is Victor Murdock and Congressman Watson, Judge Schoover is one of the time tried and tested sturdy characters whose addresses bulge with practical thoughts. Ng Poon Chew is a celebrated Chinese states and editor and the man who established the first Chinese newspaper in America. He will discuss the New China. Lou J. Beauchamp the humorous philosopher, is said to be able to furnish fun enough in one hour to last any reasonable person a week.

Ross Crane, the celebrated clay modeler, will be here to exhibit the wonderful achievements of his more wonderful fingers, and Balmer's Kaffir Boys will furnish, from the heart of Africa, some of the finest novelty effects seen on the Chautauqua platform. A full list of the many attractions will be announced soon.

The program looms big with fine features. The date will be June 22-28 inclusive.

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The Government this year is urging farmers to put extra acreage into grain. Write for literature and particulars as to reduced railway rates to Superintendent Immigration, Ottawa, Canada, or

R. A. Garrett, 311 Jackson St. St. Paul, Minn. Canadian Government Agent.

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