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"THIS IS THE LIFE."

How many young men there are, farmer boys, who are looking forward to the time when they can break away from the "Hum Drum" "monotony" of the old farm, and get a job behind the counter in some country store. Or perhaps their dreams may take them to the bright lights of the city. Poor deluded youths. Foolish boys. If there is any boy in the world who is fortunate and don't know it; who has brighter prospects than any other boy, and great promise of a life of usefulness and happiness it is the farmer boy.

It is perfectly natural for the young country boy to get discontented. To compare the prospects of his future on the farm with farm life of a half century ago. He sees the hardships and toil of his father and grand fathers as they cleared up the woodlands and built the home in the years gone by. All this and more is constantly revolving over and over in his mind as he begins to plan his future, and at last he says to himself, "Not for me." "Country life is all right for Dad and Grand Dad, because they had to do it." "But there is nothing doing for me." "The city for mine." Then it is all off, and nothing but a job in the city will suffice. Again we say, poor deluded, foolish boy.

There is no occupation today that offers so many advantages, or one that is more pleasant and profitable than farming. True, if a young man today had to go out in the woods and clear the land, build a little log house and make for himself and family a comfortable living and a home, as perhaps his father did, the prospects would not be so bright; but like everything else, farming has undergone a great change. It is no longer a hit and miss occupation, with a constant struggle to make both ends meet. It is now a science, which has probably made more rapid progress in the last quarter century than any other business in the world.

Of course there are some of the old school farmers left. Those who are set in their way, any cannot see any use of doing things any different than did their ancestors. But this class is gradually passing away, and the bright progressive young farmer is taking his place. There is no longer any guess work about the different kinds of fertilizer needed to replenish the nutriment in the various kinds of soil. No longer any kind of question about just what kind of crop the various kinds of soil is adapted. All this and more is now a matter of science and accepted fact. Neither is there any question now as to the remuneration the farmer receives for his labor—speaking of course of the farmer who is up to date and knows his business. There is no class of business men in the world who are better paid for their labors than the farmer.

It would be well for the young men who are contemplating the city life in exchange for a place on father's farm, to just look around a bit, and make some comparisons. Look at the young men in the vicinity of Paw Paw, and in fact all over the county, who are making a success of farming and are prosperous. The writer could name at least a score or more of young farmers within a radius of five miles from Paw Paw who would not trade places with any business or professional man in the county. They drive automobiles, eat the best yellow legged chickens, have real cream on the table, and in fact live on the fat of the land. They have the daily papers and latest magazines brought to their doors. They dress well and are happy. Some are married with families, and some will be soon, that is if all signs do not fail. The children are healthy and well cared for, and in fact their surroundings are ideal. Of course these young farmers work. Farming is their business and they are on the job. So must they be to make a success of any kind of business.

The writer had the pleasure of going out in the potato field of one of the young successful farmers some weeks ago, when potatoes were being dug. This you must remember was not a good year for potatoes and yet this young man was digging three hundred bushels of the finest potatoes you ever saw to the acre. He had something over two thousand bushels of potatoes from the field. He had been offered \$1.90 per bushel for them, but was holding them for \$2.00 which he will get and probably more. Would this young man trade places with any city chap? I should say not. In an ordinary year, this field would have yielded five hundred bushels to the acre, and even if he did not receive but fifty cents per bushel, he would be making mighty good money. This is just a sample of what the real young energetic farmers are doing. They are all making money and are happy. Of course if you are to be a farmer, you should be a successful farmer. What this young man is doing, you can do, if you have the right stuff in you, and get the proper preparation.

Think it over boys, before you decide to quit the old farm. Better stay a while, finish your high school and take a course at the M. A. C. Then go back to your fathers farm, or if there is not room there, go on one of your own. Make farming your business. Stay right on the job and attend to business, and you will have no need to worry about your future; for if you are made of the right kind of stuff, your future is already assured. Truly, "This is the Life." Think it over.

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Congress is now in session. The real big question for consideration at this short session will be the question of an embargo on foodstuffs. With this as with all other big questions, there are two sides. It is very doubtful however, if such an embargo would be wise. True, everything that is bought for the table is mighty high, and there is no question that an embargo which would prevent the shipment of any foodstuffs to the warring countries would lower the price. But the farmer would resent such a law, and would he not have just cause for such resentment? Would it not be unjust discrimination to restrict the farmers exports, and still permit the large munition factories to pile up wealth from the immense profits on ammunition and implements of war? It is a mighty big problem which the President and Congress will have to settle. In the opinion of the writer, an embargo on foodstuffs, would be justifiable, only when the supply in the United States becomes limited, with prospects of a famine at home.

NEW POLICY NEEDED IN GOVERNMENT RAILWAY CONTROL

Helpfulness and Encouragement Urged by Alfred P. Thom.

CREDIT MUST BE IMPROVED

Increase of Transportation Facilities Necessary to Secure Relief From High Cost of Living May Thus Be Provided For by the Railroads.

Washington, Nov. 28.—A new policy of government railroad regulation, based on constructive principles of helpfulness and encouragement instead of upon principles of repression and punishment, was urged by Alfred P. Thom, counsel for the Railway Executive's Advisory Committee, the first witness on behalf of the railroads before the Newlands Joint Committee on Interstate Commerce, which has instituted a general inquiry into the problems of railroad regulation.

"It is proposed by the joint resolution of Congress," said Mr. Thom, "to go into a comprehensive study of the whole subject of transportation, to make a new assessment, after 30 years of experiment, of its history, its present conditions and its future needs. The railroads accept the view that regulation is a permanent and enduring part of government in America and that the best duty of the commission is to the public. That duty is to afford reasonable facilities on reasonable terms and at reasonable rates, and this must be done before any private interests can be considered."

Certainty, Safety and Efficiency. Mr. Thom contended that the real interest of the public is in being assured of certainty, safety and efficiency of transportation facilities, rather than in rates. The first consideration of the public is to obtain transportation facilities. What the cost is, is in reality a second consideration, he said.

Mr. Thom proposed an increase of transportation facilities as a method of securing relief from the high cost of living. "There have been less than 1,000 miles of new railroad constructed in the United States during the past year," he said, "less than in any year since 1848, except the period of the Civil War, and yet the cost of living is daily advancing owing to a shortage of supplies which might be remedied by securing access to new areas of production."

Credit Must Be Improved. "This leads to the consideration as to whether railroad credit is as good as the public interest requires. It is impossible for railroads to earn enough to supply the necessary new facilities from current revenue. They must be provided from credit. Investors cannot be coerced, but must be attracted." Among the conditions affecting railroad credit which deter investors he mentioned the following:

"First, Railroad revenues are not controlled by investors, but are fixed and limited by governmental authority and not by one but by several governmental authorities, which do not recognize responsibility for assured results to investors and are uncoordinated."

"Second, Railroads cannot control and the government cannot and does not limit the expense account."

"Third, The present system of regulation is based on a policy of regulation and correction and not on a policy of helpfulness and encouragement."

"Fourth, The outstanding obligations of the railroads have already exceeded the financial rule of safety and involve a disproportionate amount of obligations bearing fixed charges."

"Fifth, The investor must accept a subordinate obligation or security with no assurance of a surplus of earnings to support it."

"Sixth, Other competitive lines of investment present superior attractions."

"Seventh, The railroad business is largely controlled by political instead of business considerations."

Look Forward, Not Back. "We may debate about what has caused the present conditions," said Mr. Thom, "but we cannot debate about what the people need. The President has taken the view that we must look forward in this matter and 'make a fresh assessment of circumstances' in order to deal helpfully and intelligently with the problem. Abuses are no more prevalent in the railroad business today than in any other business humely conducted. The great question now is whether the existing system of regulation gives the public reliable assurance of sufficient present and future railroad facilities."

"Those who oppose any change must make their appeal on the ground that the present systems assure the public of the continued adequacy of transportation facilities. If they do not, no argument based on the desirability of the present dual system of regulation will be accepted by public judgment. The question of 'states' rights' is not involved. If the regulation of transportation facilities privately owned should fall government ownership must follow, and then all power of the states over the railroads would disappear."

"Let us debate this question, then, not upon any mere theory or jealousy as to the distribution of governmental power, but upon the large issue of what the public interest requires in respect of the assurance of adequate transportation service."

JINX STILL WITH HIM

Master Fred Menig seems to be having all kinds of bad luck. Some time ago he had the misfortune to fall from his wheel, breaking his arm. Then on Thanksgiving day while handling his uncle's revolver, accidentally shot himself through the hand of the injured arm. The wound is healing nicely, but it is about time that Master Fred shook off the "Jinx."

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Water bills for the term ending November 30th, will be due and payable at the Village Clerk's office on and after December 12th, 1916. Electric light bills for the month of November will be due and payable at the same time and place. All Water and Light bills must be paid on or before December 26th, 1916.
H. D. Spicer
Village Clerk

PROSPECT VALLEY

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McCon of Lawrence were guests of Mrs. Sarah Hall last week.

Miss Mary Johnson and Miss Gladys Boyd are spending the week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Lounsbury in Paw Paw.

Leon Casler has just completed a fine hex house. He has a flock of one hundred forty Rhode Island Reds and they surely are some birds.

Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Smith and Miss Ester spent Thanksgiving with Mother Smith in town.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Baugher have been visiting friends in Benton Harbor the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Ball of Kalamazoo were visiting friends in the valley last week.

Mr. Crawford and Mr. Thompson, students at the Emmanuel Missionary college at Berrien Springs are guests at the Albert Campbell home.

Mrs. Austin Griffin and daughter Nellie are visiting friends in Kalamazoo.

Will Ray was in South Bend the first of the week.

The Box social held at the White Oak school house on Wednesday of last week was well attended. All the ladies came with well filled boxes and the gentlemen with fat pocketbooks. Charles Shibley as auctioneer, is deserving of a word of thanks, for when the cash was counted it was found they had the nice sum of \$20.85. They have purchased an organ for the school. Miss Dunnington and Miss Schuneman delighted the audience with several selections on the violin and organ.

SHERIFF'S EXECUTION SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Notice is hereby given, that by virtue of a Writ of Transcript Execution issued out of and under the seal of the Circuit Court for the County of Van Buren, State of Michigan, dated the 20th, day of June, A. D. 1916, to me directed and delivered, in favor of Fred Reinshuttle, as executor of the last will and testament of A. D. Hurlbut, deceased, against the goods and chattels, lands and tenements of Jay L. Barrows.

I did, on the 23rd, day of June A. D. 1916, levy upon and take all the right title and interest of said Jay L. Barrows in and to the following described real estate, situated in the county of Van Buren and State of Michigan, to wit:

All that certain piece—or parcel—of land situated in the township of Columbia, County of Van Buren and State of Michigan, known and described as the north-east quarter (¼) of the north-west quarter (¼) of section number fifteen (15) township number (1) south of range number fifteen (15) west, forty acres, all of which I shall expose for sale at Public Auction, to the highest bidder, as the law directs, at the north front door of the Court House in the village of Paw Paw, (that being the building in which the Circuit court for said County of Van Buren, State of Michigan is held), on Saturday the 20th, day of January, A. D. 1917, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

Gladstone R. Beattie
Sheriff of Van Buren County, Mich.,
L. C. Lewis
Attorney for Plaintiff
Business address, Bangor Michigan
Dated, December 6th, A. D. 1916

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LEARNING TO FLY

Lloyd Harvey and Frank (Unk) Isbell have gone to mingle with the "Birds". They left last Saturday for New Port News, Virginia where they will take a ten weeks course at the Curtiss Aviation school. They will be gone indefinitely.

IMPORTANT K. OF P. MEETING

Next Monday night will be an important evening for Maple Lodge K. of P. Officers will be nominated for the ensuing year, and other business of importance to the lodge transacted. Every member of the lodge is needed at this meeting.

BAPTIST CHURCH

The Sunday school begins at 10:00 o'clock sharp. Let every member be on time.

Next Sunday morning the Finance Committee will submit its report on the budget for 1917.

Morning Subject. "The Ministry of Fellowship."

Evening Subject. "What shall we do with our Doubts?"

Junior C. E. at 3:00 o'clock.

Senior C. E. at 6:00 o'clock.

Preaching service at 7:00 P. M.

UNSHAKEN TESTIMONY

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