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SUCCESSFUL FARMING TODAY IS NEAR A SCIENCE

In commenting upon an illustration which appeared in a recent number of the "Gleaner" The Detroit Journal said: "The Gleaner, a Michigan farming paper, has for its frontispiece a picture of a farmer in an automobile loaded with crates of poultry and bags of grain, passing another farmer driving a team in the old style."

It is a striking exemplification of the change that has come over farm life in the last few years. The motor is displacing the horse in almost every field, and it is doing the work more economically, more expeditiously and more efficiently. It may be the solution of the labor problem on the farm, for while the reaper does the work of several men, the motor can do as much work as several horse-drawn reapers.

It will drive the plow, pump the water, churn the milk, work the threshing machine and finally cart the produce to market, and will be worth a dozen men.

Every improvement in farm machinery tends to make the farmer more of a specialist, a man with a scientific training who can take the most there is to be gotten out of the land without impoverishing it, and who, when he turns from work to rest, will leave the land in much better condition than when he found it.

That is the kind of farming this country needs. It is the only cure for the high prices of produce that the housewife blames on the trust or the railways. The land within easy reach of the cities is limited in quantity and it is only by scientific treatment and the use of the most improved, up-to-date machinery that one acre can be made to do the work of two. The motor-driven machine has come just at the time when it was most needed. It would be a hardy man, indeed, who would set any limit to its efficiency or to manifold labors to which it can be put.

POSTAL LONG AND SHORT HAULS

Valuable recommendation on how to turn the large postal deficit into a surplus are found in Postmaster General Hitchcock's annual report. It is shown that the handling of second-class matter at the cent-a-pound rate costs the government \$64,000,000 a year more than is received from this source. In thirty years the second-class matter has increased no less than 300 per cent, and will plainly continue to pile up in greater volume as long as the government permits magazines and miscellaneous publications, chiefly devoted to advertising, to go through the mails at a cent a pound when these services cost over 9 cents a pound. This is by far the most serious leak in the Post Office Department. Mr. Hitchcock says in referring to its details: "Magazines and other periodical publications exclusive of daily newspapers comprise about 60 per cent of the second-class mail. The magazines alone form about 20 per cent. Magazines proper, because of the long average haul, show a cost of more than 5 cents a pound for transportation, while in the case of daily newspapers, for which the average distance of distribution is much less the transportation cost is under 2 cents a pound."

The cent-a-pound rate was originally adopted for the circulation of newspapers alone, in conformity with the government policy, approved over a hundred years ago, of promoting the means by which an informed public opinion is maintained. But a mountain of publications other than newspapers is now dumped into the mails at the cent-a-pound postage charge and hauled much farther than newspapers. Last year the deficit on all the postal operations was \$17,400,000. The loss on second-class mail was \$64,000,000. President Taft in his message also pointed out these facts and recommended that the rate of postage be raised on magazines and miscellaneous publications. This sensible step would end the deficit. The United States is the only important country in the world that allows the cost of its postal operations to exceed the revenue. Nothing in the affairs of the nation is more needlessly out of balance.

THEIR ANNUAL MEETING

The stock holders of the Alma Realty Co held their annual meeting Monday of this week and elected the following board of directors, W. A. Bahlke, Mrs. Mary C. Bahlke, E. A. Bagley, C. F. Brown, N. F. McClinton, Geo. Parsons, D. L. Sharrar and J. E. Mitchell. Later the Board of Directors met and elected W. A. Bahlke, president; J. E. Mitchell, vice-president; Roy Anderson, secretary and treasurer.

SUMNER GRANGE

Sumner Grange was called to order Saturday evening in K O T M M hall by Worthv master. Opening song No. 32, minutes of last meeting read and approved, finance committee reported they found the secretary and treasurer's books correct, recess to prepare for installation. Called to order installing officer Hubble escorted by guards was brought in and introduced by assistant steward, prayer by chaplain, song No. 29 in grange melodies, old officers retire from their stations and the new officers take their places ready for installation. The following officers were installed for the coming year:

W M—P A Kleese
Overseer—Herbert Church
Steward—Joseph Haunire
W L—Inis Lang
Assisat Steward—Ovid Seaman
Lady Assisat Steward—Janey Lang
Chaplain—Molly Butler
Secretary—W N Baldwin
Treasurer—Theron Butler
Gate Keeper—Howard Botier. Flora Evey.

Pomona—Alice Seaman
Ceres—Lottie Forquer
Report read from the state grange held at Traverse City by Brother Hubble gave a description of the asylum. There is in this state 89 granges with a membership of over four thousand, they pass a law that man and wife should be elected delegates to state grange and he thought that was hard on him and Mr. Klees, they being bachelors were compelled to marry in order to hold that office, Worthv master then announced his committee for the coming year. We numbered and found 33 members present. Brother Hubble announced that the retiring master and the new master were expected to make a speech, as Brother Kleese held both places they shouldn't expect two speeches from him. His address was short but good. The overseer then made short speech, followed by W. L. and if the requests she made are complied with we may look forward to an interesting series of programs for the coming year.

The question box was opened and the following questions read:
Why are the shoes on Peter Kleese's feet like the cats in a men's hospital? Because there is a single man in them.
Why is the name of our new lectureman like the wind? Because it is liable to change any time.
Alice Seaman was chosen as editor of the Grange Gossip, Brother Hubbell gave us an invitation to visit their grange, he was given a rising vote of thanks for the able manner he had done his work here.

Secretary reported bills due to the amount of \$18.20 which were allowed. The gate keeper then announced that supper was ready. Grange closed in order usual form and repaired to the supper room and found oysters and other good things in abundance. The assistant steward ate raw oysters until it was necessary to assist him from the table to save his life.

The following program will be rendered at our next meeting which occurs Saturday, Jan. 22nd.

Opening Song—Grange
Roll Call—Answered by each giving cognominus
A New Years Toast—Emma Evey
Instrumental Music—Nettie Butler
Discussion, What educational features would you like to have brought out in program for 1910—lead by Ovid Seaman
Penny march
Select Reading—Mrs Church
Recitation—Homer Hunt
Solo, Those Evening Bells, with a fine accompaniment—Isadora Lang
Question Box
Grange Gossip
Closing Song—Grange

ARCADA GRANGE

Arcada Garage No. 500, held their regular meeting Saturday, Jan. 8th This was the first regular meeting held since the new light plant was installed in the hall. It is certainly an improvement on the old kerosene lights, but at other light upstairs would help. The meeting was called to order by retiring master Wood. As the meeting was an open one the secret work was dispensed with and the business of the meeting was taken up. After the business session the installation of officers was taken up. Worthv installing officer Kitty Cowdrey of North Star conducted the installation in a very pleasing manner. The installation was followed by one of these Grange suppers which have a reputation more than local.

After the supper, the Grange was called to order in open session and listened to an interesting account of the last State Grange, by Sister Cowdrey. It had nothing of the dryness of the usual report and gave an excellent idea of the work of the State Grange. Next were some remarks by brother Cowdrey, who in her well received. At the lecturer's request, Sister Cowdrey gave a temperance recitation entitled "No saucers up there." The meeting was adjourned but the company would not let sister

Cowdrey go until she had given another recitation, this time a humorous one.

A special meeting was held Wednesday night to paratice for installation and fill vacancies caused by resignation of officers. Allan Hubbell was elected steward and Rollin Wood gate-keeper.

Friday, Jan 14, a shadow social will be held at the Grange hall. All are invited to come and bring the box or buy one. We will try to provide enough boxes so that nobody need go home without one this time.

HERE AND ELSEWHERE

Barrel salt for sale, Alma Elevator Co. 16102

Miss Ruie Northrop of Farwell is in Alma, today.

Mrs. W. Youngs is the guest of friends in Ithaca today.

Mr. Sandall made a business trip to Ithaca last Friday.

J. W. Blakely and wife are spending a few days in Detroit.

Mrs. Dora Flangburg is calling on friends in Riverdale today.

For sale bran and middlings by the ton, Alma Elevator Co. 16102

The Women's club will meet with Mrs. Francis King, January 16.

Mrs. C. E. Goodwin of Shephard was the guest of Mrs. E. Hydorne, Wednesday.

Will Rogers was operated upon for appendicitis at Brainerd's hospital this week.

Mrs. T. F. Timby has gone to Joplin, Mo., to spend the winter with her son, George.

The Ladies' Union of the Baptist church will meet with Mrs. E. B. Soule, 714 Pine ave., Friday, Jan. 14.

Mrs. M. J. Butterfield returned home Wednesday, after two weeks' visit with relatives and friends in Newark.

Mrs. Rosie LaMay and daughter, Miss Geneva, were called to Riverdale today to attend the funeral of Mrs. Albie Wood.

Forty-four thousand eight hundred and fifty dollars were paid by Alma property owners for 1909 taxes previous to January 10, 1909.

Robert Miller and wife of Elwell have returned from their visit to the sunny south. Robert thinks Gratiot climate good enough for him.

I have bought the saw timber on the Windsor farm, having it hauled to my farm. Any farmer wanting some logs cut into lumber it would be a good chance for them. F. W. Hooper.

James McNamara is the owner of one of the finest farms in Michigan having purchased the Kane farm of 250 acres one and one half miles west of Mt. Pleasant normal school. The sale was made through Sharrar & Voorhees. Consideration \$25,000.

Mrs. Hannah Cole who has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. H. Mapes, for some time returned to her home at Kingville, Monday. Her sister, Mrs. Katherine Hoag, who has been visiting at Mrs. Mapes for the past two weeks accompanied her back.

Messrs Alvah Caple of Toledo and Charles Caple of Canandagua, New York, were in the city last week to visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Caple. Mrs. Caple who has been seriously ill for some time is now reported much better and able to set up at times during the day.

Last Thursday evening twenty or more of the friends of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Ward surprised that couple at their home on Woodworth avenue. They came with well filled lunch baskets and the evening was spent playing 500 and enjoying the contents of the baskets. A thoroughly good time was the experience of all present.

CLINTON REPUBLICANS TO BANQUET

The Clinton County Republican club will give its annual banquet on the evening of January 25 in the National bank hall. The speakers will be for Republican candidates for governor, Montgomery, Osborn, Kelly and Musselman. Congressman Fordney of this district is also expected to be present.

Other prominent speakers may be present, but with the above list of prominent men the audience cannot fail to be well entertained.

A reception will be held at the new Masonic club rooms before the banquet where as many as possible will be given an opportunity to meet the candidates.

BACK TO HIS FIRST LOVE

F. M. Vandercook, who thirty-one years ago started the Leader in St. Louis, is again in possession of that plant. Mr. Vandercook is one of the best known newspaper men in Central Michigan and his friends will be glad to see him back at the old stand.

It is understood that the Leader has been made a stock company with Mr. Vandercook as General Manager.

THE OPENING ADDRESS

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over many a difficulty. A laugh is a cure for many ills although it would not be desirable to provoke laughter, like a teacher who, after having tried in vain to explain a difficulty to a pupil, exclaimed, "How tiresome you are. If it were not for me you would be the biggest donkey in town."

If a pupil be encouraged to come to school with hair neatly brushed and tie straight, he will come through many well earned battles with himself and will soon become less of a disturbing element in the school room. This cleanliness of a person stimulates to moral purity, which in turn leads to respect and reverence to sacred things.

This lead them to self-reliance, each pupil should be allowed to use his own abilities to accomplish its purpose, and thus be led to feel its responsibilities to do its own duty. As self-control is encouraged by self-respect, so self-reliance is developed by self-activity. Pupils should be encouraged to discover truth for themselves, and carry out some undertaking without aid, so they will learn to rely on their own powers. Too often the mistake is made, especially when nearing examinations of teaching after manner of the old rhyme "Rain it in, cram it in, still there is no core to follow." Get your hands and mind to work, let them develop, keep them self active and self-reliance will surely follow.

In thus keeping their minds active, we must remember that their bodies also must have exercise so that like the ancient Greeks we may find that well developed physical strength to excellence in mental ability. Best results are found in the school where there is enthusiasm in the playgrounds.

LOCAL MARKETS.

The following market quotations are corrected every Thursday morning:

GRAIN.
Wheat—No. 1 white, \$1.15; No. 2 red, \$1.21.
Oats—42c-43c
Shelled corn—60c.
Beans—Hand picked, per bu. \$1.80.
Rye—70c.
Buckwheat—\$1.75 per 100 lbs.
HAY.
No. 1 Timothy—\$10.50, 12 50
Mixed—\$12.00.
Clover—No. 1, \$12.50 per ton.
Straw—\$2.00
CLOVER SEED.
June—\$7.50 @ \$8.00 per bushel.
Alsike—\$6.50 to \$7.50 per bushel.
Mammoth—\$7.50 @ \$8.30 per bushel.
Timothy—1.75 per bushel.

LIVE STOCK.

Hogs—\$7.50 per cwt
Beef Cattle—\$8 1/2 @ \$4.00 per cwt.
Sheep—\$2.50 @ \$4.00 per cwt.
Lamb—\$5 @ 7.00 per cwt.
Veal Calves—7 1/2
DRESSED MEATS.
Beef—6c @ 7 1/2c per pound.
Hogs—10.50 @ 8.00 per cwt.
Mutton—8c per pound.
Veal Calves—10c per pound.
POULTRY, HIDES, ETC.
Young Chickens, large—11 1/2c.
Hens, large fat—11 1/2c per pound.
Ducks, young—12c per pound.
Geese, alive—11 per pound.
Fat Turkeys, alive—18c per lb
Beef Hides—8c per pound.
Horse Hides—\$2 @ 2.50.
Deacon Skins—25c.
Calf Skins—9c per pound.
Tallow—4c per pound.

VEGETABLES, FRUITS, ETC.

Potatoes—30c and 40c per bushel.
PRODUCE.
Butter—28c per pound.
Eggs—31c per dozen.
Lard—15 1/2c per pound.
Honey—13c per pound.

SIGNALS OF DISTRESS

Alma People Should Know How To Read and Head Them.
Sick kidneys give many signals of distress. The secretions are dark, contain a sediment. Passages are frequent, scanty, painful. Backache is constant day and night. Headache and dizzy spells are frequent. The weakened kidneys need quick help. Don't delay! Use a special kidney remedy. Doan's Kidney Pills cure backache and urinary disorders. Alma evidence proves this statement. E. Griffin, 312 Woodworth Ave., Alam, Mich, says: "I found Doan's Kidney Pills to be an excellent remedy for the back and kidneys and my experience justifies me in recommending them. During the past four years I have taken Doan's Kidney Pills off and on for backache and other symptoms of disordered kidneys and they have given me great relief. I always keep a supply of Doan's Kidney Pills in the house to have in case of need."

ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST.

Ask your merchant for the King Bee overalls and jackets, W. B. McCauley, manufacturers, Alma, Mich.

A BARGAIN—Gentleman's fur coat almost new at greatly reduced price. Size 42. Enquire at this office.

FOR RENT—2 large connected parlors furnished, ground floor, heated, electric lights, also board and rooms. Address 313 N. Court ave. 16102

FOUND—A gold bracelet. Owner can have same by proving property and paying for this notice. Enquire at 403 Mechanic street.

Harry Tubbs of this city, offers for sale, 120 acres of standing timber, which he offers in one to five acre lots. This is your opportunity to make some money and get your summer firewood. 16074

FOR SALE—One thoroughbred short horned Durham cow, six years old, registered. Price sixty dollars for immediate sale. Clark's meat market both phones, Shephard, Mich. 11

LOST—about one and one-half miles east and south of Elm Hall near D. Harres, a black leather hand bag containing several toilet articles and a purse with a small amount of money in it. Finder please leave at this office or at W. W. Ferris' and receive reward. 11

I am offering my residence property on Woodworth Ave. very cheap for cash or will accept \$1,000 down and balance on easy payments. House in splendid repair; good cellar, water and sewer conveniences, lots of choice fruit and shrubs. Some one will make some money on this property. E. E. Brown, Richmond, Mich.

ARCADA CLUB

The West Arcada Club will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Irish the last Thursday in January, the 27th, program as follows:
Song—Club
Prayer—Chaplain
Roll Call—Quotations
Reading—Mrs D Best
Recitation—Maud Bailey
Reading—Mrs. Hainline
Recitation—Mrs Bert Bailey
Music—Miss Minnie Wtherell
Don't forget the question box

DANCING INSTRUCTOR

Mrs. E. A. Wright of Lansing, who comes to Alma, highly recommended, will next Tuesday open a school of dancing department in Woodman hall, this city. See her advertisement

PINE RIVER TOWNSHIP

C. F. Johnson, treasurer of Pine River township paid into the county treasury Monday of this week \$15,110.57 taxes collected up to Jan. ary 10th. Of this amount \$12,800 was in cash and \$2,810.57 drain orders

CITY TAX COLLECTOR

Last Monday city treasurer, J. L. Holmes turned over to county treasurer, Munson \$10,126.73 being the amount of state and county tax collected up to January 10th. The tax was divided as follows. State \$4.90 county \$5,226.73

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GEO. H. CARL,
is the local agent and would be pleased to submit you facts and figures. His offices are in the Bahlke block, and his phone number is 43.

The College Singing Girls
Opera House
Tuesday Evening Jan. 18
Don't Forget Your Season Tickets
A limited number of single admission tickets are on sale at Brown's drug store, at 50c Each