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Delivered Before the Jefferson Co. Pomona Grange, at K. of P. Hall, Brookville, Pa., March 8, 1905.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen:
I thank you for admitting me into your presence for the privilege of addressing you on this occasion. I am not ignorant of the fact that your organization recognizes the brotherhood of man in the broadest sense of that term, but I am conscious of my limitations. In the complexity of human affairs and in the diversity of human interests, classification and organization are legitimate outgrowths, and the agriculturalist never did a wiser thing than when he recognized the great law of progress by organizing the farmers of this country for mutual protection and for mutual advantage. I need not pause to argue the question with you for you know the part and benefits which flow from your organization better than I do.

The individual farmer never has been very aggressive in asserting either his power or his rights, but it is written, "Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth," and this perhaps accounts for the fact that the tillers of the soil are in very truth the lords of creation to-day. One of the greatest delusions with which man has been afflicted since he was born into this world is that great wealth is essential to happiness. We fret and worry and strive for what? For happiness; oh, no! We fret and worry and strive to accumulate a little more of this world's goods than is possessed by our neighbor, and at last we roll it all in a heap at the edge of the grave and go down in leaving it all behind. My friends, this world was made for the common people and God in His infinite wisdom has made ample provision for them to enjoy it to the fullest extent. Everything essential to man's happiness exists in abundance all around him, or at least within easy reach. Pure sparkling water, life-invigorating air, singing birds, the flowers of the field, the sunshine of heaven, and the ring of merry laughter. Upon these foundation stones you can build a life that will beam out on the world like a benefaction, and make the multi-millionaire turn green with envy. If you will but pierce the earth water will gush forth to slack your thirst. Plant trees and the birds of the air will lodge in them and fill your home with a melody like unto the angelic song of peace on earth, good will to men. Cultivate flowers and they will laden the air with their perfume. Throw open the windows and let in the

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LABEL IN DIVORCE.

Emma L. Dunham vs. Lewis S. Dunham. No. 12, November Term, 1904. Pluries Subpoena in Divorce.

JEFFERSON COUNTY, SS:
The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,

To Lewis S. DUNHAM, GREETING:
We command you, as twice before you were commanded, that all matter of business and excuses being set aside, you be and appear in your proper person before our Judge at Brookville, at our Court of Common Pleas, there to be held on the second Monday of April next, to show cause, if any you have, why your wife, Emma L. Dunham, should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony which she hath contracted with you. In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hand and seal at Brookville, Pa., on the 22nd day of January, A. D. 1905.

Witness The Hon. John W. Reed, President of our said Court at Brookville, the 22nd day of January, A. D. 1905.
Allowed by the Court.
Attest—CYRUS H. BLOOD, Prothonotary.

To Lewis S. DUNHAM, GREETING:
You are hereby notified to appear before the Honorable Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, at Brookville, Pa., on the second Monday of April next, to answer as set forth in the above subpoena.

March 11, 1905. J. W. CURRY, Sheriff.

LABEL IN DIVORCE.

Eva Samantha Motter vs. Willis Burton Motter. No. 97, November Term, 1904. Pluries Subpoena in Divorce.

JEFFERSON COUNTY, SS:
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To Willis Burton MOTTER, GREETING:
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sunlight and rejoice for the Lord rules and man is his own worst enemy. But we must not make the mistake of supposing that all these good things will be thrust upon us or given to us without any effort on our part to acquire them. I never knew a farm that would run itself. In fact I never knew of any kind of business that would go without a driver. I know of lots of enterprises that are run like David Harum's horse. They will stand without hitching, but when you want them to go you must induce in a little coaxing. I knew an old man one time who in his anger stated in a very philosophical question. He was rather passionate, and he was trying to pull a one horse wagon up a grade into the barn. He had raised a little sawed off fellow whose first name was Joseph, and this little fellow was helping the old man to get the wagon up into the barn. Things were not going right, and the old man got mad. He let go of the shafts and turned on Joseph with the exclamation: What the d— are you doing Joseph? Are you pushing or a pulling? The answer to that question solves the problem. If you want your business to grow, you must be a pusher, and not a puller: a builder-up and not a tearer-down. Life is what you make it, and you can get out of it all that you are entitled to.

There is no more respectable or honorable business than that of farming, and the man who is engaged in the pursuit of agriculture is the freest and most independent of all men. He has his trials and tribulations, of course he has. Will you be so good as to show me a man who is not beset with real or imaginary ills, whatever his occupation may be. But of a truth nine-tenths of all our troubles in this life never come to pass. If we would learn the philosophy of living one day at a time and, like the humming bird that sips the flower, extract from that one day all the sweetness possible, we would not have one trial or tribulation for every ten we now have. I have a little motto hanging in my library entitled "But Once." It reads like this: "I shall pass through this world but once. Any good therefore that I can do or any kindness that I can show to any human being, let me do it now; let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again." There is a boutonniere that every man, woman and child ought to wear. What a glorious world this would be to live in if envy, hatred and spite were supplanted by the gospel of love, good will and peace; if the disposition to weave out of the misfortunes of others a crown of glory for ourselves could be eliminated and we could have in its place a disposition to share the blessings of this life in kindly helpfulness with our brother man. In these days of great corporate interests we see, or think we see, much of danger menace to the foundation upon which the greatness of the American Republic rests. The one thing that fires the zeal of man and brings out the best that is in him is individual proprietorship or dominion, the opportunity to acquire for himself a property or business that he can call his own. This is the greatest element of strength in any nation, and to ignore or neglect it is to invite disaster. The vital, vibrating cord that holds the people together and gives the nation its greatness is individual opportunity to become a sovereign. A nation may be commercially and politically great; its territorial limits may stretch from sea to sea; its natural and material resources may be inexhaustible, and its treasuries overflowing with gold; but if the right of the individual to participate in the ownership of his country is denied him, that nation is inherently weak. It is easily within the memory of those present when the shoes we wore were made at home; the plows, stoves and various appliances of life were largely furnished by the small manufacturer found in every country town. Over the door of his place of business hung the sign of the sovereign within. But all this has changed. The small dealer and the small manufacturer are being driven out of business by the large corporations, and the basis of individual proprietorship is narrowing. When a man sells out his business now he rarely invests in another enterprise because the opportunities for the small capitalist to go into business are very limited, and consequently he deposits his money in the bank. Large sums lying idle in the banks do not necessarily indicate great national wealth or prosperity, but rather that the great bulk of the people have no business that they can call their own, or in which to invest their money. The large commercial and industrial interests of this country to-day are in the hands and within the control of a few people, comparatively speaking. The young man is confronted with a serious problem as he looks out on the business world. A few captains of industry control the situation, and it dunks as if there was nothing for him to do but to

accept employment with some of them and forever remain an employee. There is no inspiration in a situation like that; nothing to excite one's ambition to become influential in his country's affairs, or to do great things. The corporation, however, is here to stay. It is not an evil in itself. It is absolutely necessary for the development of our national resources and for carrying on the business of the country. There is no occasion for hostility to it, and the remedy for adjusting matters and for opening up the way to individual opportunity to participate in the proprietorship of the country must be looked for elsewhere than in the extinguishment of the corporation. But it is not my purpose on this occasion to discuss this great and controverted question. It has been said that the blackest cloud has a silver lining. I am not a pessimist but an optimist, and therefore I prefer to look at the lining of the cloud. Farm property and products represent approximately one-half of the wealth of the country, and here is a wide field for individual ownership. Here is an opportunity to acquire property; to become a king and to exercise absolute dominion over your possessions. Let me repeat that the farmers are the lords of creation, and their business is of greater magnitude and of greater importance to the people than any other business being carried on in the United States to-day. The hay crop last year is reported as worth more than the entire output of the great Steel Trust that we hear so much about. The by-products of the farm, eggs, milk and butter, if they may be so designated, I have no doubt, greatly exceed in value the by-products of the giant Standard Oil Trust, and I am told these are its most valuable assets.

The farming industry not only presents the opportunity of individual proprietorship, which is both the strength and prosperity of a nation when reduced to their last analysis, but it is the freest and most independent business in which a man can engage. It is a business that can be made profitable and from which can be derived the greatest comforts and the highest enjoyments to which flesh is heir. Remember I am speaking of opportunity. A man can be unhappy and miserable in any occupation, but on the farm he can be as near heaven as he will ever get in the present life. Are there failures on the farm? Of course there are. It requires brain and energy and push to make a success on the farm as it does in any other occupation. If everything about the farm is allowed to go to rack and ruin; if the buildings are allowed to fall into a state of dilapidation; if the farm machinery to stand out in all kinds of weather to rust and fall into a condition of disrepair that would make saints swear in trying to operate it; if the stock on the farm is compelled in bad weather to hunt the off-side of a tree for shelter; if all your surroundings indicate a junk-heap rather than a well ordered and well regulated farm, you can hardly expect to get large profits or much comfort and happiness out of a business thus managed and thus conducted. Again it may be said that you are liable to meet with discouragements on the farm. Sure, do you know any place on earth that is exempt from grievous losses and serious discouragements? On the farm it may be a devastating drought; a blighting frost; the epizootic; hog cholera; bots, ticks, gapes or some other stock affliction or

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