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Boy Scout Movement.

As a free American citizen the writer has never favored anything that smacked of militarism and therefore he could never see anything good coming out of the boy scout movement which actually is nothing more or less than a fine, subtle method of luring the unsuspecting youth into the liking of the antiquated and barbarian soldierism. Yet, we never said much against or in favor of the movement, believing that in course of time it will either stand on its own merits or be cast aside as a silly fad, as something that is absolutely out of harmony with progress and modern civilization. However, we confess that we are no longer "on the fence" since we have had this movement practically demonstrated by a company of sixteen scouts passing through New ULM on their way from Granite Falls to the cities. Since that time we are strictly opposed to a movement which takes the youth away from the tender and loving parental care placing him under a so-called discipline which is killing the child-like, youthful disposition of mind. The youngest in the crowd were mere children having barely reached the age of eleven. Think of it! Your eleven year old child is taken away from your care and supervision for a period of at least four weeks and during all that time he tramps along the country roads with a man over him who knows nothing else than the strict "obedience of the soldier." What interest has that "scout master" in your boy, beyond the "glorious demonstration of the military?" Some of the boys were shabbily clothed; they all looked worn out and had a haggard, homesick expression on their countenance. You could not help but pity these poor children and entertain a contempt for the careless criminally parents. Parents who shift a sacred duty and responsibility from their shoulders onto those of one who knows nothing of tenderness and charity, but on the contrary who is intoxicated with the silly notion of "authority." Discipline? Can't discipline be taught in the home? Let anyone arise and show us the benefits for the human society arising from this boy-scout movement and we will point out a hundred disadvantages against your one. Discipline? Mephisto in Hades sneers at the absurd assertion that a stranger can exercise more discipline than the parents. These "hikes" create the tramp spirit within the tender heart of the youth and make him unfit for any decent calling in later years. If you give your boy over to the scout movement you have made him an unthinking automaton, a machine-like being, instead of a self-thinking individual and a cultured personality. Give the boy a gun, even "under strict military discipline" and at first he shoots at the target, then at birds and when a

man he takes great pleasure in aiming at bigger game—his fellow men.

This movement is absolutely against all American ideas and hostile to the humanitarian conception of education. Therefore, we oppose it; we oppose a movement that tends to sever the sacred ties between parent and offspring and erects a barrier between man and man.

Citizenship in New Zealand.

Too much has sometimes been expected of New Zealand. She has been asked in some quarters, that is, to live up to ideals created for her by over-enthusiastic admirers. When she has failed, as sometimes has been inevitably the case, her critics have been ready to compare her performances with promises she has never put forward on her own account, and on the strength of this system of false measurement, to reach conclusions entirely at variance with the facts. New Zealand has never been a land of dreams or dreamers. It was colonized by a high average of rational human beings, and these from time to time have adopted methods of government suited to their desires and to their needs. The great advantage they have enjoyed and the great success they have achieved are both due to the fact that, having the right material to start with, they started rightly.

Few communities that have moved, or have attempted to move, along progressive lines have had so little to undo. Each step has been taken with care and deliberation, and every step has been prompted by the desire to make New Zealand a better country for New Zealanders than for any individual or any group of individuals. Whatever New Zealand has accomplished in the way of bestowing upon her people a broader measure of contentment than is visible elsewhere has been due to her determination to seek the greatest good for the greatest number.

New Zealand is a land of thrift, of industry, of competence, of equitable distribution, speaking relatively. Her individual citizen is not "out for himself" or blindly seeking "the main chance." In the first place, neither is desirable and neither is necessary under the New Zealand system. This fact explains the comparative freedom of New Zealand political and commercial life from what Americans denominate as graft.

From all the evidence in sight at present, New Zealand is solving her problems as she set out to solve them, and in doing so she has created a standard of citizenship that is her highest product, and should be her greatest boast. A country where the first consideration of the citizen is the good of the public stands out as an object lesson to modern civilization.

Half a Million Acres Open to Settlement.

President Taft has proclaimed the opening of the Rosebud Reservation in Melleete County and the Pine Ridge Reservation in Bennett County, So. Dakota. Registration points, Gregory, Dallas and Rapid City, S. D., October 2 to 21, 1911. Drawing at Gregory Oct. 24. Direct Route, The North Western Line—convenient train service. For rates and descriptive literature concerning the opening apply Ticket Agents, Chicago & North Western Ry., or address A. C. Johnson, T. M., 226 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago. 34-35

The Price of Coal.

There is a coal dealer in Buffalo who is franker than most. Interviewed by the Buffalo News the other day about the price of coal, he said: "I have no more to do with it than the man in the moon. The list of prices is sent here from Philadelphia and I have to follow it. I have nothing to do with fixing the prices."

That the coal business is different from most other retail lines in that prices are fixed for the retailers instead of by them has been generally suspected by the most obtuse says the Duluth Daily Herald. The curious coincidence that coal of a given grade costs the same no matter what dealer you buy it from must have impressed itself upon most people. Some have suspected a combination between retailers, but that doesn't go deep enough. The retailers in a given community might combine to fix prices, but that wouldn't account for the fact that coal in all other near-by communities costs exactly the same except as freight rates make a difference. That might lead to the inference that there is a state-wide combination of retailers were it not for the fact that the situation is the same across state boundaries.

So fixed is this situation that it has become commonplace. Coal goes up, but never comes down. Its price is fixed by those who are interested solely in getting the utmost possible profits out of it. The needs of the multitudes that require coal to warm themselves, to cook their food and to operate their factories are not considered in the least.

And every pound of this coal at one time was common property. It was created for humanity, and it belonged to the people. They let private interests get control of it, and now they are paying the penalty.

It is worth while occasionally to turn some of these commonplace inside out and upside down so as to get a new angle of vision upon them. In this case it is worth while because it reveals the enormity of a situation under which selfish private interests control the supply and dictate the prices of a commodity which every human being needs, and under which the common interests of the many receive no consideration whatever.

What is to be done about it? Not much, perhaps. Perhaps a great deal. For one thing, in such circumstances it seems rather ridiculous to keep tariff duties on coal, when that means simply adding so much to the profits of a monopoly. For another, it seems not only absurd but wicked to let what remaining supplies of coal the people own slip into the hands of private interests. That is what Pinchot and Garfield and Roosevelt have been talking about when they opposed letting Morgan and the Guggenheims acquire for a song the rich coal deposits of Alaska.

But if the people have the courage and the will, they might do more than take the duties off coal and preserve for the common good the remaining public supplies of coal. They might regulate the corporations engaged in the mining, shipping and sale of coal. They might even, at a pinch, condemn for public uses all privately owned coal fields and operate them for the common good.

Attack Like Tigers.

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Oil Sprinkling.

Two representatives of the Standard Oil Co., J. D. Harbeck of Chicago and I. Prather of Mankato, met with the city council Thursday evening to confer with the said body in regard to the advisability of substituting oil for water in sprinkling the streets of New ULM. Messrs. Harbeck and Prather pointed out the economy and advantages of using oil for this purpose to the city fathers who finally decided to put their claims to a test on one of the busiest business blocks on Minnesota Street with the future prospect of more extensive utilization of that sprinkling medium should the experiment prove satisfactory. It was estimated that the sprinkling of that portion to be experimented upon now costs about \$600.

Our readers may remember the article in the Review some weeks ago and note the line of reasoning in it as the same which the city fathers seem to be following out now. We would feel proud to think that our suggestions resulted in a valuable improvement for the city.

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Last year the United States produced 75 per cent of the corn of the world, 33 per cent of the oats and 20 per cent of the wheat, and it was done upon 6 per cent of the land.

The average annual production of cereals in this country is about five thousand million bushels. These figures are so stupendous that the average mind cannot comprehend them.

And yet of all the corn grown in this country, and there were 3,126,000,000 bushels of it, only about 2 per cent was exported.

This shows the wonderful consumptive power of the people of the United States. No nation in the history of the world has had such a record.

The prosperity of a country and its standard of civilization are determined by its ability to consume the products of its soil. This is shown by a comparison between the people's of India and the United States, as the former with its nearly 300,000,000 people exports 14.1 per cent of its 360,000,000 bushels of wheat which is only about half of the production in this country.

The other wheat growing sections of the world which are backward in the scale of material progress show about the same record as India.

The men who handle these immense cereal crops of the United States are to meet in Omaha Oct. 9, 10 and 11 next, when the annual convention of the Grain Dealer's National Association is to be held.

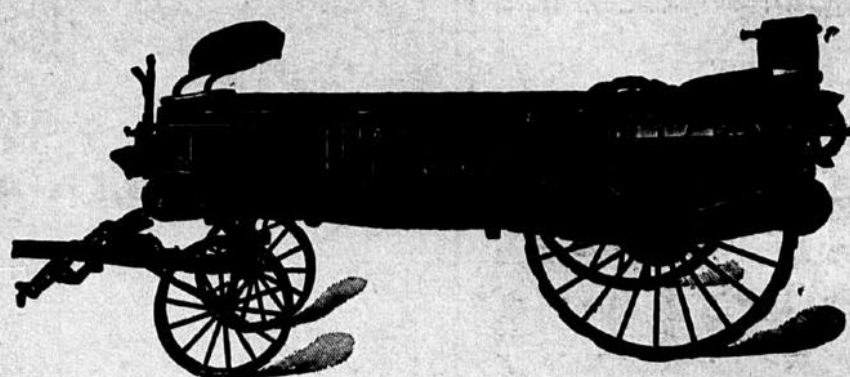
At this convention every phase of the cereal business will be discussed. How to increase the yields of the American farms by the scientific breeding of grain; how to add to the supply of the country by irrigation, dry farming and deep ploughing—all these methods will be considered.

Our population is rapidly overtaking our production, and it was this fact that recently induced the Washington government to negotiate a commercial treaty with Canada.

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