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The Curry Family Trio Tips the Beam at 174 Pounds Each.

Editor Tom Curry, of The Holt County Sentinel, of Oregon, was in the city Tuesday—likewise was Mrs. Curry and their daughter, Miss Anna. But that fact alone does not make a story, but there is one connected with their visit.

The trio came from Oregon on the Interurban to Forest City where they were obliged to wait some minutes for the Villisca passenger, and while waiting they strolled past the baggage room of the depot where stood a pair of scales. "As I have been fishing this week I will see if I lost flesh," said Editor Curry, and stepped upon the scale.

"One hundred and seventy-four," announced Mrs. Curry, who did the weighing act.

"I'll just see where I stand," she remarked as she stepped on the scale platform.

"One hundred and seventy-four," said Editor Curry, who acted as weighmaster, and who had never touched the weight, as the beam balanced exactly.

"Well, that is funny," said Miss Anna, now I'll see what it will do for me," as she stepped on the scale platform. No one touched the scale beam or the weights and when both dad and mamma Curry had, in astonishment, looked the second time, with one breath they ejaculated: "One hundred and seventy-four!"

And it was true—the scales were tested and found correct. Each member of the Curry family weighed in the same notch—174.—St. Joseph, Ob. server, June 7th.

Boy's State Fair School.

The Missouri state fair directors have decided to have a boy's state fair school composed of boys from each county of the state. The boys of this school shall be cared for in Sedalia and be guests of the fair. Their selection in the various counties shall be according to the rules prescribed by the following committee: William P. Evans, chairman; John T. Stinson, secretary; W. A. Dallmeyer, F. B. Mumford.

The committee prescribes the following preliminary rules:

1—George T. Reavis is appointed manager of the Boy's State Fair school.

2—The county superintendent of schools and one other to be chosen by the committee shall have charge of the contest in each county to determine the county representative.

3—The contest shall be open to boys who shall on October 1, 1913, be between 12 and 17 years of age, and shall be based one-half on elementary school subjects and one-half on agriculture according to rules to be announced by the committee.

4—The representative selected under these rules shall have no claim on the fair for their expenses in going to the fair and returning from it, but it shall be the duty of the fair to provide free entertainment, instruction and supervision during the fair. Failure on the part of any county representative to comply with the camp requirements shall be ground for expulsion and shall cancel any obligation of the fair.

5—The boys of the B. S. F. S. shall give one half of their time during the fair to such duties as the committee shall prescribe. The other part of their time shall be devoted to study of the exhibits under expert direction.

6—An examination will be conducted in each county between September 1 and 15, 1913, to determine the county representative. The grades in the examination shall be based one-fourth on each of the following:

- (a) An essay of 250 to 300 words on corn growing.
 - (b) Five questions in elementary agriculture.
 - (c) Five questions in arithmetic.
 - (d) Five questions in geography.
- Questions in the last three subjects will be furnished by state manager.

This is the first attempt of the kind in this state and it is to be hoped that the county superintendents will urge the boys of their respective counties to enter this contest. The successful boy will have an opportunity to enjoy the fair and receive valuable instruction with only the cost of transportation. While at the fair the boys will be in charge of competent supervisors and no parent need have any fears about their safety. Every effort will be made by the board of agriculture to make this boy's school a pleasant and profitable occasion.

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INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

(By E. O. SKILLERS, Director of Evening Department, The Moody Bible Institute, Chicago.)

LESSON FOR JUNE 15

JACOB BEFORE PHARAOH

LESSON TEXT—Gen. 47:1-12.
GOLDEN TEXT—"To them that love God all things work together for good." Rom. 8:28.

I, Joseph and Jacob, vv. 1-6. Joseph's meeting with his aged father is a beautiful picture. Again Judah comes into prominence as a sort of ambassador in leading the old man into this new land and to present him before his son, who now is exalted so highly among the rulers of the earth. In this he is a prophecy of that day when the descendants of Jacob shall gather before Him "whom they pierced." Joseph does not await their coming but "went up to meet them" (46:29) as they passed through the province of Goshen.

It is true that Jacob and his sons came to Egypt at Pharaoh's personal invitation (45:17, 18), yet there were sufficient reasons why Joseph might have been ashamed of, or fearful to associate with, these his kinsmen. His father was a plain countryman. His brothers were not an altogether reputable crowd. And, further, they were shepherds and "every shepherd is an abomination unto the Egyptians" (46:34). But they are his brethren and he was glad to confess them even as Christ will gladly confess us.

Joseph's Great Wisdom.
We have here another evidence of Joseph's great wisdom in that he commands them to remain in Goshen while he goes before them unto Pharaoh to prepare the way. Even so not all are to come at once into Pharaoh's presence (47:12). In Acts 1:12 we read that this cavalcade consisted of three score and fifteen souls, though this probably did not include slaves and other dependents. It is very significant that Joseph secures Goshen for his kinsfolk. It was near to himself (45:10); it was separated from all unnecessary contact with the Egyptians (v. 34) and it was a place superior to all others for them as herdsmen (v. 6). Joseph anticipates Pharaoh's question (v. 3) and gave his brothers instruction how to answer, but they seem to have gone somewhat beyond in that they make request that they might dwell in Goshen. Joseph charged them to speak of themselves as keepers of cattle.

II, Jacob and Pharaoh, vv. 7-12. Pharaoh does not seem to be overly enthusiastic over these five brothers whom Joseph presented (v. 5). Aside from the fact that they were Joseph's brothers, there was nothing to commend them. No more have we anything to commend us in the sight of God except that we are Christ's brethren; though that is an abundance.

Pharaoh and Jacob.
The picture of old Jacob in the presence of Pharaoh is striking in one respect at least, the fact that he who came to this land for the blessing of the sustenance of life, should bless Pharaoh. Jacob conferred upon Pharaoh in his blessing more than Pharaoh conferred upon Jacob by the opening of all Egypt to himself and his family. This act upon the part of Jacob is suggestive of the dignity of age, and significant in its revelation of Jacob's relation to, and knowledge of, the purposes of God. Pharaoh inquires as to Jacob's age and he replies that his "pilgrimage" had been 120 years. He who had entered into all the rights of the birthright and the blessings of God's covenant people, exercised those rights when he stands before the great Pharaoh. He had caught the truth that an earthly life is but a pilgrimage.

Conclusion. Not included in our lesson, but in this section, we have set before us Joseph's administration of the affairs of Egypt which give us further insight into the greatness of this man. In the close of the lesson proper, verses 11-12, there is presented to us Joseph's provision for his father and his brethren. This is a type of Christ in His care for us. In the midst of dangers (Jno. 10:10, 28) and famine, and misunderstanding He is ever near. Joseph is now satisfied for he has his own near unto him. Jesus Christ is longing that we may be with Him in the place which He has gone to prepare for us, John 14:2, 17, 24, though He has not left us comfortless during these days of separation, John 14:23. Joseph fed his brothers on the best the land afforded (v. 11), even so we may have the old corn (Josh. 5:11) and the new wine (Prov. 3:9, 10). We thus see how God is working out His purpose concerning the Hebrew people.

Taken away from the peril into which Judah fell (chapter 38), and the threatened famine, also from the hostility of the other shepherd races among whom they dwell, they are brought into Egypt and are there separated and yet supplied as God's plan develops and they become big enough and ready to be led back into their promised possession—Canaan. God's plan works for both the immediate and the ultimate. The true value of any experience is not within the experience of the hour. The crisis of today is the primary possession of tomorrow.

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