

Laughs at Droughts.

In times of drought, such as this year, when water for the crops is more precious than gold, it is interesting to see how certain farmers more advanced in their ideas than their neighbors avoid the general dire results. With all the suggestions and questions concerning means of irrigation and of conserving and using the water that ordinarily runs down to the sea, the experience of a farmer in the Platte Valley of Nebraska is valuable, offering a good example to thousands of farmers all over the country.

This Nebraska farmer, Leroy Sides, several years ago got an engineer to survey a ditch by which he could bring the waters of the Platte river out over his land. After using the ditch in that way for some years, Mr. Sides installed a pump with a normal capacity of 750 gallons a minute, which could raise the water eighteen feet and make a good stream in the ditch. By this method he brought water to his sugar beets just when they needed it, and in addition he is watering his orchard, potatoes and all his garden crops.

He estimates that the increased crop of beets by reason of this timely supply of water, for this season alone, will more than pay the cost of the plant, which was more than \$1,000. The pump is running regularly, fifteen hours a day, without any noticeable effect on the water supply.

This plant will furnish water to irrigate thirty-five acres in a dry season like this one. With a reservoir to hold the water that might be pumped outside the growing season, the acreage could easily be double. The owner has two orchards in which he has grown wagon loads of cherries, carloads of apples, besides pears, plums and other fruit. He has found a profitable market for his fruit by selling to his neighbors who do their own picking.

Give the Paper a Chance.

We presume there never was a newspaper in any locality that gave all the local happenings. It is often that someone comes or goes that the reporter does not see. It happens that the family is missed several times. They get the impression that the editor does not care to mention them. This is a mistake. In most country towns the local work is the hardest work connected with a newspaper. A man may be a good editorial writer, but a flat failure in the local work, and vice versa. Editorial material is obtained by study, by reading newspapers, sometimes by using scissors. Personal and local happenings can't be read and clipped from other papers, not by a jugful. It takes physical as well as mental exertion to get out four or six columns of local news in a town of this size. Most people take a local paper to get the local happenings. Don't be afraid to tell the editor or reporter that you have friends visiting you. There are lots of people who are interested in your friends. You owe it as a duty to them to let your friends know of their doings. Perhaps you think the paper shows partiality, but just see if the paper doesn't treat you right if you give it a chance.—Craig Leader, August 22.

A Wedding.

A couple from Sabetha, Kas., Carl Henry Snell and Edna Mae Beeghly by name, came into town by auto on Saturday of last week, August 23, and halted in front of the Methodist parsonage, with the proper and necessary papers all duly signed and certified to, and soon made their wishes known. The Rev. J. H. Thompson being an adept at the marrying business, soon secured a couple of witnesses in the persons of Mrs. Mina Curry and Wm. Markt, and in a few minutes they were made one. After a half hour of social chat the happy young people were again on their way back to their Kansas home with a hearty invitation from the beautiful bride for the pastor and the witnesses to come to Sabetha and spend a day in their new home. They were just bubbling over with happiness as they left the marriage altar, and it is to be hoped that they will always be so happy. They are now receiving the hearty congratulations of their many friends. Mr. Snell is a son of the late Abraham Snell, of this county.

—Miss Edna Wilson, a Maryville Normal school chum of Miss Beulah Klopp, spent the past week with Miss Beulah, and she undoubtedly had a most enjoyable visit.

ATTENTION, COMRADES.

Members of Meyer Post, G. A. R., will remember their next regular meeting will be held Saturday, September 27, 1913, at the home of E. W. Headley, at 2 p. m. Let there be a full attendance. Commander Headley and Officer of the Day Kunkel, of the Sons of Veterans, are requested to arrange for transportation.
B. F. MORGAN,
Commander.

School Officers to Meet.

A convention of the presidents and clerks of all the school districts in Holt county will be held in Oregon, on Friday next, August 29th, in the Circuit Court room. The call has been issued by County Superintendent Rock, and the meeting is to discuss problems pertaining to the schools. The school board convention law which was passed by our late legislature is as follows:

"It shall be the duty of the county superintendent to call together once each year the presidents and clerks of the school districts to discuss questions pertaining to school administration."

"It shall be the duty of presidents and clerks to attend the meeting of school officers, and each school officer attending such meeting shall receive \$1.50 per day and 5 cents per mile for the number of miles from his school house to the place of meeting."

Mill Creek.

—Oscar Hoffmann and wife spent Sunday afternoon with Charley Headley and wife.

—Miss Edith Boyd and her friend, Mr. Fuhrman, spent Sunday with Warrrie Walker and family.

—John Schuler, wife and baby and Grandma Watson spent Sunday with Frank Watson and family, of Culp neighborhood.

—Joseph Murray and family spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. Albert Kunkel and family, of Culp neighborhood.

—Mrs. John Markt and Mrs. James Riley were Oregon visitors Monday of last week, visiting with Mrs. Frank Petree and Miss Lou.

—A number from this vicinity attended the funeral of Mrs. George Gelvin, at the Presbyterian church, in Oregon, last Sunday.

—Velyna Markt took dinner with Anna Markt, Sunday. In the afternoon they went to Velyna's home and feasted on water-melon.

—Mrs. Fred Markt, Miss Lucy Buntz and Mrs. John Feuerbacher, of Woodville, were visitors at the Whitmer home, Sunday afternoon.

—Mrs. James Riley received a package from Portland, Oregon, last week, containing two strands of real rose beads, made from the petals of American beauty roses, by her cousin, Mrs. Lyman Stinyartz.

—Master Marion Noland was so delighted with his visit with Grandpa and Grandma Noland last Sunday that he begged of mamma to stay a few days so that he and grandpa could have their play out, so, with the consent of "papa," they decided to remain until Friday, returning home that evening.

—Eldon Foley thinks he is somewhat of a sleight-of-hand performer, but in doing one of his stunts last Sunday he got terribly mixed up, and as Eldon is one of those independent sort of fellows, he did some acrobatic stunts that would have astonished the best of them, but without avail. Poor Eldon was in a terrible plight, and being thoroughly exhausted, Mr. Riley was called to his rescue and conveyed him to a secluded place where he was relieved of the predicament. Mr. Riley says he has loaned his trick dog for the last time. And those present say they think Eldon will be good for a while at least.

New Point and Vicinity.

(Delayed Letter, August 22, 1913.)

—Otis Taylor and wife are sick with tonsillitis.

—Mrs. Ida Acton visited in St. Joseph, this week.

—Dr. Kearney and Geo. Christian went to Tarkio, Wednesday morning.

—Ed Muir and daughter, Lida, left for Lebanon, Mo., Tuesday, for a visit.

—Mrs. Kearney came up from St. Joseph, Friday, returning Saturday.

—Jerry Kunkel, from Rye Patch, Nev., was visiting relatives here, this week.

—Lydia Acton went out to Oregon, Friday morning, returning Sunday evening.

—Lydia Acton went to Forbes, Tuesday, to complete arrangements for her school.

—John Hamm wants it known that it is his boy who is so nice instead of John Harrison's.

—Born, to Jesse Cain and wife, August 14, 1913, a fine little girl, Dr. Kearney attending.

—Mrs. Hattie Dreher left Tuesday for Emporia, Kas., where she will visit at the home of Al. Hershner.

—Mrs. Flora Davis (nee Cain), of Oklahoma, is visiting at the home of her uncle, Thos. Cain, this week.

—Mrs. Wilson returned to her home in Forest City, Sunday, after a few days with her granddaughter at Jesse Cain's.

—Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Davis took their daughter, Auri, to Graham, to Dr. Findley, to have tonsils and adenoids removed.

—Fred Davis, Perry Boswell, Catharine Terry and Anna Springer went to Fillmore to attend services, Sunday evening, as there were none here.

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GOLDEN AGE OF SPINSTERS

At This Day, and Hour in America, is the "Antient Mayde" to Be Seen at Her Very Best.

That this is the golden age of the spinster no one will deny, and that America furnishes the soil in which these hardy plants put forth their finest bloom is equally indisputable, writes Agnes Repplier in the Century Magazine. How many years have passed since the "antient maydes" of Boston—which term included all unmarried women older than twenty-five—were pronounced by John Danton to be a "dismal spectacle?" How many years since a few "acute and ingenious gentlewomen" in colonial Virginia had the temerity to remain single and cultivate their own tobacco plantations, for which unnatural behavior they were subjected to repeated "admonishments?"

Now the "antient mayde" saunts her freedom in the faces of those who are patiently doing their duty to the world. Now if a woman runs a successful apple orchard or dairy farm, her exploits are heralded far and wide, and other women write exultant papers about her, intimating that the day of the man agriculturist is virtually over. I am not sure that the attitude of our great-grandfathers, who jealously and somewhat fearfully guarded their prerogatives, was not more flattering to my sex than this enthusiasm evoked by achievements which in a man would not be found worthy of notice.

NOT ALTOGETHER PIOUS WISH

Gardener's Appeal for the Elevation of Mrs. Stowe Did Not Mean Desire for Her Happiness.

Recalling the days when the literary colony at Hartford, Conn., was acquiring fame, Dr. Joseph H. Twichell used to tell an amusing incident in the friendship of Harriet Beecher Stowe and Mark Twain.

The Stowe and the Clemens premises were separated only by a fence, close to which, directly in the rear of the Stowes' house, was Mark Twain's large conservatory.

Mrs. Stowe, ever a passionate lover of flowers, availed herself thankfully and liberally of his invitation to make free with its contents, much to the annoyance of the gardener, for she had a careless way of breaking off flowers from the stalk that vexed his soul.

When he made complaint of this habit Mr. Clemens had numbers of pairs of scissors put at intervals here and there on the conservatory shelves, trusting that Mrs. Stowe would see and use them on her visits to it. But they seemed to escape her notice, and she continued to go on as before, till at length the distressed gardener begged Mark Twain to lock the door and keep her out.

But no; he told the poor fellow that whatever she did the place must always be open to her and her liberty in it unrestrained. At that the mulctured man fervently exclaimed: "I wish the old lady was in Heaven!"

Disclaimed Responsibility.

A Dutchman was going to cross a bridge. He was riding in a little cart drawn by a goat. The toll man came out and said: "Here, you've got to pay toll before you can pass this bridge."

"What, to pay toll?"

"Yes, five cents to cross this bridge."

After an argument the Dutchman paid the five cents and went on. In the afternoon he came back again only this time he had the goat sitting on the seat, and he was dragging the cart himself.

Out came the toll man and said: "Here, you know you've got to pay five cents."

The Dutchman shook his head, and pointing to the goat, said:

"Don't talk to me—ask the driver."

Shortest Statute on Record.

The old parliament of the Scots was noted for its short and pithy statutes. Apparently Scotsmen in the olden times, if their critics are loth to credit them with wit and humor, believed that brevity was the soul of legislation. For instance an old Scottish parliament passed an act which said simply "no man shall enter any place where there is hay with a candle unless it be in a lantern," which is probably the shortest statute ever passed. In fact, one small volume is enough to hold over two centuries of Scotch legislation, and one has never heard that the country was the sufferer thereby.

One Mother Too Many.

A pleasant adventure, one that is usually reserved to much younger daughters, has happened to Miss Mistinguette, of the opera, Paris, France. She has been reclaimed as a long-lost daughter by a woman of Bergerolles, whose daughter disappeared sixteen years ago, and whom she affirms she recognizes in the distinguished artist. Miss Mistinguette has a good heart. She would like nothing better than to recognize the maternity of this honorable dame, but unfortunately she already has an authentic mother, and at this time of life cannot accept the luxury of a supplementary mamma.

Broken Screw.

To remove a screw with one side of the head broken off, place the screwdriver against one side of the head and with a small block press firmly against the screwdriver, at the same time turning the screwdriver and the block. The screw will come out almost as easily as if the head was intact.

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