

**"The Young Man from Ames"**

(A truthful yarn written in a breezy vein.)

In the city of Davenport, which is in the Kingdom of Iowa, there dwelt a Secretary of Commerce, who was a Go-Getter, and a Bank President who had Meat in his Nut as well as Mere Money out at Eight Per. The B. P. wished to make the relations between himself and the adjacent Soil Tillers all to the Spauldings, so he fell in with the Sec's plan to form a County Agricultural League. They toured the county in a 1909 4d-visible, distributing literature, calling Meetings, tagging the local Bell-Cows and doing Other Things Necessary.

After the Commercial Club had provided offices, furniture, stationery, a Gold headed Stenog and other fixtures, the State kicked in with 1200 bucks per annum and the merchants Dug Up a like Amount. Then they tapped the Farmers who excavated, in Round Figures \$129.19. With a Favoring Wind their Groans could be Heard for Miles.

The League then bought a 2d-hand Car and a Tank of Gas, hired a solemn-looking Young man from Ames and were ready for Business. Success was not exactly immediate. Although the Y. M. C. A. could tell by looking at the Rolled Out whether it was planted with a drill or a Shot Gun, he was, nevertheless, an Object of Suspicion. Some Farmers met him on the Wrong Side of the Gate with their hands on their Ingersolls and others shooed their Stock into the Baras when they heard the 2d-hand 4d Limping down the Road. His advice was as Welcome as a Case of Small Pox, and was followed as Literally as the Ten Commandments.

And when he suggested that there were Better Ways of testing seed corn than by Looking at it through a pair of mail order specs, that cholera serum was not discovered by Bunko-Bill and that Alfalfa would grow in that county, he was given up as a Puddin' head.

Two years elapsed. Tested Corn came up. Untested corn did Not. Serum treated hogs Lived. Untreated hogs Died. Sprayed Orchards Bore Fruit. Unsprayed trees did Not. Alfalfa Grew and Thrived and Returned Big Yields.

The Farmers began to Unfold Their Faces when the Y. M. C. A. came along. Some Grew Reckless and gave him Buttermilk. A hand-ful Threw Caution to the Winds, and invited him to Supper. The 2d hand 4d got a new Set of Tires. The Bank President began to believe a few of his Own Agricultural Predictions. The Farmers began to Give Up Money.

Another Year Slipped By. The 2d-hand 4d and the Y. M. C. A. are Welcome Guests on Every Farm. The Live Bank Pres. is Known as the Farmer's Friend and his Bank's Rural Deposits make him Blush. The State still comes Across with the Little Twelve Hundred Per and the Business Men work Through with even more. But the Farmers, God Bless 'em, are Digging Up a Thousand.

The Sun Shines. The Birds sing. The Little Brooks go Laughing by. The corn crop is as thick as Clover. The Hogs Die of Old Age. The Alfalfa is cut twice a week. Two big Red Apples grow where one Stingy Green one Grew Before. And—

The Scott County Agricultural League is admitted, even by its members, to be the best Ding Busted organization in Iowa.

Moral: You gotta Show 'em; and why not have the same in Union and a bloomin' agricultural agent with more Brains than Red Hair, to help the Growin'?

**Chi. Methodists for Dancing, Pitch and Poker.**

Chicago, Feb. 16.—The ban on dancing and card playing in the doctrine of certain branches of the Methodist church was assented today by representatives of the Methodist Church, South, at the conference on Union of Methodism, in session in Evanston.

Prof. Fitzgerald S. Parker, general secretary of the Epworth League Nashville; Bishop Collins Denny, Nashville, and Prof. Wilbur F. Tillet, of Vanderbilt University, joined in the warning.

The Methodist Church, South, Prof. Parker pointed out, has adopted in its general rules new phrases eliminating the specific naming of the prohibited indulgences. Those named in the doctrine of the Methodist Episcopal are:

- Dancing.
- Card playing.
- Attending theaters.
- Attending circuses.

Other branches of the Methodist denomination have prohibitions in matters of dress, diversions, singings, readings, self-indulgence, hoarding, borrowing without prospect of repaying and buying without prospect of paying, and all things that are "not for the glory of God."

Prof. Parker said: "Wesley, the founder of the Methodist church, said that he could see a theatrical performance with a clear conscience, and on his way home from Oxford he stopped in London to enjoy a play and enjoyed dancing with his sisters. In the old church, a smile was considered a vice; a laugh a crime."

The greatest step toward church unity would be inter-denominational disarmament President Wilbur F. Tillet, of Vanderbilt University, Nashville, told the conference.

"The question of doctrine and ritual in relation to church unity are insignificant," he said. "What we need is inter-denominational disarmament: discontinue strike and work together toward the goal of unity."

Mrs. Jas. Ryan and daughter Mary of Folsom were in Clayton Tuesday. Mrs. Ryan left Wednesday for Houston, Texas, to visit relatives. Miss Ryan returned to Folsom the same evening.

**TAKEN UP:** One mouse colored burro, about nine years old, branded E with under score on right hip. Owner can have same by paying for this notice and feed bill. Burro at my place 2 miles south and 7 miles west of Sedan. C. H. Hawkins.

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION**

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Clayton, N. M., Feb. 8, 1916. Notice is hereby given that Ben Morrow, of Hollis, Okla., who, on Oct. 4th, 1912, made homestead entry, No. 915959, for W 1-2, Section 10, Township 24N, Range 33E, N. M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make three year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Register and Receiver U. S. Land Office, at Clayton, N. M., on the 27th day of March, 1916. Claimant names as witnesses: Podolphus Daves, Marion Lee Rockett, Samuel L. Childress, Samuel M. Kite, all of Tots, N. M. 18-26-4-11-15 Pax Valverde, Register.

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION**

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office, at Clayton, N. M., Feb. 14, 1916. Notice is hereby given that James W. Robertson, of Vance, N. M., who, on March 16, 1909, made H. entries No. 913694, for lots 1, 2, E 1-2 NW 1-4 sec. 18, T. 23 N., R. 36 E., and NE 1-4, Section 13, Township 23 N., Range 35 E., N. M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final three year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Register and Receiver U. S. Land Office, at Clayton, N. M., on the 24th day of March, 1916. Claimant names as witnesses: George P. Jack, Russell Lewis, Geo. L. Pile, B. A. Carden, all of Vance, N. M. 18-26-4-11-15 Pax Valverde, Register.

**Lost**  
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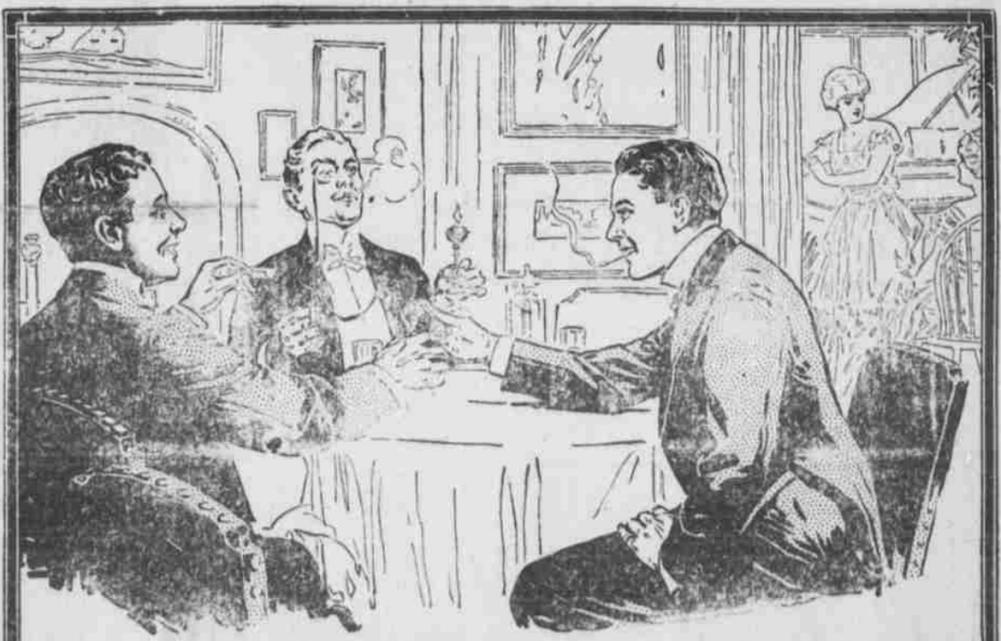
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