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HOW TO ESCAPE SERFDOM

Prof. H. A. Morgan Says Co-Operative Marketing Is the Only Hope of the Farmer.

"Unless the agricultural interests of this country learn the lesson and the vision of co-operation, the tillers of the soil will be reduced to a state of peasantry like that which has characterized Russia for hundreds of years," declares Dr. H. A. Morgan, president of the University of Tennessee, at one of the sessions of the recent East Tennessee Farmer's Convention.

President Morgan threw himself into the discussion upon hearing the question from a farmer in the audience in regard to how much interest a farmer might expect from his money he might invest in farmer's co-operative buying and selling agency, such as was established for the farmers of East Tennessee in Knoxville last winter, and where operations are yet in infancy.

His impassioned appeal for the spirit of co-operation among the farmers, not for interest or money alone, but for the uplift of the great agricultural interests of the country, was easily the feature of the session.

"What we need and what we must have if co-operative agriculture is to succeed is that vision that will look beyond the interest on your money, and clearly see what can be accomplished for future generations. We will not live but ten or fifteen years longer, but don't we expect our sons and daughters to carry on our work? Our great duty is to take the first step, and be the pioneers of the great era of agricultural co-operation.

"Do you realize that for the first time in the history of the United States the consumers outnumber the producers in this country? For the first time in history the consumers number 60 percent of the population of the United States and the producers 40 percent. That is the great problem agriculture is facing.

"Unless agriculture, which is the basic industry of the United States, can be made profitable, it will go down and the United States will go down with it."

"DIRTY DOLLAR" TO GO.

Indications now are that the large number of ragged and filthy one dollar bills that have been in circulation for some years will soon grow less. The government is preparing to coin silver dollars to replace the six hundred million it withdrew during the war so England could have them to coin money for India. The Indians do not like paper money as they have used metal money for many generations, their preference is for silver.

The new silver dollars will soon begin to make their appearance and as they come out the ragged and filthy paper dollars will begin to disappear.

GREEK AND TURK.

At this stage of the fighting between the Greeks and Turks, the Greeks are having much the best of it and since England is backing Greece and furnishing her ammunition, there is every indication that the Turks will ultimately be badly worsted.

Some suggestion has been made that fighting cease and the allied powers arrange a peace, but the Greeks say the issue must be settled on the field of battle once and for all time.

TALENT AND TACT.

Talent is something, but tact is everything. Talent is serious, sober, grave and respectable; Tact is all that and more too. It is not a sixth sense; but it is the life of all the five. ** It is useful in all places and at all times.—Selected.

BANDITS ARE CAPTURED

Sheriff Roberts Arrests Men Near Harriman Bridge Wednesday Night

Tom Christams and Otto Stevens, alias Wilson, were captured by Sheriff W. W. Roberts near the Harriman bridge Wednesday night. They were taken to Knoxville that night and lodged in jail. Later they were taken to Clinton and their trial was set for July 18.

It will be remembered that these two men, along with Chas. Petree and a man named McClure, murdered Geo. Lewis by cutting his throat and attempted to kill Andrew Crumley, between Clinton and Oliver Springs May 30. They afterward attempted to rob the Oakdale bank and Petree and McClure were arrested. The other two men have been hiding in the mountains in the vicinity of Oakdale and Harriman since, until arrested as stated.

CONFERENCE CLOSED

Several Noted Churchmen Present and a Time of Great Spiritual Richness Was Enjoyed.

The district conference of the M. E. Church, south, that convened here Thursday night of last week closed its business labors Saturday and most of the delegates returned to their homes.

There were several able and prominent churchmen present and a time of rich spirituality was enjoyed. The usual business was transacted and several very able sermons were delivered which were richly enjoyed.

Rev. Dr. Ricks, one of the committee that has in charge the erection of the buildings for the new church school that is to be located here, was present with his architect and they made a special trip to look over the ground with the view to determining the exact location of the first building.

Owing to the brief time from now until October, when they plan to open the school to receive students, they find it will be necessary to make the first building a wooden structure, but it will be built in such a manner that there will be no waste in the structure, for whatever use it may be put to finally. By another year they will have completed several other buildings and the school will move forward with energy and along the broad lines planned from the first.

The architect will begin drafting the plans at once or as soon as the topographical survey of the grounds is perfected. Chas. Comstock has been employed to take the topography of the ground and will commence Monday of next week, we are informed.

One of the first direct moves is to be indrilling a well on the property. We are informed that they are about to close a contract for sinking the first well. In view of the present information active work may be expected to begin within a few weeks or days at the furthest.

Pagan Creed Concerning Fire.

That fire and water are the habitations of spirits is perhaps a universal article of the pagan creed. The sacred ever-burning hearth fire was, in primitive days reckoned the special abode of the household gods; it was, therefore, considered dangerous to give a stranger a burning brand.

First Use of Music Notes.

It is not known exactly. In the first half of the Thirteenth century notes of definite length were introduced. The first real school of composition was in Flanders, William Du Fay being the first of the composers of this school. He was born shortly before 1400 and died in 1474.

Important Step Upward.

We learn an important secret of living when we cease to put off upon somebody or something the responsibility for our failure.—Exchange.

COMMUNITY CO-OPERATION

Arrange With Local Merchant to Handle Your Products—Fighting Him Pays You Nothing.

In community co-operative effort a strong marketing committee is necessary to look after the sale of the products of the community and in the purchase of supplies in quantity.

Instead of opening a new co-operative store, if there is a successful honest merchant in the business in the community, it will be found more practical and profitable to arrange with him to act as your representative. You can agree on the percentage of the volume of business he is to have for his services.

He can afford to serve you for the same or less than you could without long experience in the business. You could show him the volume of quality product you would have to be marketed, and also what you would require in the way of supplies.

Naturally he would realize that his income would be more secure than it would be in entering on a scramble to hold his customers.

Community co-operation will succeed only when the citizenship of that community appreciate the fact that their greatest success and prosperity are dependent on the prosperity of the community as a whole.

I have no patience with the view expressed by some that increased prices can be secured by reducing the acreage in cultivation. Keep every acre busy; diversify your crops; produce on the farm, as nearly as you can, everything you consume.

By diversification you can solve the problem of over-production of some crops and under-production of others. It has been repeatedly stated that we consume in Tennessee three bushels of Irish potatoes for every one we produce; that we have shipped into the State far more fruit than we market of the home-grown product while it is a well established fact that we have soil and climatic conditions unsurpassed for the production of these necessities of life.

Farmers in a community should get together and determine what crops and what breeds of live stock are best suited to their particular localities, while producing as nearly as possible enough for home consumption of everything required on the farm; then agree on the kind of crops and live stock they will produce for market, so that they may have quantity and quality product.

We have such a wide range of soil types and elevation that we can successfully produce any thing in Tennessee that can be produced in any of the Southern States, except Florida, and we can also successfully produce many things grown in the Northern States.

Profitable markets cannot be developed in a day. Buyers have their established sources of supply. We have been dumping our products on the market without regard to condition. Dealers have been buying it at their own prices and have added to the cost to the consumer in the majority of cases far more than the price paid to the producer for grading it and preparing it for the retail market—a service that should have been attended to by the producer, through co-operative effort, with very little increased cost, thereby increasing his profits at least 50 percent.

Community co-operative effort in producing quantity, quality and variety product, with practical business methods of marketing the product will solve the financial problems for the farmer and in a reasonable time. Will we co-operate or will we drift?—"Talks to Farmers" by Capt. T. F. Peck, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Eyes of Night Birds Large.

The eyes of the birds that fly by night are usually nearly double the size of those that go abroad by day.

MILITARY TRAINING CAMP

Will Open, Camp Jackson, Columbia, South Carolina, July 18, For One Month.

The following announcement from Headquarters Fourth Corps Area concerning a civilian training camp is of special interest to civilians residing within the following named states: North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Florida, Tennessee, Mississippi and Louisiana, which are located within the territory covered by the Fourth Corps Area.

Location, Date and Duration.

It is contemplated holding a Citizens' Training Camp this summer at Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C., on or about July 18, 1921, for the purpose of training such civilians as may be selected upon their own application. Probable duration of camp, one month.

Eligibility And Qualifications

Those eligible are physically fit male citizens who have passed their sixteenth birthday and who are not over 35 years of age. Applicants must have average general intelligence and be of good moral character. No educational qualifications are necessary or required.

Application for Admission

Each candidate for admission shall file a certificate from a qualified physician that his health and strength are adequate for the course of training; such certificate to be on official blank furnished the applicant; also a certificate from a schoolmaster, clergyman, priest, or rabbi; to the effect that candidate is of good moral character and average general intelligence

Expenses.

Accepted candidate will be furnished transportation from their homes to the camp and return, and travel rations for the necessary number of days of travel, or he may be reimbursed by the Government for actual cost of meals for time actually consumed in travel at a rate not to exceed \$3.00 per day. In lieu of such transportation and meals they may be paid five cents per mile for the distance by the shortest usually traveled routes from their homes to camp and return.

Upon arrival at camp, the candidates will be furnished clothing, meals, equipment, ammunition, etc., at government expense, for the duration of the camp.

Scope of Instruction.

Scope of instruction includes duties of the private in the school of the soldier, squad, and company; small arms rifle practice; guard duty; camping and marching; individual cooking; care of equipment; personal hygiene, physical development; discipline and morale.

Civilians who are interested and desire application blanks or additional information can obtain same by addressing letter to Information Officer, Civilian Military Training Camps, Fort McPherson, Ga.

Galosh Not Modern Footwear.

The modern galosh is but the grandchild of a long line of strong, sturdy ancestors from the boots of Captain Kidd down. The boot wearing fever got so bad in England once that parliament had to be petitioned to restrict the making of boots. "The merchant and mechanic walk in boots," so read the complaint, and "many of our clergy in shoes and galoshes. University scholars maintain the fashion likewise. Attorneys, lawyers, clerks, serving men all delight in this wasteful wantonness."

Sheridan and Cumberland.

The story is told of Cumberland that he took his children to see "The School for Scandal" and when they laughed rebuked them, saying that he saw nothing to laugh at in this comedy. When this was reported to Sheridan, his comment was, "I think that confoundedly ungrateful, for I went to see Cumberland's last tragedy and laughed heartily at it all the way through."—Henry A. Byers in "The Connecticut Wits and Other Essays."

BARN AND HORSES BURNED

Hail Badly Damaged Some Crops, Lightning Shocked Several Persons—Caused Other Damage

A severe rain and wind storm struck Crossville and vicinity and Crab Orchard Wednesday afternoon of last week with disastrous results in some cases and considerable injury in others, while the downpour of rain was of great benefit to growing crops.

On the farm of V. C. Smith corn was badly damaged by hail, a shed was blown down and other damage done. At the home of Charles Well, damage was done to crops as was the case at the home of L. C. Zirkle, and neighbors. So far as we learn no other damage resulted from hail.

A barn was blown down near the porhouse, while on the farm of A. L. Garrison a large silo was completely demolished. In Crossville some trees were blown down and fences damaged to some extent, although the loss was small.

At Crab Orchard.

At Crab Orchard the damage was very serious. John Turner and son and Emmett Turner, who were working for D. M. Wheeler, had just hitched up a team to attend the funeral of W. C. Renfro, who had passed away the night before, and as the storm came up they drove the team into the barn. Lightning struck the barn, set it on fire and knocked the men unconscious. John Turner recovered consciousness first and seeing the barn on fire he carried his son and Emmett Turner out of the burning building, but was so dazed and weakened that he could do nothing for the team, which was burned up with the barn, as was a mare belonging to Mrs. Lee Noland, some harness, about 50 bales of hay, some corn and other things.

Mr. Turner called for help and by the assistance of others succeeded in getting the two injured men to his home, a short distance away. All who were injured by the lightning have recovered or are in a fair way to do so, it is thought.

D. M. Wheeler was sitting on the porch—the barn being to the rear of the house some distance—and did not know that the barn was burning until some people from Crab Orchard saw the blaze and came running. He had heard the noise when the lightning struck the barn and thought it had struck some object not far away but did not think it was so close as his barn. The barn destroyed was an old one and Mr. Wheeler had been considering building a new one for some time.

When the people reached the burning barn they thought the men were inside and were being burned to death but learned in a short time that they had been taken to a place of safety.

It seems the same storm set the depot on fire by lightning running in on the wires. The blaze was discovered at once by the agent and put out. Mrs. G. L. Hill was slightly shocked at the same time, but it resulted in nothing serious.

There is enough rock salt, it is estimated, in one large area in the middle west and south-west, to supply the United States for a million years.

G. P. Burnett and son and daughter, Lawrence and Miss Daisy, Charley Campbell and Miss Violet McCartt all attended the State B. Y. P. U. convention at Nashville last week.

OUR COUNTRY'S GLORY.

The true glory of a nation is an intelligent, honest, industrious, Christian people. The civilization of a nation depends on their individual character; a constitution which is not the outgrowth of this is not worth the parchment on which it is written.—Selected.