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Farm Legislation.

The following agricultural bills passed both House and Senate of the 50th General Assembly, which is the best and most progressive farm program of twenty-five years in Missouri:

Pure seed law, crowning the efforts of fifty years.

Co-operative law for agricultural and horticultural associations for marketing.

Agricultural statistical law collecting farm facts through local assessors who are paid four cents for each farm. Similar to Kansas and Wisconsin acts.

Demonstration farm for country life negroes.

County farm bureau act, putting the county agent movement on a business basis.

Repealing old laws on Texas fever, and revision of sundry old laws regulating strays and range movements of live stock.

Revision of dairy department of the Board of Agriculture, establishing federal standards on dairy products other than ice cream, and licensing milk and cream buying stations and milk testers.

Wolf scalp bounty of ten dollars, revising old law.

New indemnity law for payment of \$100 for pure-bred and \$50 for grade tubercular cattle. One-half paid by the United States, one-fourth each by county and state.

State aid to county fairs, correcting unconstitutional features of 1913 law, refunding 30 percent of premiums. County courts empowered to award \$300 per year to each county agricultural and mechanical society conducting county fair.

State Bureau of Marketing, similar to Louisiana and twenty others states, to assist in better marketing of farm products and live stock, in the joint interest of producer and consumer.

Date is Fixed For Transfer of Policies.

Application For Exchange of War Risk Policies Now Being Received.

The War Risk Insurance Bureau has tentatively fixed June 1st as the date for the issuance of the new life insurance policies for which soldiers, sailors and marines may exchange the policies issued to them under the War Risk Act. Applications for conversion are now being received.

While no intensive campaign to induce holders of the War Risk Act policies to transfer to the new form of insurance has been launched as yet, applications are invited now in order to obviate a rush when the time arrives for transfers to be made and also to encourage holders of the policies to make the exchange when it is most convenient for them to do so.

The Bureau has also made it known that it will not consider policies as having lapsed even though after discharge, a man may have ceased payment or has notified the Bureau that he wishes to cancel his policy, until ample time has been granted for reinstatement.

The Bureau's policy will be to allow a soldier, sailor or marine to put his policy back in force by payment of back installments within a period of six months.

Up to the middle of April, the Bureau had paid 105,000 claims for insurance awards for death. Only 1,604 claims have been disallowed, and in a good many of these cases the action is not final.

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A man in good physical condition is almost certain to enjoy life, while the bilious and dyspeptic are despondent, do not enjoy their meals and feel miserable a good share of the time. This ill feeling is nearly always unnecessary. A few doses of Chamberlain's Tablets to tone up the stomach, improve the digestion and regulate the bowels is all that is needed. Try it, adv

The Missouri Farm Flock Egg Laying Contest.

Something different in the way of an egg laying contest is being carried on in Missouri this year, where instead of having a few selected fowls competing against the selected best of other breeders under the care of an expert, whole flocks of hens on the home farm and under the care of their owners are matched against similar flocks in various other parts of the state. This is not only a contest to see which hens can lay the most eggs, but is also a demonstration to show how proper management will increase the egg production and the profitableness of the farm poultry flock.

Favorable weather and careful attention combined to give the hens in the contest an unusual high egg production for March.

The 14,478 hens in the contest for this month laid a total of 209,457 eggs or an average of 15.5 eggs per hen. The White Rocks with an average production of 17 eggs per bird made the best breed average for the month, but were closely pushed by the White Leghorns with an average of 16.7 eggs and the White Wyandottes 16.5 eggs.

The highest individual flock record was made by 80 Brown Leghorn hens in Holt County, with an average of 21.0 eggs per hen. This flock was only a few eggs ahead of 75 White Wyandottes in Cole County with an average production of 20.9 eggs per bird.

The average income from eggs for each farm was \$60.70 and the average expense for feed \$19.90, leaving a net return of \$40.80 for each farm. In addition to the eggs listed in the above income, 97 farms set 2,145 dozen eggs during the month or an average of 265 eggs per farm. Forty-five of the farms reported 6,152 chicks on April first or an average of 138 chicks per farm.

It is interesting to note that the \$40.80 average profit for March exceeded by a considerable margin the average total profit of \$29.61 for the four winter months. It is also noteworthy that the 33.5 eggs produced by the average hen in this contest between November first and April first is more than half of the 65.5 eggs credited by the 1910 census as the annual production of the average Missouri hen.

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"BOBBY"
By VALERIE H. JENKINS.
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Richard A—drove his car swiftly along the road to Way Fells' pretty country station.

"One minute to make it in! I hope he's a patient sort of fellow."

He was the prospective landscape gardener, whom Walter M—, an old friend, was sending down at Richard's request, and who was to begin work immediately on the A—'s country estate. Walter M—, an agricultural expert, was a man to be relied upon, and the A— had left the matter of selection wholly to him. The result of their request had been a telegram, announcing that "Bobby G—," personal friend and expert, would arrive at Way Fells on the afternoon express from the city.

The train was just pulling out of the station when Richard stopped the automobile at the curbing. There were only a few arrivals, as Way Fells consists mostly of large country estates which are reached more easily by motor than by train. A peddler with his pack, an elderly gentleman, who was met by an enthusiastic party, a girl in brown, who carried a suitcase, and a fussy little woman with two fussier little children were the only passengers to get off at Way Fells.

Deciding that the fellow must have lost his train, Richard was turning away again toward his car, when a sweet but hesitating voice caught his attention. It was the girl in brown talking to the freight agent.

"Could you tell me," she was saying, "whether I could hire any sort of conveyance here to take me to Mr. Richard A—'s estate—Bellemere, I think it is called?"

"Ah, some friend of mother's, probably," thought Richard. "Funny, though, she didn't write, asking someone to meet her. I never saw her before, that's certain."

"I beg your pardon," he said, approaching the girl. "I am Richard A— and I should be glad to take you up. Mother must have forgotten that you were coming. Is this your suitcase, Miss—er—er?"

"Miss G—, Roberta G—; but you are mistaken. Surely Mr. M— must have written to say that I was coming. I am the landscape gardener whom Mrs. A— asked Mr. M— to send down here?"

"Roberta G—! Landscape gardener!" cried Richard. "Why—er— To tell the truth, Miss G—, I was expecting a man, not a girl—you see, Mr. M— called you 'Bobby' in his telegram."

Richard's pet prejudice at that time was the farmerette movement. Farming was a man's job, he declared, and had better be left to their experienced hands, than to be indulged in as a whim by girls.

In the days that followed she learned the true reason for his change of manner, and could not help being somewhat amused over his absurd prejudice. Mrs. A—, on the contrary, was far more cordial, and at the end of two weeks, was calling her Roberta, and asking her advice on various matters. The men who worked on the estate admired her from the start; first, because she was young and attractive, but gradually, through respect for her trained and thorough knowledge of the work she had fitted herself to do.

Richard's manner was still the same, although he was necessarily brought into close companionship with her, for Mrs. A— preferred that her son should manage all details of the estate.

When Roberta had been at Bellemere for almost a month word was brought to the house by one of the workmen that Miss G— had been thrown from her horse near the outskirts of the estate almost a mile away. Mrs. A— was very much alarmed and sent her son back with the workman at once.

Richard took the little car and hastened to reach the spot where the accident occurred. As he neared the scene he reproached himself for the unnecessary coolness with which he had treated Roberta.

The white face, half turned to the ground, rebuked him far more than his conscience for his past actions. Richard drove slowly to avoid giving her unnecessary pain, but before they had gone far a rut in the road jolted the car quite heavily and Roberta opened her eyes, wincing at the pain. She could not remember at first what had happened, and tried to raise herself to an erect position, but her right arm fell back limply when she tried to extend it.

"My arm," she said weakly. "I must have broken it. The horse—fell—and—"

"Yes, I know," answered Richard; "but you mustn't try to talk now. I'm so sorry you were hurt, and it is more than half my fault, too."

"You mustn't say that," she said, "because it's not true."

"But it is true, and so is the rest of it. Do you suppose you could ever forgive me, Bobby, dear?"

"I think I could try," she replied, and a faint color came into her face at the last words.

"Because, you see, I know now that I was wrong; but more than that, because I want you always for my own, little Bobby."

The landscape gardener smiled, but it was a very tender little smile, and Richard appreciated it as he realized the courage it took to smile when she was almost on the verge of crying with pain. adv

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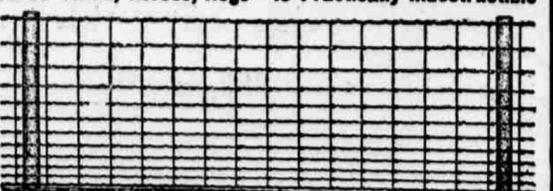
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