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## FARMERS OF THE FUTURE.

The Duty Agriculturalists Owe to Coming Generations

J. G. Osborne's Paper Before the Recent Meeting of the County Institute at Port Byron.

Following is printed in full the paper read by J. G. Osborne at the County Farmers' Institute meeting at Port Byron, Jan. 27, and which the institute by unanimous vote requested THE ARGUS to publish in full. The subject is "The Duty We as Agriculturalists owe to the Future Generations."

The subject assigned us is larger and more important than at first thought it appears. We shall see that it concerns not only the progress of farming as a business and as a science, and the development of our moral communities in the coming years; but it also touches the vital interests of our nation's life. It is not too much to say, in the light of history, that the condition of the rural populations, socially, morally, intellectually and financially will determine the character of the nation's civilization, and thus decide the nation's destiny. We speak of the fathers of the republic; and say that those who preceded us laid the foundations, and we have entered into their labors. But it is true, and in a far broader sense, that we are laying foundations also. We are pioneers. A part of our work is to remove obstructions, to open highways, to institute organizations—we cannot speak of perfecting them—so as to give scope, direction, and the best possible opportunities of achievement to the intense activities of the years that are to come.

The debt we owe posterity is infinite in its vastness. A chain of causes once set in motion will continue, each result becoming in its turn a cause. This is as true in society as it is in nature. So long as the sun shall rise and set, and the seasons revolve in their orbits, and the human family exist, so long will our work and our lives bear fruit in the life work of those that shall come after us. As agriculturalists we occupy a position of peculiar responsibility, and this fact modifies without diminishing our obligations to the future. If we will only think of it we will see that the farmer is the wealth producer of the world, except the metals dug from the mines, the timber cut in the forest, the fish captured in the ocean, all forms of new wealth grow out of the soil. Industry fashions these into new shapes whereby they acquire new uses and new values; commerce transports them to places where they are wanted, thus increasing the demand and the value; but the cost of all these processes and all these increments of value must be paid for, to the penny, out of the products of the soil. Hence we affirm that more than 90 per cent of the world's wealth, today, is the product of the farmer's labor.

Again, the farmers though not perhaps a majority of the people, are by far the most numerous class. Hence they exert immense social and political influence. They can make and unmake presidents, parties and policies. They are the authors of constitutions, the founders of empires.

Among the duties we as agriculturalists owe to the coming generation we mention first of all: To place the business of farming upon a solid, financial basis. We put this first for the obvious reason that without financial prosperity progress in what we call the higher departments—intellectual and moral—is well nigh impossible. We mean that the business of farming should be so organized and made to sustain such relations to other enterprises that the farmers shall be reasonably sure of his reward. He who makes two blades of grass to grow where only one grew before, has an inalienable estate in that blade of grass, and he must be guaranteed peaceable possession of that estate. Any other system has in itself the elements of discord, and the germs of dissolution. Capital, skill and industry employed in agriculture should receive equal rewards with those elsewhere engaged. Who will say that such is now the case? Our duty, not alone to ourselves but much more to our successors, is to equalize this inequality.

In attempting this we must cultivate self reliance. "The gods help those whom their own valor helps," said an ancient philosopher. We need expect little from legislation or from politicians. We must put our own shoulders to the wheel if we would lift our cart out of the rut. But Rome was not built in a day. We shall not win this fight. But posterity, profiting by our failures, and avoiding our mistakes, may accomplish what we cannot.

Our duty to the next generation, therefore, includes reducing the business of farming to a science; the elimination of unwise and unprofitable methods; the discovery of principles on which new and successful methods may be formulated; a systematic regulation of the production and distribution of our staple, so as to adjust the supply to the demand, and thus secure uniformly paying returns for our labor; the cultivation of more intimate, social and business relations with each other; an application in our business of those practical principles that are found successful elsewhere.

These are among the leading objects of the model farmers' organizations; and we owe it to the farmers of the 20th century to improve and extend these organizations.

Again, it is our duty to provide a thorough system of agricultural education. Much has been done, but very much remains to be done. The progress of agricultural education, its quality and its usefulness depends very much upon ourselves. It will never be more than what we demand of it. The important thing is that it shall educate farmers—working farmers—those that can wear hickory shirts and jeans pants, and handle the plow as well as the pen if need be. The farmers will never occupy a better position than they are fitted for. Education is the only lever by which they can be uplifted. The process is slow. Hence the important and urgent duty of getting the machinery well in motion.

Another class of these duties is in its nature political. Upon us, the farmers as the most numerous, devolves in a great measure the responsibility of transmitting

unimpaired to our children that priceless inheritance of civil and religious liberty we received of our fathers. To do this we must go into politics. We must attend the caucus and the convention; we must maintain the purity of the ballot, not alone after the Australian fashion, but by emphatically condemning all crookedness. We must see that law is respected, that only honest and capable men occupy positions of public trust. Eternal vigilance is the only coin that will pay this part of our debt to posterity.

We are under obligations to those who are to come after us to maintain the simple virtues of our rural life. We are not to emulate the luxury or the pride even as we would avoid the vices of our city cousins. Not parsimony, indeed, but a wise economy should prevail; an economy which saves by spending; an economy which detests shams, purchases at whatever cost, true goodness; an economy which rejecting superfluities of person or surrounding yet appropriates everything that stands for nobility of character.

In the same line comes the betterment of our homes, introducing into them the pleasures of sense, the nourishment of books, the sprightliness of music, the fragrance of flowers, the magic of art. A domestic and social life thus ordered is the hope of our rural communities. Country life being made attractive, the temptation to rush cityward largely disappears; our best lands, instead of passing as they sometimes seem to do into the hands of renters and aliens, will remain the homes of American citizens, representing the best blood and brain and the highest rank of American nobility.

Once more we must leave to our children the precious legacy of a good name. In all things let us be just. While zealous for our rights, let us be also careful of the rights of others. Let us cherish no resentments. Let us indulge no unworthy ambitions. History records with approbation the annals of a virtuous people. Let such be our record.

Republics are said to be ungrateful, and it seems sometimes as if the rush and tumult of the age overwhelms all nobler sentiments. But we are building not for a day, a year or perhaps for a century. The march of man is toward a more perfect civilization; his destiny is among the stars. Our duty, as we have endeavored in part to set forth, is in all ways to hasten his progress.

## The Late Mrs. Isaac Hollister.

The late Mrs. Isaac Hollister, who was buried in Port Byron on Sunday, was one of Rock Island county's earliest settlers. She was born in Darnford, Mass., June 20, 1801, her maiden name being Martha DeWolf. She was married to Mr. Hollister on Nov. 13, 1828, and resided there five years, coming to Illinois by way of the Erie canal and the lakes to Chicago in 1833. They first settled on a farm south of Chicago, where they remained three years, and in 1836 they sold their property and embarked in a prairie schooner for Rock Island county, and settled on a farm in what is now known as Coe township, where they resided until 1865, when they removed to Port Byron, where they made their home. Mr. Hollister died Oct. 14, 1885, leaving four children, all of whom survive his widow. They are: William, who resides in Grundy county, Iowa; Reuben G. and Edwin H., who live near Port Byron, and Mrs. James Bell, who resides on the old homestead. Mrs. Hollister was a true christian woman, gentle in manner and possessed of a lovable disposition, which endeared her to all with whom she came in contact.

## Saw His Shadow.

This is ground hog day, and those who have been consoling themselves all day with the impression that the little beast, upon whose movements at this particular time the weather conditions so greatly depend has failed to discern his shadow and will remain on earth insuring fair weather, are doomed to disappointment. Just as the animal emerged from his hole this morning the sun shot out from beneath a cloud and simultaneously Mr. Ground Hog turned tail and was seen no more. Consequently the spinal column of winter is still unbroken.

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## CABLE AT WORK.

Numerous Bills For Public Improvement Introduced.

Appropriations For Harbors at Rock Island, Moline and Port Byron Asked For by Our Congressman.

According to today's Washington dispatches bills for public improvements were introduced in the house by Congressman Cable yesterday as follows:

By Congressman Cable—The sum of \$10,000 to complete the improvements at the city of Port Byron, Ill., on the Mississippi river; \$65,000 for improving the harbor at Moline, Ill., and \$35,000 for the harbor at Rock Island.

## Fail to do Our Duty.

Everybody has at times failed to do their duty toward themselves. Hundreds of lady readers suffer from sick headache, nervousness, sleeplessness and female troubles. Let them follow the example of Mrs. H. Herbecher, Stevens Point, Wis., who for five years suffered greatly from nervous prostration and sleeplessness, tried physicians and different medicines without success. But one bottle of Dr. Miles' Nerve and Liver Pills caused sound sleep every night and she is feeling like a new person. Mrs. Elizabeth Wheeler, Laramie City, Wyoming, who tried all other remedies, declares that after three weeks' use of the Nerve and Liver Pills, nervous prostration, etc., she was entirely relieved. Sold by Hartz & Bahnsen. Trial bottle free.

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