

WHATEVER YOU ARE.

If you can't be a pine at the top of the hill... Be a scrub in the valley—but be the best little scrub at the side of the hill...

THE MESS.

When cases are tried in court, it frequently happens that testimony of the witnesses on one side is directly contradicted by the witnesses on the other side...

During the campaign recently closed, the gubernatorial candidates of the two leading parties, and the candidates for other State offices, all had the same story to tell...

The State government is in a mess. The mess is a very bad one. Some one must "clean it up." The payrolls of the State carry the names of many unnecessary job-holders...

The State is practically bankrupt. According to a financial plan suggested by Senator George W. Woodward, chairman of the commission on the reorganization of the State government, it will take twelve years to put the State on a sound financial basis...

The public schools of the State are crippled for lack of funds. In some parts of the State, the schools were closed part of last year. In some places, the teachers were told at the end of the term, that they would have to wait for their salaries...

Senator Woodward has listed as "dispensables" a number of persons and things, whose salaries and cost aggregate \$584,400. The State has been paying salaries to job-holders who are without jobs...

California Fruit Trees Bud Three Months Early. San Bernardino, Cal.—Deciduous fruit trees and grape vines throughout San Bernardino county are straggling to bud three months ahead of nature's schedule...

FARM NOTES.

The roots of all plants in friable, well-drained soils run far deeper than the casual observer would suppose. Any one who will examine the sides of a newly dug well will not regard five feet in depth as an unreasonable extent of root pasturage...

There are several advantages of a cover crop, among them being the prevention of mechanical loss of soil by washing or blowing away, the catching of soluble fertility which might leach from the soil if no plants were present...

The soil is tilled to eradicate weeds, to conserve moisture and to make available plant food. Probably if it were not for the presence of weeds there would be very little cultivation done. It does not require a great philosopher to see that a cornfield choked by quack grass and mustard would be benefited by the cultivator...

There is a great field for growing such crops as rye, rye, crimson clover and the like which may be obtained at a very small expense after the regular crop is harvested. Most long-cultivated soils have deteriorated more owing to bad mechanical condition consequent upon the loss of humus than the exhaustion of the plant food...

Can the value of a woman on the farm be figured in dollars and cents? Since the time when the first heavy pioneers pushed their way over the uncharted forests of the Alleghenies, praises of the loyal wife and the daughters of the man who wrested his living from the soil have been sung in song and story...

The Society of Farm Women of Pennsylvania, at their fourth annual convention to be held in connection with the seventh annual State Farm Products show to be held in Harrisburg the week of January 23, will endeavor to place the value of the farm woman on the cold basis of dollars and cents...

The farm women, whose sessions will be open to all women attending the farm show, have on their program for Wednesday morning, January 24, this subject, "What is the farm woman's value to the farm in dollars and cents." It will be a round table discussion and the women assigned to discuss it include Mrs. Harry Hagar, Cambria county; Mrs. George G. Strossner, Greene county; Mrs. David Rees, Washington county; Mrs. J. C. Brubaker, Lancaster county; Miss May Hoover, Somerset county, and Mrs. H. C. Johnson, Warren county...

If all the fertility in the first foot of soil were available there are few lands which would not grow 100 successive crops of corn or wheat and many soils would grow several hundred. Besides, in addition to the plant food in the layers of soil, the roots of plants may extend to a depth of several feet, which is a guarantee that the potential wealth of the soil is practically inexhaustible...

Land is made more fertile by (1) the direct addition of plant food, either by means of farm manures or by commercial fertilizer; (2) the mechanical improvement of the land by culture and drainage; the effect of these operations being both to set free fertility and to allow a more ready penetration of the soil by the roots of the plants; (3) by the use of cover crops and crops for green manuring and the growing of leguminous plants...

More than 6,000 exhibits of farm products will be entered in the seventh annual State Farm Products show to be held at Harrisburg, the week of January 23. This number may even be surpassed, as indicated by the number of entries that have already been received by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture and the various county farm agents...

The Dilatory Worker. We probably all know people who seem to be, as they express it, "always in a rush," yet who are always just a little late. They find apparently almost a pleasurable excitement in putting off till the last moment the performance of necessary tasks and then executing them under high pressure...

It isn't too late to send the "Watchman" to that friend of yours. day, a considerable percentage of the class will begin work upon it on Monday evening. He knows too that there is a very small fraction of the class who will set to work upon it immediately...

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BENEFATIONS MISAPPLIED SOMETIMES DO REAL INJURY.

Workers Peculiar in Balking at What is Branded as Philanthropic—Instances of Gifts that Failed of Purpose.

B. Richard Spillane, in the Philadelphia Public Ledger. Money misapplied does little good and sometimes real harm. The record would go to show that the man who knows how to accumulate a fortune does not always know how to leave it...

A. T. Stewart, greatest retail merchant of his time, whose business was taken over by John Wanamaker, left the bulk of his fortune for a working girls' hotel in New York and for a Cathedral and other developments at Garden City. Working girls wouldn't patronize the working girls' hotel and it was transformed into the Park Avenue Hotel of today...

Russell Sage left about \$80,000,000. Part of it was applied to building a "model" residential community for persons of modest means. A real estate company has it now. George Peabody, master merchant in America and later master merchant in England, made many contributions for public benefit, but the largest of all, that for "model" homes for London's workers, brought little or no good...

Stephen Girard, richest man in America at the time of his death and one of the wisest men of his period, meant that his fortune should be employed for the good of mankind. The estate today includes large stretches of coal lands, many business buildings in Philadelphia, together with the Girard development in South Philadelphia and Girard College...

But the estate gets a heavy revenue from its coal lands. The higher the price of coal the more the estate receives. Its income from this source exceeds \$2,000,000 a year. And yet Girard never meant to levy such tribute on the public, for one provision of his will is for the income from \$10,000 to be applied each year to the furnishing of fuel to the poor of Philadelphia...

We hear much of Girard but little of Robert Richard Randall, yet they were not unlike. Randall was of both land and sea, and, like Girard, knew how to feather his nest. When, about 125 years ago, he felt he didn't have much longer to live, he went to Alexander Hamilton for advice. The great statesman said, in effect: "Captain, you have been something of a privateer. You have some money and you have some land. You are unmarried. Out of ships and sailors you have made what you possess. Why not show your gratitude and provide a haven, a home for the aged and the broken among those who go down to the sea in ships?"...

It is today we have Sailors' Snug-Harbor—world famed, and justly so, the most remarkable institution of its character in the world. And what do you suppose Randall's farm, which was worth perhaps \$50,000 in Hamilton's time, is worth today? Perhaps \$50,000,000. It was in that section around what now is Broadway and Tenth street, New York.

D. O. Mills provided for model tenements and Mills hotels, so-called. The model "tenements" were swamped with clever persons who saw opportunity to get good quarters at low rental. They have done no good for tenement dwellers. The Mills hotels, however, have proved of real worth.

Andrey Carnegie spent many millions on libraries. John D. Rockefeller has spent a tremendous sum in solving the problems connected with human ailments. Rockefeller's work has been better directed than Carnegie's and is more unselfish.

What generally of the millionaires and multi-millionaires of today? The crop is not so big as in the war-boom period, but it is greatly in excess of that of ten years back and is likely to keep swelling year by year. And two men of today—Henry Ford and Rockefeller—probably have as much as any ten multi-millionaires had ten years ago. Fortunes are getting bigger. Their proper handling after the death of those who made them grows more important. It is with appreciation of this fact, no doubt, that Rockefeller has given earnest attention to the reduction of his wealth by intelligent distribution now rather than trusting wholly to courts or executors.

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