

THE BOY FARMER

OR

A Member of the Corn Club

"Yes, I won this Jersey cow and the trip to Washington."

"My, but you can't go clear to Washington by yourself," said Mrs. Powell doubtfully.

"Of course I can! Lots of boys travel farther than that. Any way, I don't expect I'll have to take the trip myself. I'll find out in a day or two."

"What are those papers you have?" asked Florence.

"Oh, that's my Jersey's pedigree and some other papers. This cow's registered, and she's worth over \$100."

"What are the other papers?" insisted Florence.

"Well, one is a certificate of honor from the state. It's signed by the governor and stamped with the state seal."

"A certificate of honor!" exclaimed Mrs. Powell. "My goodness! Did you get that for the acre of corn too?"

"Yes, sir," replied Sam, "the whole lot. You see, mother, I was ahead of every boy in the state."

When at last his sister and mother had exhausted the supply of questions the boy climbed from his seat and led the cow away to the pasture.

Mrs. Powell didn't like the idea of her son going on a journey to Washington, and Sam wanted to buy a pony for Florence more than to take the trip, so he decided to see the banker and find out if he might not use the money to buy a horse instead of going on a journey.

"Why, don't you want to take the trip?" asked the banker when he heard Sam's proposal.

"Yes, sir, I'd like to go mighty well, but I'd like to buy a horse with the money, and then mother doesn't like me to go unless some one else is going along."

"Have you ever traveled any?"

"No, sir, not much."

Sam told the truth. He had never been fifty miles from home, and after the banker had asked him some more questions he decided that the boy needed the trip more than he did a horse.

"No, I can't let you use the money to buy a horse," he told Sam, "but I'll



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tell you what you may do. It won't take all the money for the trip, and after you return, if you have saved enough out of the \$100, you may use it for whatever you like. As for your going alone, we can arrange that. Mr. Burns tells me that another boy is going from another state out this way, and you can join him."

So it was arranged, and a week later Sam and the other boy who had won a state prize set out on their visit to the capital of the United States.

They were both wanting to save as much money as possible, so they didn't ride in the Pullman or take their meals on the train. When they got sleepy they slept leaning back in their seats, and when they got hungry they bought sandwiches for 15 cents each. When they arrived in Washington they had not spent more than \$1 each above railroad fare.

It would take a long time to tell all about Sam's visit to the capital. But it was by far the most delightful and instructive visit he had ever made. He and his comrade were met by a professor from the agricultural department, and soon afterward they were introduced to nine other boys who had just arrived. These boys were winners of state prizes also, each one being the best corn raiser in his state.

First they were taken to see the secretary of agriculture; then in a body they visited the president and afterward were shown all the wonderful

scapes of the capital. They visited congress and Mount Vernon, the home of Washington and all the vast buildings of the departments and the Congressional library and the zoo, where they saw all kinds of animals, and the botanical gardens, where Sam was bewildered and fascinated with the thousands of beautiful and strange plants.

When Sam returned home he had \$40 left out of the \$100. With this he could buy a pony for Florence's Christmas and not have to use the money that he had made from the crops. As for his mother, he had already decided to give her his Jersey cow.

One day some time after he had returned from his trip Sam sat on the doorstep with his account book and pencil. The year's business was about over and he was figuring up how much had been made on the little farm.

"Mother," he said at last, "I paid the remainder of our debts today and I've just run up the accounts to see how we stand. Our expenses were pretty heavy this year, having to buy all the feed for stock, besides groceries and fertilizer and other expenses. They amounted to over \$300. But everything's paid, and I figure that we've made \$1,200 clear."

"Surely you have made a mistake, Sam," exclaimed Mrs. Powell. "We haven't made that much."

"Well, you can figure it out for yourself. We've got \$300 of it in cash in the bank. The other \$900 is in stock and feed and supplies. Of course I am counting in the prizes I won, for they are really a part of it. I think we've really got over \$800 worth of stuff that we didn't have when we moved. I just counted the most important things—the chickens, the pigs, the cow, the corn, the hay and the potatoes. You see, we've got over 400 bushels of corn, and then the Jersey and the Plymouth Rocks and the Berkshires count up, for they are more valuable than common stock."

"That's doing just fine," said his mother. "I'm so glad we came back here. We could just barely live in town."

"Yes, it's a tolerably good beginning, mother. We can do much better. I think I'll raise two bales of cotton to the acre next year. It has been done, and I know I can do anything that anybody else does."

Suddenly he jumped to his feet and gave a big whoop. His mother, startled by the yell, came running to the door.

"Look! Look!" shouted Sam as he danced about. Mrs. Powell did look and what she saw was big flakes of snow falling thick and fast.

THE END.

SUCCESSFUL MINE

APPLICANTS ANNOUNCED

Mine Inspector F. W. Cunningham on Thursday morning, at Somerset, announced the successful applicants for mine foremen and fire bosses, as follows:

Mine Foremen, first grade—James R. Bailey, of Somerset; Willard N. Legg, of Acosta; Thomas Gray, of Jenners; Thomas J. Branch and Martin McGuire, of Boswell.

Mine Foremen, second grade—John C. Gray, of Boynton; Austin F. Bluebaugh, of Pinehill; James H. Walker, Clyde J. Rowe and Vincent E. Hartle, of Meyersdale.

Assistant Mine Foremen—Arthur Hall, Norman L. May and Richard W. Cole, of Jerome; Clarence B. Bitner, of Rockwood.

Fire Bosses—Arthur Hall, Jr., of Jerome; Samuel W. Long, of Hooversville; Royal Shafer, of Ralphon; William G. Witt, of Boswell; John Byron, of Jenners; Russell Zimmerman, of Acosta and William Kennelly, of Somerset.

The examinations were held several weeks ago. The oral examinations were held at Boswell May 12.

WITNESS AFTER WITNESS

IN MEYERSDALE.

Such Evidence our Readers Cannot Dispute.

As we take up the Commercial we are struck by the hearty, unmistakable way in which witness after witness speaks out as Mr. Bowman, does here. If these people were strangers living miles away, we might take little notice of them. But they are not. They are our neighbors, living among us. Their word is too easily proven to admit of any doubt. They speak out in the hope that their experience may be a guide to others.

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HINTS TO VACATIONISTS.

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By Dr. Dixon.

Nature's siren song is calling the city dweller. It lures to mountain, meadow, lake or camp. The call is universal and all who are free hasten to answer.

In selecting a place for a summer home or a brief vacation it is well to observe a few basic precautions and so avoid incurring illness which may result seriously.

There are thousands of resorts, cottages and camps where the defects in sanitation present a genuine menace. Certain things should be carefully observed: the water supply; the disposal of sewage and garbage and the milk supply, particularly if there are infants or young children. If the water supply comes from a well be sure that it is not located where it will receive underground or surface drainage from a barn-yard or outhouse. It is essential to boil water taken from surface streams. Clearness is no guarantee of purity.

If springs are the source of supply, care should be taken that they are not surrounded by habitations or other sources of pollution. In small villages or shore places if the water supplies are public diligent inquiry should be made as to whether the source is free from sewage contamination. If the disposal of sewage and garbage is careless flies are sure to breed and unless kitchens and dining rooms are carefully screened there is the possibility of typhoid or diarrheal infection from this source.

With young children, particularly infants, the question of a clean milk supply is one of vital importance. Fresh milk is of little or no advantage unless it be clean milk.

Mosquitoes also may prove a pestiferous nuisance. There is the possibility of malarial infection in regions where they abound.

Failure to give attention to these essential points of sanitation may result in poignant regrets instead of delightful holiday memories.

IDLE BOYS ARE IN DANGER; PUT THEM TO WORK.

An exchange gives the following timely advice:

Parents, put your boy to work if he is not in school. If there is nothing else for him to do, put him to whitewashing the fence. Anything is better for him than loafing about town with a cigarette in his mouth, learning all the evil and contracting all the vices that the devil keeps aloft to catch idlers. Idleness, old clothes, skin and bones, laying around the railroad and lumber yards smoking, chewing, telling vile stories, fighting and acting the part of the tramp, all conjure in an honest person's imagination the future jailbird and human wreck upon the sands of time. There are gangs of these boys in almost every town community. Their parents are the best ones to deal with them. No honest labor will hurt your boy, but the evil habits he may contract on the streets may kill his soul and poison his moral nature so as to make him a detriment to the community in which he lives and bow down his gray haired parents in sorrow to the grave. If the father and mother of today would learn the importance of training their sons to be industrious and keep them off the streets, the coming generation would be inestimably better off.

NEW BRANCH RAILROAD

IN JENNER TOWNSHIP

The Somerset Coal Company Railway Company is the name of a new corporation to apply to the Public Service Commission for a certificate of approval of incorporation.

The proposed incorporation will construct a railroad beginning at a point of connection with the railroad of the Quemahoning Branch Railroad Company, near the confluence of the north and south branches of Quemahoning Creek, in Jenners Township, and extending in a westerly and southwesterly direction through Jenner and Lincoln Township to the Township line between Lincoln and Jefferson Townships.

The road will be an extension of the Quemahoning Branch into new fields being opened by the Consolidation Coal Company and will be four or five miles in length.

A public hearing on the application will be held in the rooms of the commission at Harrisburg on May 19th.

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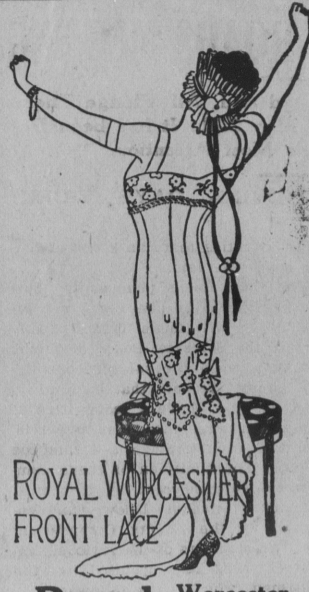
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This is what the women say. There are many ways in which the women and children can help in making Good Roads Day successful. The most practical, of course, is by preparing and serving the workmen along the highways near their homes, a good supply of lunch. Feed the men folks well and they will work all the harder. You needn't cook a great big dinner; you needn't make a market basket full of sandwiches; you need not brew a dozen gallons of coffee or tea, but you can furnish a ham, several loaves of bread, bucket of cool spring water with dippers in them, and you and the children can carry this to the nearest point beneath the shade trees along the road at the noon

hour and call the workers from their toll to partake of refreshments.

That's one way and a mighty good way to help make the "State-wide Good Roads Day" successful. Try it.

COUNTY DAIRYMEN PROTEST AGAINST RATES

A number of Somerset county dairymen went to Harrisburg last week to attend a hearing before the Public Service commission to determine whether or not the Baltimore & Ohio is charging exorbitant rates for hauling milk from this county to Johnstown.

Somerset dairymen say since the new freight law went into effect a graduated scale has been employed by the railroad companies. A flat rate is set for hauls not over 25 miles in length. After that there is an increase for five gallon cans of milk for each five additional miles.

Under the old plan a flat rate was charged for 5-mile hauls. The new

system, the dairymen allege, makes the charge for 45-mile hauls fully 40 per cent greater than for the same distance under the former schedule.

Judge Ruppel filed an opinion recently in the application of the Commonwealth Trust Company of Pittsburgh Against the Somerset Co. Telephone Company, refusing the plaintiff's request for the framing of an issue in order that the disputed facts may be passed upon by a jury. At the same time, orders were made by the Court in nine other cases against the Telephone company, refusing the petitions, for jury trials. However, the Court and the defendant company admit that at some stage of the proceedings an issue may be awarded, but just at present the information as to various transactions of Harvey M. Berkeley, the fugitive, are too vague to determine the facts.

Read The Exploits of Elaine.