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City And Country Boys.

A country boy's lack of opportunity is his best equipment for the serious struggle of life. This sounds paradoxical, but it is true. It is just as true as the opposite proposition, that the greatest hindrance a city boy has to contend with are the opportunities which beset him when young and pursues him till he begins the real business of life—a business which each individual must carry on for himself. For the city boy every thing is made as easy as possible. Even pleasure becomes to him an old story before he is out of his teens. Brought up in the feverish rush of a place where great things are happening day by day, he sees the world with a cynic's eyes and despises the small things which, like the brick in a house, go to the upbuilding of characters and careers. He believes in using large markers in the game of life; for pennies and small units of value he has little taste and scant regard.

The conditions surrounding the country boy are as different as possible. There is a great deal of regular work that every country boy must do and this regularity of employment, mostly out of doors, inculcates industrious habits, while it contributes to a physical development which in after years is just as valuable as any athletic training that can be had. He cannot run as fast, perhaps, as those trained by a system; he may not be able to jump so high or so far, or excel in any of the sports upon which we bestow so much time and from which we get so much of pleasure, but his development enables him to buckle down to the hard work in which hours are consumed and from which very little or no immediate pleasure is extracted. His strength may be something like that of the cart horse, but the cart horse is to be preferred where a long and steady pull is required. The thorough bred race horse has a fine flight of speed and canters with delight and lightness and grace along the park bridle paths, but the heavy work is the work most in demand and for that we want the draft animals every time.

Enthusiasm is the spur to endeavor, and at the same time it is the savor of life, says Brandur's Magazine. The country boy whose ambition has taken him to town comes filled with enthusiasm. Even the little things are novel ties to him, and as he accomplishes this or that he feels that he is doing something not only interesting, but valuable. His simple tastes have not been spoiled by a multiplicity of gratifications, and so he is glad of everything good that comes in his way. At 30, if he leads a clean life, he has more of the boy in him than his city cousin has left at 15. He does what is before him because it is his duty, while the other is too apocryphally to question the value of doing anything and ask "What is the use?"

Of the men who have achieved great prominence and high influence in our affairs of state, the country boys are at least twenty to one over the city lads. Now days, indeed, our cynical city lads look upon men who take an active interest in public affairs as rather low fellows and quite beneath their association and notice. But the country boys are at the top in other lines of endeavor. To finance they are pre eminent, and the great bank presidents today in the great cities nearly all learned to read and to cipher in country schools, where birch and fern leaf had not succumbed to the civilizing influences of scientific pedagogy. Our great railways were in the main built by them, and today the administration of these great companies are in great measure from farms and country villages, from places where work began in early infancy, and a sense of duty developed while still the lisp of childhood lingered.

Some city boys, however, are of such sturdy stuff, and endowed with such natural gifts, that they succeed by reason of their inherent superiority; others succeed abundantly because they have used their opportunities wisely, and in their life have pursued the same course which enables so many country boys to win fame and fortune. The more honor to them for having survived their too great opportunities. But the country boy when he comes to town reaches out for the high places; though not all find seats of the mighty nearly all of the exalted stations are filled in the end by men of country birth and country rearing, for they usually start out with the sound theory that what is worth having is worth asking for.—St. Louis Republic.

Prosperity With a Pinching End to It.

The country is prosperous but not everybody in it is prospering. The clerk who gets \$10 a week and lives in a hall bedroom and finds his board and rent raised because of the increased price of meat and coal, does not glow with a sense of prosperity.

The housewife who has to pay 30 and 35 cents a pound for beef that cost 18 and 20 cents a few months ago is not impressed by her household's share of the prosperity.

The workman whose wages have remained stationary while the expense of keeping his family supplied with the necessities of life has grown rapidly and greatly would like to have for himself a little more of the national prosperity which inflames the stump speaker to rhetorical enthusiasm.

The earnings of the trusts have swollen tremendously; the earnings of labor hardly at all.

It is a fact not to be blinked at that the vauntings about prosperity, however real that prosperity is within its limits, have a mocking sound to large numbers of hard working and frugal people, who find it difficult to make both ends meet.

Monopoly is prospering as it never did before.

The trusts are selling for high prices at home what they sell for low prices abroad. It is the tariff that empowers them to practice this robbery, which goes far to account for the want of proportion between wages and the cost of living.

And President Roosevelt has just assured the trusts that they need feel no fear that he will do anything to deprive them of their tariff shelter.

That gives satisfaction to the trusts, of course, but how does it affect the feelings of the man in the hall bedroom.—New York Journal.

GOOD ROADS

At a cost of \$150. to \$200. Per Mile—The Result of Mixing Sand and clay in Craven County.

The following interesting letter gives some information of value upon the above subject:

NEWBERN, N. C.,
Sept. 25, 1902.

Dear Sir:—I am pleased to report that the experiment of building roads by the mixture of sand and clay has proven very successful in this county (Craven), and the results are highly satisfactory. Five weeks ago we commenced work with this method and we now have two miles of road graded to a uniform width, thoroughly ditched, with lead ditches to take off all the water from the road. We realize that this matter of drainage is one of the most essential features of road building.

A mile and a quarter of the road has been clayed to a depth of 12 inches, with good clay (this was formerly a sand road), and two or three inches of sand spread over the clay. For some time the travel cut and rutted the road and made a very rough surface, but it is now packing and becoming hard, and requires very little attention, smoothing up and placing more sand where needed. The first half mile laid is now a good, hard substantial road. It produces a feeling very much like macadam road in riding over it.

The cost of this piece of road is much greater than it otherwise would be on account of the distance we are compelled to haul the clay; in fact the cost of hauling the clay was fully eighty per cent. of the entire cost of building the road.

About \$60. per mile is the total cost of building this road; but other roads in the county, nearer the supply of clay, can be just as satisfactorily built for \$150 or \$200 per mile.

We are much pleased with the sand clay process and are extending the work as fast as possible under the circumstances.

Yours truly,
WILLIAM DUNN.

In almost any of the eastern or middle counties of North Carolina, where a good supply of clay is obtainable, the cost of building these sand clay roads should not exceed \$150 to \$250 per mile, and when we consider their wearing and lasting qualities (20 to 25 years), it will be easy to recognize their great economy to our people.

Is Politeness Declining

A few days ago we were on a crowded train. In a few hours we would be in our office, and the printer would be calling for copy. With note book and pencil we proceeded to set our brain to work in the preparation of this copy. The sun has been known to halt in mid heaven, but what editor has ever dared to halt when a foreman was waiting for "copy?"

We had not been writing long when two ladies halted by our side with that resigned happy look which rests on the face of a passenger who is mentally remarking: "I can stand, but I believe that you will arise." We arose, and through the help of the porter, we succeeded in uncovering a seat covered with sundry baggage.

We proceeded with our writing. The train stopped at a station. Happening to look up we saw two ladies entering the car. As straight as a bee flies to its tree, they went to the only man in the car that was busy and halted at his seat with that aforementioned look on their faces. We asked them to please take their seat, and going back to the coal bunker, we scribbled away.

Divers thoughts meandered through our mind. We did not remember a single word of thanks. We asked ourselves the question: "Is politeness declining?" We felt like a simpleton, and then asked ourselves: "Is there not a time when politeness ceases to be a virtue?"—Maileigh Christian Advocate.

The Way It Goes

It is amazing to see a crowd of men stand patiently, for two hours on a hillside in the hot sun and listen to an indifferent speaker wander over the history of the State for the past forty years, bringing to view the same old jokes that have done service since Vance's day, and yet these men never murmur, and on next Sunday these same gentlemen fall asleep sweetly under the preaching of a man who knows how to use the English language, and who is giving them something upon which they may really feed. But that is the way it goes.—Charity and Children.

Completing the Trust Circle

While it has become a difficult matter to surprise the public by any new statement of fact regarding the Trusts, the people will find food for thought in this one. There is a company formed for the building of a railroad from Sioux City to Omaha. The completion and operation of this line would conflict with a road to which the Steel Trust is interested. Recently a buyer for the projected enterprise wrote to six houses controlled by the Trust, asking for prices on steel rails. The sale to be made on a cash basis. Five replied that no figures would be quoted until they knew who the purchaser was and upon the project was in which the rails would be used. One gave prices but recalled them next day, stating that no negotiations would be entered upon until the real interest behind the road was known. The present prospect of the company is that it will have to import material.

This is a new form of tyranny on the part of the Trusts. The Beef Trust has said that no man shall do business for it that does not obey its orders as to prices, and the Coal Trust has assumed that it has a divine right to do business without regard to what the masses want or are entitled to, while the great majority of these modernized monopolies operate so as to get more than their products would be worth under normal conditions of trade and production. But the Steel Trust does not propose to stop with this direct assault upon the wealth and prosperity of the country. It has large collateral interests, such as railroads, ore mines and shipping. It will sell no rails to build rival roads. It is a logical conclusion that someday it would sell no steel for vessels to enter into competition with its boats or structural steel to be used for any purpose by a competitor in business. Even in the main case explained, if the state ments given out by the company can be proved, there is just such a conspiracy as the Government is after, and the chance should not be overlooked.—From the Detroit Free Press.

Live By Work, Not By Wits.

"We need to get our people back to the idea that they must earn a living, not secured by doubtful methods and modern tricks of trade," says C. E. Waver, of the Miller Manual School.

Happy will be our beloved South when such schools of industry shall be built up for all; when our young men learn that the highest type of manhood is shown in him who by honest industry supplies the wants of his self and those dependent on him.

It is a most lamentable fact that many, very many, of our young men after leaving school, have no way of making a living unless they go to teaching. The result is that we have a very large class of young men waiting for something to turn up, who think they are educated, who are too proud to work and who are too poor to live without work.

The few who succeed in getting an office or winning a place that pays make the exception. The many who must earn a livelihood by the sweat of the brow make the rule. Let us, then, educate the masses so that they can the better gain their living. Let this be the rule; the exception will take care of itself.

With trained, educated, thinking, reading workmen, we will have a rich, prosperous country, dotted all over with lovely, happy homes, with no place for the bar-room and the gambling hell. Such a movement would indeed be the greatest temperance work this country has ever known.—Southern Education Notes.

Will Put Dam in River

(Roanoke News)

Government surveyors were at work here last week making surveys of Roanoke river, near the Weldon corn mills, with a view, it is said, of putting in a dam on this side of the stream to throw all the waters into one channel so that the sand bars can be washed out, and for the purpose of blasting the huge rocks which abound in the stream at the dangerous point.

Women as Well as Men Are Made Miserable by Kidney Trouble.

Kidney trouble preys upon the mind, discourages and lessens ambition; beauty, vigor and cheerfulness soon disappear when the kidneys are out of order or diseased.

Kidney trouble has become so prevalent that it is not uncommon for a child to be born afflicted with weak kidneys. If the child urinates too often, if the urine scalds the flesh or if, when the child reaches an age when it should be able to control the passage, it is yet afflicted with bed-wetting, depend upon it, the cause of the difficulty is kidney trouble, and the first step should be towards the treatment of these important organs. This unpleasant trouble is due to a diseased condition of the kidneys and bladder and not to a habit as most people suppose.

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Truists

Everyone knows that our people are opposed to trusts, and that nearly every State in the Union has upon its statute book laws that distinctly declare that no combination shall be formed for the purpose of controlling any article of trade or commerce, and the Republican national platform declares that if that party was elected it would destroy all monopolies.

There may be some McKinley Republicans here: If so, I want to call their attention to the fact that in his inaugural speech he declared, that if the present laws were not sufficient to prevent monopolies, he would ask Congress to enact others, for, said he, "These huge combinations, usually called trusts, are dangerous conspiracies against the people and should be abolished."

President Roosevelt is the President who says that trusts are good things and only require publicity in order to be effectually controlled.

The Democratic party, said the speaker, places man above dollars and says it is wrong to shoot men as the Republican party is now doing in order that a few coal operators may mine their coal at starvation prices. Our party has planted itself on the side of right, and there it will remain.—Claude Kitchin at Wilson.

Material Progress

In 1898 we regained control of the legislative department of the government. In 1900 we regained control of the executive department of the government. And while the work of redemption will not be complete until the nominees of this convention have been elected and the prestige of the judiciary, lost under Fusion regime, restored, for all practical purposes, with slight exception, the Democratic party for the three years last passed has been in control of the affairs of the State and responsible for their administration. The Democratic party and the State are to be congratulated upon the material progress which we have made during these three years of Democratic administration. Never in all our history have so many industrial enterprises been organized and established in the State in the same length of time as during these three years under Democratic control. The records are very gratifying, expressive and illustrative of the confidence of capital and capitalist, both inside and outside of the State, in the future of North Carolina, but in the party now in power in the State, and I know I voice the sentiment of this convention and of the Democratic people of North Carolina when I say that as long as we remain in power in this State we will conduct its affairs so as to merit and receive a continuation of this confidence, not only from our people, but from those outside of the State, who have capital to invest or who are seeking homes.—F. M. Simmons at Greensboro.

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