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OLD-TIME FARMING

While it may appear that progress in farming has hardly kept pace with the wonderful development in industry, a look back will serve to show one of the greatest changes of farm life as compared with fifty years ago.

Taking the growing of wheat on the majority of farms in 1876, as an example. The seed was sown by hand from a seed box tied by a string. It was sown by means of the so-called "cradle," the human reapers being followed by a boy, who raked it into small piles, to be bound in sheaves by another boy. Then one of the greatest changes of farm life came with the grain separator, the straw being kept on the threshing floor with flax.

Good roads were practically unknown, in rainy seasons, made higher roads easier to travel.

There were few vehicles aside from the farm wagon, which served all the transportation needs of that day. There was no rural mail delivery and the average farm family had but little contact with the outside world.

How things have changed now! With better roads, automobiles, telephones, radios, improved implements and machinery, together with innumerable other facilities and conveniences, rural life is today an entirely different proposition.

Yet still better conditions are already in sight. The extension of electricity to the farm is growing rapidly, as is apparent from the recent statement of the Alabama Power Company told of the building of rural electric lines in that state alone at a cost of \$100,000,000.00, and that is only a beginning. Other

speakers related similar stories of progress in widely separated states. Visits were made by the delegates to model farms, fully equipped, where the drudgery of the past has all but disappeared, and in the use of modern equipment.

With the advent of electricity on the rural farm life is entirely upon a more modern basis, in which many of the old methods and means of labor, well in time become antiquated as the wheat cradle and the scythe of fifty years ago.

VETERANS OF 1898

The House recently passed a bill increasing the pensions of veterans of the Spanish-American War and the Philippine Revolution and the Chinese Boxer Rebellion. It was a worthy measure, passed without a dissenting vote.

In a brief but able speech in behalf of the measure, Congressman Almon of Alabama said:

"It will not be denied that the veterans of other wars have been more generously treated than the veterans of the Spanish-American War and the Philippine Revolution. We are now more favorable for the correction of this injustice. It was the only American war in which all of the soldiers were volunteers. The records of the Department show that there were more men enlisted according to the number enlisted in either the Civil or World War."

Those statements are entirely correct.

While the Spanish War was looked upon as a small affair, it involved more risk to life for the participants than any war in history.

Out of less than 12,000 men on duty during the course of the war, 1,000 were killed, the others being casualties in killed and wounded, totalled 1,541 men, or approximately 13 percent in one day's fighting. Other losses, which many suffered permanently, included:

The Post Office Department regretfully admits that the expected increase in revenue from post-cards has not been realized.

Disappointing!

Postence has charged that Aguinaldo is thus placing an obstacle in the way of Filippine progress, through his friendly alliance with Wood. To this Aguinaldo replies that Wood is seeking ultimate independence, if the Filippine government is to co-operate instead of antagonism. In a recent statement, Aguinaldo said:

"My personal feeling is that we should move more and show more capacity for extension and independence in winning Wood over to our side, instead of antagonizing him."

In this attitude the former revolutionary leader shows good sense and his advice might well be followed. Filipinos will not get very far on the road to absolute independence if they continue to act against the constitutional government of the United States of America.

The really patriotic element realized that American rule would be only nominal right now if the agitators were eliminated. They also pointed out that the present condition of the United States of America is far from perfect. A desire to return to them in their independence, remained by political adventurers

DEPEW TELLS A STORY

Chauncy M. Depew, chairman of the board of the New York Central, and former Mayor of New York, was 92 years old yesterday April 22, and the most active man of his age now living.

His connection with the New York Central, which celebrated its 100th anniversary with a grand exhibition yesterday, was more than 60 years of which he was 13 years its president and 27 years chairman of the board. At the banquet Mr. Depew made a notable speech, in which he recounted the changes which have taken place during his long life, and told interesting stories of the pioneer railroad builders. One story concerned Dean Richon, an old-time president of the road, and Depew said he had been a good man.

Dean Richon was the acknowledged leader of the Democratic Party in New York. His handwriting was so bad that he could not read it himself. A boy, who had been sent to him to learn to read, was asked to read it for him. Richon was annoyed, declaiming, "The Bishop thought it was a life compliment, and so did the conductors on the road. The Bishop was riding free successfully for many years."

POPE'S SMALLER BILL

Railroad tellers are waging opposition to the proposal of the Pope to reduce the amount of paper currency by making billions of three-hundredths of an inch narrower and three-quarters of an inch shorter.

Several very good reasons are advanced for opposing the proposal.

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It is not believed that any advantage which might arise from the adoption of the smaller size would offset the objection.

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GREAT BUSINESS IDEAS

For brilliant business ideas, command us to Uncle Sam. Faced with the necessity of increasing the postal revenues, he hit upon the happy expedient of raising rates, but without any place of receptacle.

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KELLMERAN, pastor

He has been awarded bright ideas for a car as well as money.

"Let's not print things by radio," said Mr. Kellerman. "Don't tell me to turn my radio off. I want to do it myself."

"I want to see that you can turn your radio off," said Mr. Kellerman. "I told you for a living man, I don't want to hear it."

"Our returned smiling friends have a right to be heard," said Mr. Kellerman.

"Our regular Sunday people are not interested in the radio," said Mr. Kellerman.

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