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FARMER DOES NOT WANT TO BE BABIED

IDEA OF NEW SECRETARY

Jardine Says Agriculture Able to Stand on Own Feet and Its Hope is in Improving Marketing

The farmer is not a ward of the government and doesn't want the government constantly monkeying with his business, according to a statement issued by Secretary of Agriculture Jardine to the United States Chamber of Commerce.

"The farmer doesn't want to be pitied or babied by other people," Mr. Jardine asserts. "What the farmer wants is just this: He wants his business to have an equal opportunity with other business. The sound farmer-business man does not seek legislation to fix prices or regulate details. He knows that legislation cannot nullify economic laws.

"The only legislation he wants is legislation that will assist him in getting reasonable credit on sound security; legislation that will help him build up machinery on a par with other business men."

The hope of the farmer, according to Mr. Jardine, is in improving his marketing methods, and this can be done by co-operation. He points out that most of the farmer's capital is in his land and that he must make a fair rate of interest on this. But with land at its present price the farmer cannot make a fair rate of interest by using the marketing methods of 1900.

Mr. Jardine said that the farmer's way out is not by curtailing production but by increasing it to a point where he can make money. He characterized the talk of curtailing production as "loose talk," and said that even if this were practicable it would not get the farmers anywhere.

The Secretary of Agriculture pointed out that there are now 5,000 co-operative grain marketing associations in the United States, and about the same number of co-operative livestock shipping associations, and he declared that if it were applied in the proper manner co-operation could make of the farming industry in America "a big voluntarily unified, permanently and dependably profitable business in a way that no paternalistic legislation could possibly do."

In conclusion, Mr. Jarmine says: "What we all need to do is to talk less tommyrot and throw fewer monkey wrenches into other people's machinery. We want to stop trying to line up one group against other groups. We want to work together. Americans should be co-operating, not quarreling with each other over the interests of this group or that."

Secretary Jardine's statement, which is his first public utterance since he became identified with the president's cabinet, will appear in the April issue of "The Nation's Business," the official organ of the Chamber of Commerce.

"TOM SHOWS" IN GOOD OLD TIMES

Writer Describes Some of The Features of Famous Play Of Abolition

Just at a time when people were forgetting about "Uncle Tom's Cabin," a New York company revived it and attracted much attention. There is now a musical comedy based upon Mrs. Stowe's classic. But most people remember it as a melodrama presented perhaps under a tent or in the town hall.

J. Frank Davis, author and dramatic critic, is in the field for the amateur attendance record at these performances. He modestly claims only the New England record in an article on "Tom Shows" in the April Scribner's Magazine, but doubts that his mark of 25 has ever been equalled.

Speaking of the vogue of this play, he says: "In America today are vast numbers of middle-aged men and women who remember that 'Uncle Tom' was the first theatrical performance they ever saw. Also the second, third, and fourth, very likely, unless 'Ten Nights in a Barroom' also happened to come to that town. I was one of those. Until I was thirty years old I never saw a professional company of actors in anything but 'Tom'—but I had seen that sterling production five or six times.

"Each time with a new excitement, too, a thrill such as never will be known by the modern sophisticated infant who comes home from the feature picture to remark that Jackie Coogan wasn't half bad.

"...o statistician has the figures of how many times 'Uncle Tom's Cabin' has been played in America since its first performance in 1852. If they could be assembled, the result would be staggering. No play in the world, probably, has ever had half so many productions. Tom has appeared in the very biggest cities and the most goshawful tank towns. He has humbly but smugly remarked to Simon Legre that you may kill my body, mas'r, but you can't kill my soul, in the largest metropolitan theatres, the dinkiest kerosene-lit halls over the headquarters of volunteer fire-engine companies, and every kind of a show-tent that ever a weary crowd of troupers ranted in.

"In the patter of Dramatic Mirror and Clipper advertising they were U. T. C. companies, but when actors spoke one to another they were Tom Shows."

RECENT ACTION IN COURT OF PROBATE

Proceedings in Settlement of Various Estates in This County of Late

Following are last week's proceedings in Probate court:

Elizabeth B. Vanderkloot, minor, Lake Bluff—Attorneys fees of $1075 allowed in re-settlement with National Surety company.

William Gannon, minor, Lake Forest—Final report approved. Estate closed.

Margaret P. Prendergast, minor, Libertyville—Guardian authorized to invest $2,000 of funds of minor in mortgage.

Elizabeth M. Thomas, Waukegan—Proof of heirship taken. Letters of administration issued to Anna E. Watrous, daughter. Bond of $8,000.

Charles A. Sutte, Zion—Proof of heirship taken. Letters of administration issued to Lynn E. Sutte, son. Bond of $1,000. Appraisers appointed.

Albertina Berg, Waukegan—Will admitted to probate. Proof of heirship made. Bond of $300. Letters testamentary issued to Magnus Berg, husband. All property bequeathed to Magnus Berg.

Josephine R. Matthews, incompetent—Hearing on report of sale of real estate continued to April 2.

Grace E. Edmonds, Waukegan—Hearing on final report continued to April 13.

George E. Goerler, Waukegan—Final report approved. Estate closed.

John Lossman, Town of Warren—Final report approved. Estate closed.

Margaret E. Sauter, Waukegan—Final report approved. Estate closed.

Homer Cooke, Waukegan—Amended inventory approved. Final report approved. Estate closed.

Linford C. Barthel, Antioch—Inventory and appraisement bill approved. Sale of chattel property authorized.

Richard W. Stafford—Decree in resale of real estate under contract entered.

William Peddle, Lake Forest—Inventory approved.

Oscar F. Bell, Highland Park—Inventory and appraisement bill approved.

Ernest E. Mead, insane, Grays Lake—Report of sale or real estate approved.

Homer B. Pearce, Antioch—Inventory approved.

Nathan A. Griffin—Letters of administration with will annexed to Clarence W. Diver.

Sarah A. Spring—Final report approved. Estate closed.

David E. Shannon, incompetent, Antioch. Conservator authorized to pay $10 per month for word at Hines Memorial hospital for clothing and incidentals.

Martha Tessman, Waukegan. Letters of Administration issued to Anna Tessman. Inventory approved.

Julia Nolan, Lake Forest—Executrix authorized to deposit legacy of $50 to Audrey Masterson with county treasurer.

Emily D. Wade, Denver, Colo. Petition to establish heirship filed and set for hearing April 16.

Minnie Rosenberger, Fox Lake. Letters of administration issued to A. F. Beaubien. Bond of $7,000.

NEEDED RUNAWAY TO FINISH STORY

Or, At Least, Author Thought so And Spoiled Natural Sequence

"The phrase 'economy of material' suggests another danger to which the novelist and the writer of short stories are equally exposed," writes Edith Wharton in "Telling a Short Story" in the April Scribner's Magazine. "Such economy is, in both cases, nearly always to be advised in the multiplication of accidental happenings, minor episodes, surprises and contrarieties. Most beginners crowd into their work twice as much material of this sort as it needs. The reluctance to look deeply enough into a subject leads to the indolent habit of decorating its surface. I was once asked to read a manuscript on the eternal theme of a lovers' quarrel. The quarrelling pair made up, and the reasons for dispute and reconciliation were clearly inherent in their characters and situation; but the author, being new at the trade, felt obliged to cast about for an additional, a fortuitous, pretext for their reunion—so he sent them for a drive, made the horses run away, and caused the young man to save the young lady's life. This is a crude example of a frequent fault. Again and again the novelist passes by the real meaning of a situation simply for lack of letting it reveal all its potentialities instead of dashing this way and that in quest of fresh effects. If, when once drawn to a subject, he would let it grow slowly in his mind instead of hunting about for arbitrary combinations of circumstances, his tale would have the warm scent and flavor of a fruit ripened in the sun instead of the insipidity of one forced in a hot-house."

It is stated that the gunfire on warships can now be directed by radio. This does not mean, however, that there is going to be any effort to jazz up the navy.

General Ludendorff has announced himself a candidate for President of Germany in the coming election, but so far Wilhelm has not shied his hat into the ring.

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