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THE GAINS FROM EDUCATION

To judge the value of education solely by money, is a narrow way to look at it. Still it is all many people consider. And even judged by that test, education abundantly makes good.

Figures of the earnings of college students at various periods after graduation show average salaries or other compensation very much above what these with less schooling get. One of the most interesting tests of the practical returns of education was made a few years ago by people who not only figuratively but actually came from Missouri, namely, by the University of Missouri. It was a study of returns of indiviual farmers in Johnscon county, Missouri, made with a thoroughness that was very convincing. It related only to farmers, a class some members of which were formerly rather skeptical concerning the value of education.

A survey of 656 farms was made in this investigation, and out of these farmers, 554 had had only a district school education, while 102 had more than that.

It was found that the better educated farmers operated 33 per cent more land, and owned four fifths of the land they cultivated. Only three fifths of the land operated by the poorly educated farmers was owned by them. The educated farmers earned 71 per cent more clear income, and kept one sixth more stock.

The amount of time a young person spends in education for any calling is only a small part of his life. It can do one of two things. One kind of education will give him exceptional skill in some one calling, which will be rewarded promptly by exceptional pay. And the other kind of education will give him a general development of his faculties, enabling him to think more clearly, broadly, and comprehensively, to work more intelligently and systematically and correctly, on any line he may take up.

THE EXPERIENCES OF THE TOURISTS

Many people take a summer vacation by going on a sight seeing tour to some interesting section of the country. Let no one think he is going to get any vacation rest out of it. He will probably return much more weary than he started.

Yet anyone who takes such a trip usually feels that his labor it well repaid. He is cheered for many days by the memories of beautiful country or fine cities he has seen. He has met interesting people, talked upon new subjects, and got different points of view.

He returns a broader American citizen. He begins to see that his own state and section does not contain all the wisdom and virtue, and that people with a somewhat different inheritance have their own points of view which have some degree of wisdom.

Also he gets ideas of civic advantage. He learns how different towns have solved their community problems and have put through progressive measures. He begins to see how his home town might take some step, solve old problems, and build new institutions.

Most men get ideas helpful to their business by traveling. They are inspired with the swing of the giant stride that Twentieth Century America is taking. They have seen big things accomplished, they have more faith in their own ability to do big things. They have a definite idea in many details as to how other people and other sections have achieved successes.

So the returned tourist may talk so fast about what he has seen that his neighbors weary of his conversation. He may have a flat pocket book, but his head is bulging with ideas. Anyway he is the possessor of an experience worth all at cost. But whatever the glories he has seen, he almost invariably comes back with the feeling that the good old home town of Westminster is the best place yet.

ANIMALS IN HOT WEATHER

The man who in winter leaves a thin and shivering horse out unblanketed on a cold day, is usually the same one who leaves him out in a sunny spot in midsummer. Some men seem absolutely oblivious to the fact that domestic animals have feeling and are capable of pleasure and pain. These faithful creatures work nearly every day in the year for their hard masters, and in return ought to have some decent comfort as the pay for their toil.

It takes only a little care to make a horse comfortable amid the heat of summer. With a litle pains a shady spot can be found in which to tie him when left by himself. But a great many are left in places where they broil in the sun and where a man would get sunstroke.

Horses suffer intensely from insect bites. It is a pitiful sight to watch those with docked tails, trying to shake off their pestiferous little enemies. A fly net would add vastly to his comfort.

A well fitted harness will ease up on Dobbin's life of toil. A kind hearted master will think of his horse a little on extra hot days. Human beings slacken up the pace a little under the strain of the summer weather, but horses usually have to drag the same old heavy loads. A man with good sentiment will keep an eye on his horses to see how they stand their strain, and will favor them when they show signs of excessive fatigue.

While horses may not need as much feed in hot weather as in winter, there are some men who persistently underfeed them all the time. The starved ribs on these pathetic creatures are a continual reproach against their stingy owners. Such parsimonious people hurt themselves just as much as they do the poor brute. An ill fed and ill cared for animal never does as much work and has a shorter career of service.

NEWSPAPER BORROWERS

A newspaper publisher whose sheet had quite a poor subscription list, used to justify the value of his advertising space on the ground that a great many people borrowed the paper and so read it without paying for it.

As far as his books went, he could make but a poor showing. A national advertising agency would not have been impressed by an audit of his accounts. Yet he had a perfectly good claim. He was getting out a good sheet, and it was safe to assume that about everyone in town read it. If any business concern wished to interest the people of that town, hiis paper was the only way to reach them, and it would do the job for them very efficiently.

The number of people who habitually borrow newspapers is large. Some men make an excuse to drop into a store where a local paper is lying around the counter, and they carefully peruse it. The clerks are onto the game and snicker a little. But as the man may be a good customer, they are glad to pass the paper on.

Many papers go the rounds of several families. The old folks will read it, then pass it on to their married children, or give it to the hired man's family or the next door neighbor.

Now as far as the lender goes, that is all kindliness of heart. But it does not solve the problem of producing a newspaper in a country town that shall adequately represent the community, and which shall be able to make a clean circulation statement, based on the actual extent to which it is read. It is not a subject that needs more extended treatment. But perhaps some people on seeing this suggestion, may realize that they have not done quite their share in support of one of the town's institutions.

THE BATTLE OF 1920.

Foremost among the issues of the campaign of 1920, will be that of economic well being.

The greatest threat to prosperity to-day lies in Socialistic agitation and in conflict between labor and capital. Every fanatical and illusory idea with which Europe is rocking today, is being echoed in this country by the parrots of bolshevism.

The present administration has experimented with Socialistic ideas. It will of course claim that when it took over the railroads, wires, and other private business, it was done purely for military reasons. But prevailing Democratic sentiment was that they would operate those utilities so efficiently that the public would never let them go back to private hands. The inglorios failure of this dream is now obvious, but the American people have a big bill to settle for it.

The threat of socialism is a constant wet blanket on enterprise. Business men will not proceed with their ventures and keep labor well employed, if they are led to feel that the government is soon to take over private business and dominate everything with fussy and hampering regulations. There needs to be a party in control at Washington that has faith in indiviual initative and ambition, rather than in socialistic undertakings.

The business men are the ones who can best settle labor difficulties. They realize perfectly that labor must be contented and happy and satisfied before prosperity can exist or enterprise be rewarded. If the country will cut out mere politicians, and put Republican business men on guard in Washington, the commercial interests of the country will go ahead with confidence, keep labor busily employed, and there will be economic prosperity for everyone.

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Given under my hand this 30th day of June 1919.

JENNIE HANN,
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Many business men energetically begin the day's work by carefully reading the baseball news.

Great numbers of city people are now roughing it in camps supplied with spring beds, high class cooks, and automobiles.

Promiment among the garden tools required by some gardeners, are gloves to keep their hands clean.

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