

Calendar for July, 1907.

Moon's Phases.
Lust Quarter 24. 10h. 34m. a. m.
New Moon 103. 11h. 17m. a. m.

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How Can the Farmers Children Be Induced to Remain on the Farm.

(Boston Globe, July 7th.)

Answered by J. Lewis Ellsworth, Secretary of the Massachusetts State Board of Agriculture; Charles B. Hoyt, of the New Hampshire Board of Agriculture; William P. Atherton, Orchardist of Hallowell, Maine; N. L. Sheldon, of the Vermont Association.

DRUDGES MUST BE RELIEVED.

E. D.—Charles B. Hoyt. The chief reason why children born on the farm desire to leave it rather than to remain and make it a business is that farm work has too commonly made the sons mere drudges and dependents.

Instead of being recognized early as having a partnership in the common work of the home husbandry, the sons have been fairly driven from home, which to them has become a place of depressing servitude rather than one of strenuousness and deep interest, as it should have been made.

More encouragement should be given the children in the farm home. Interest them by giving them something that is to be their own. A few hens, a lamb, a calf or a pig, might be conveyed to the child, to be cared for, used or sold to the ultimate benefit of the young owner, so far as profits are concerned.

There should be a closer relationship between parent and child on the farm, as this would mean less fault-finding with the way the work is sometimes done, and home in general would mean more.

Farmers' organizations, such as the grange, are to be encouraged. This not only brings an increase of intelligence for labor, but results in a culture of the better feelings and sensibilities, which is of vastly more importance than the best and most profitable culture of the soil.

Farmers' sons and daughters should be included in these organizations and made to feel that they are the essential part of them.

With the right kind of influence brought to bear, I believe it would be easier to keep the farmers' boy home today than it was ten years ago. Free rural mail, postal savings banks, parcels post, farm telephone lines, better roads and other kindred sources of enjoyment all conspire to make the farm an attractive place with no sense of being shut out from the rest of the world as formerly.

A little more respect for the farmer and his calling is due from the professions, and a better recognition of his ability by appointing him to positions of trust and honor. This would encourage the farmers' boy as he looked into the future.

CHAS. B. HOYT.

THE FARMS ARE NOT IN DANGER.

People who become farmers usually are those who like farming, just as in every other calling in life. All the sons of a farmer cannot be expected to become farmers, any more than all the sons of a lawyer or of a mechanic of any kind shall become lawyers or mechanics.

Personal choice has a good deal to do with occupation, although it is true that environment plays an important part. It happens frequently that good lawyers or clergymen or doctors or mechanics are lost in poor farmers, and good farmers are lost in poor lawyers or doctors or clergymen or mechanics.

Farming is a calling in which natural aptitude counts for a good deal, and a man who engages in agriculture without this essential asset is a very unfortunate being.

It is true, of course, that many young men who might have been excellent farmers have been swallow-

Pains in the Back

Are symptoms of a weak, torpid or degenerate condition of the kidneys or liver, and are a warning that it is extremely hazardous to neglect so important a healthy action of these organs.

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ed up in large cities, and have failed to realize any kind of ambition; but this is not nearly so often the case as it was a few decades ago.

When a farmer's life meant isolation and unrelieved drudgery, the glamour of the city had an intense fascination for the growing boy or girl whose romantic nature was stirred by the bright pictures of the rewards that awaited ambitious youth in the crowded markets of the East.

That isolation has almost wholly disappeared, and the farmer in the country today is in touch with the business-man in the city through the telegraph, the telephone, the newspaper, the rural free delivery, the railroad, the trolley car and all those agencies that have brought the country and the city so close together.

Improved methods of farming have abolished a great deal of the drudgery that formerly was the inevitable lot of the tiller of the soil, and the up-to-date agriculturist is a business man in every sense of the word.

The grange has helped a great deal to bring all ends and corners of the rural population into close central touch, and to multiply and deepen the social interests of the farmer's family.

So close have the country and the city come to each other that no member of the farmer's family has any right to have any delusions about the prizes of great value that may be picked up by any stranger in the city streets. In the city as well as in the country, it is generally understood now that hard work alone will win the rewards of life.

The well-to-do farmer must know that he enjoys many advantages over the man of equal station in the city, even if none but the physical advantages of life in the country be considered. His children are certain of fresh air and pure food and the health and strength that nearness to nature brings.

The exodus from the farms has pretty well ceased, and there is to be noted a disposition on the part of city people to return to the country. Agriculture promises to be more remunerative than ever, the garden products especially will continue to increase in value to render the farmer's efforts more profitable than they have been.

I believe that in the natural order of things the farms will be populated to the desirable degree, and the complaint of the abandonment of the farms by the rising generation will cease to have any force.

J. LEWIS ELLSWORTH. PROBLEM IS HARDER IN MAINE.—William P. Atherton. My old school teacher at the academy used to say that if he got his scholars interested he did not have much more to do. That applies to the farm. If the boy is interested he will want to stay. The whole thing is in getting him interested.

My father gave his boys much of the care of the farm as much as possible, and left it wholly to us long before he died. I have given my son, who is with me, a right to feel that he was being given a chance to do something for himself.

Many farmers make the mistake of giving their boys no encouragement—of letting them think they are working for somebody else and getting nothing for it. The young man likes to feel that he is getting ahead on his own account.

The problem is becoming harder in Maine. The changing condition is tending to do away with the small farmer. The capitalist, farming on a large scale, is coming to the front, and the farm-boy problem is becoming more acute every year.

The small farmer must operate in order to get the best results. Last fall four of us in Hallowell and Manchester clubbed together and sent our apples to England. We got about a dollar a barrel more than we would have got from the buyers who handled apples on speculation.

The man who wants to keep his boys on the farm must let them see what there is ahead, and show them the opportunities in the future.

W. P. ATHERTON.

THE RETURN TO THE FARM.

N. L. Sheldon. Life on a New England farm today is very different from what it was a few decades ago. Then the lot of the farmer's boy was one of real drudgery, made necessary by the conditions. He had to rise with the sun and he worked hard until after dark.

This dreary routine was followed day after day, every day in the week, and the only diversion or relaxation was such as appeared with little force to the imagination and produced only slight mental stimulation.

The boy with an active mind, and conscious of his physical limitations, could be excused for picturing to himself more attractive fields of effort. Even the young farmer who meant to follow his chosen occupation was tempted away from New England to the then distant west, where the soil was more productive and conditions generally were less exacting.

There was, it is true, a great migration from New England, and the reasons were not difficult to discover. Conditions, however, have changed greatly. The introduction of labor-saving machinery, the adoption of more sensible and scientific agriculture, the development of those means of transportation which have lessened so tremendously the distances between rural and urban centers, have made farming something very different from what it was fifty years ago, when Vermont was as far from Boston as Chicago is now.

The boys on the farm are learning not to lightly hazard their fortunate position in life by venturing into the unexplored field of city competition. Even the young professional men of the country have been warned, notably by Interstate Commerce Commissioner Prouty, that the practice of law, for example, is relatively more remunerative for the average lawyer in the small towns than in the large cities.

I was reared on a farm and worked there until I was 21. I was glad to get away, but in common with many of my acquaintances I can see advantages in a return to the farm. There is a growing disposition among men of the city who have retained some personal relation to the country, to continue that relation and to look forward to a more equal distribution of their time and effort between their city and their country interests.

For agriculture is becoming more remunerative, and the farming business is getting to be more of a business in the city man's sense of the word.

For many reasons this will continue to be so, and the inequality between city and country population will be gradually redressed.

N. L. SHELDON. Dr. Kuyper on French Crisis. Ernest L. Aron's Paris Correspondence in the Evening Mail, New York.

Paris, June 11.—In accordance with the instructions of the "Evening Mail," I endeavored to obtain a general view of the political, economic and religious conditions in France before putting myself in communication with any parties.

I looked for information first from Americans resident here; then from extreme Socialists; next from Parisians of the disinterested and pleasantly cynical type; finally from native Christians—and let it be remembered that Christianity, and for that matter, any form of religious belief, is synonymous with Catholicism in France.

It is difficult to convince the people of America that the interests of Episcopalians, Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, agnostics, honest free thinkers and of all men who believe in the right to worship the God and the creed of their choice in the way that they choose are identical with the cause of the Catholics of France. Yet it is the simple truth.

A task of similar difficulty is to tell and try to convince a Frenchman that a non-Catholic American newspaper has sent over a non-Catholic correspondent for no purpose except to tell the truth. This is one country where tolerance and absence of bias are not understood.

It is also one country where, despite all that contribution seekers may tell generous evangelistic congregations in America, Protestantism is a negligible factor. But to obtain all views of value possible, I lost no time in communicating with European Protestants of eminence. One of the first was Dr. Kuyper, former president of the Council of Ministers of Holland, at present professor of theology of the Free University of Amsterdam—statesman, publicist and one

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