

quired land in the colony in its early days. Mr. Garvin has been twice elected Governor of Rhode Island, notwithstanding his single-tax principles.

W. H. Price, architect and magazine writer, who helped to found Rose Valley, in Delaware County, Pa., is one of the trustees, and also a lease-holder and constant visitor, taking part in the Shakespearean productions, and at times giving a lecture on architecture or political economy.

Scott Nearing, a young professor of the University of Pennsylvania, is one of the leading lights of the place, following close in the footsteps of Frank Stevens, whose untiring interest and magnetic force have worked such remarkable success in the colony. Mr. Nearing is a very versatile man, being gifted in various lines, the author of several books, and many papers and articles in newspapers and magazines. He is also a clever reader of the classics, and at the Wednesday evening lectures he takes an active part, besides being an all-round athlete and worker in numerous ways. He leases several acres of ground, and has proven, without doubt, that agriculture is no lost art, being a good farmer, as well as a keen and active student of this and many other industries.

There is no stipulation placed upon the quantity of ground a lessee may obtain—that depends upon his or her own willingness and ability to pay the taxes. It is self-evident that one-quarter acre of ground is easier to till and manage than an acre, and considerably less expense for one who is perhaps both physically and financially unable to manage it. So it often happens that only a fraction of an acre of land is secured. This land, though leased for "ninety-nine years," may be given up at any time, either to the trustees or to another lessee, provided the taxes are paid. Land at present is in such great demand that many colonists holding an acre or more are dividing with newcomers; in many cases it having been found that to hold land that can be made no use of is undesirable, and entails the expense of grass-cutting, keeping in order, etc. Weeds and bushes grow rapidly if not kept down.

Classes for children, in which various studies are taken up during the summer months, are well patronized, being taught by native talent. These studies consist of kindergarten subjects and methods, and include nature studies of several branches. In the winter months, a school is conducted and taught by two or three of the yearly residents. Each year more families are staying all winter, and more and more winter residences are being constructed. A regular school building will be erected in the near future; as yet, one of the club-houses has been used for this purpose.

The social atmosphere of the place for the young men and women is quite similar to that of the summer camps so popular at present in various country districts. They have exercises of running, jumping, swimming, dancing, baseball, tennis, basketball,—in fact, most of the games and sports to be found in any summer camp.

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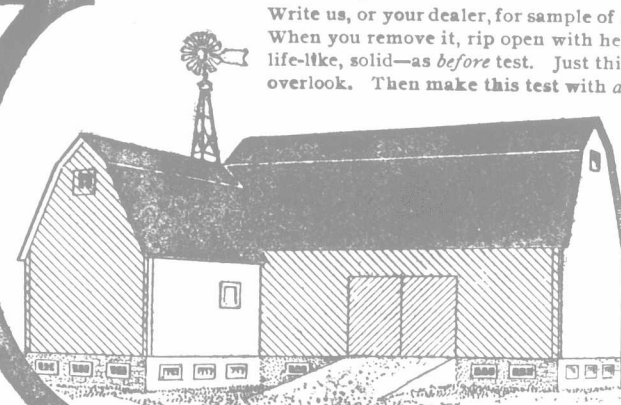
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