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The Club at Lester is not doing very well. They have very little in the way of furnishings and apparently a number of the employees do not join for that reason; it also seems that some who could be of much assistance are holding back until it is evident that the club will be a success. The officers of the club, none of whom are local officials of the Company, have worked pretty hard and are rather discouraged as they feel they do not have much influence and will not be able to succeed without a more general cooperation. They now have up the matter of getting the necessary furnishings for their club room, and I have suggested that, as soon as possible, they have the club room fitted up in as attractive a manner as they can and that, when this is done, they make an earnest effort to get the cooperation of every one of the employees, in which effort I will help them all I can.

The Club at Morley is not meeting the wants or the needs of the employees and I think will not do so until the bar fixtures are removed, and these I understand we have not yet been able to dispose of.

To get these clubs started off right it seems almost essential that the local officials of the Company have some of the responsibility of them for awhile.

The Boy Scouts movement continues to be a strong influence in the improvement of the boys. Many of the Scouts have secured their uniforms, others will do so before long, and all of them are looking forward to the two weeks outing at Tercio which we are planning to have begin the last of July. The Scouts have been given to understand they would be expected to provide the funds for their mess. Some have the funds now while others are striving to earn the needed amount. I think there will be about 60 Scouts at Tercio.

Sufficient funds were not secured to send any Scouts to the exposition at San Francisco and the money obtained at Sopris will be applied to furnishing the house being built for Manual Training and Domestic Science at that place.

The Camp Fire Girls movement has been started in but one or two places and probably will not make much headway until after vacation time.

The C.F. & I. Field Day, Aug. 14th, at Trinidad, has created interest in the various camps in about the degree that the Superintendent has taken interest in it. This also applies to the local field day which originated at Primero and which I have advocated elsewhere as a "get-together" day. This is just what the ones held at Primero and Walsen, May 22nd and 31st, respectively, have been. At both places the splendid spirit of friendliness and good fellowship, and the absence of wrangling and fault finding were very noticeable - the latter, without doubt, was largely due to the absence of persons at all under the influence of intoxication liquors, which were not allowed around the grounds. Such days are certainly very enjoyable to our employees and therefore of benefit to the Company.