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The Farmers' Institute.

The annual meeting of the Iosco County Farmers' Institute Society occurred at the court house last Friday and Saturday, and was well attended. The farmers of the county indicate an increased interest in this organization each year, realizing more and more the benefits to be derived.

W. H. Gilbert, of Bay City, was the state conductor, and proved to be an excellent man for the position. He is a man of broad, practical experience, and has the happy faculty of imparting his knowledge to others in a manner easily comprehended, and had an excellent way of keeping the discussion moving. Mr. Gilbert was exceptionally acceptable to our farmers this year, as he is undoubtedly the most experienced and successful grower of sugar beets in Michigan, and being the gentleman who has the 1000 acre contracted for the Tawas Sugar Co.

The institute this year did not devote so much attention to general farm topics as usual, the principal discus-

sions being on sugar beets and good roads, the two questions which are of upper most importance to Iosco county at the present time, and both of which were thoroughly discussed in a lively manner, and much good information obtained.

The care and feeding of stock and other topics received a certain amount of attention, and were well handled, by both the state and local speakers.

Owing to the inability of Hon. A. E. Farmer, of Kalkaska, to attend, P. B. Reynolds, of Owosso, assisted Mr. Gilbert. Mr. Reynolds was one of the speakers at the institute two years ago, and a valuable man in the work. He handled his topics most satisfactorily and filled the vacancies with his ever ready suggestions.

The ladies' section at the Baptist church was well attended and reported as an interesting and instructive meeting. Mrs. Emma A. Campbell, of Ypsilanti, was again the state speaker, and as usual handled her subjects in a manner to bring out the valuable points in a clear and concise manner.

We are informed the ladies took part in the discussions and missed no opportunity to gain valuable information.

The officers elected by the institute society for the ensuing year are:
President—John Sullivan.
Secretary—John W. King.
Treasurer—John M. Waterbury.

Round-Up Farmers' Institute.

The State Round-Up Farmers' Institute will be held at Owosso, February 24-27, 1903. The program will be of general interest as, in addition to topics relating to "Farm Crops," "Dairying," "Stock Feeding," "Fruit Growing" and "Sugar Beets," attention will be paid to "Good Roads," "Farm law," "Veterinary Science," "Forestry," "The Centralized School" and other educational topics, "Political and Social Science," "Domestic Economy," and "The Embellishment of Public and Private Grounds." Among the special features of the Institute will be sections at which technical instruction in "Sugar Beet Culture," "The Care of Highways," and "Cooking" will be given by experts. Several well-known speakers from other states have been secured.

The railroads offer a rate of one fare for the round trip from all points in Michigan. Tickets will be on sale February 23 and 24, and will be good to return on or before February 28. Reduced rates have been secured in all the hotels in Owosso.

Daughters Sometimes Thoughtless.

To some minds it appears that the daughters are not always as careful of their parents as they should be. The modern mother seems to us in great danger of being abused, says the Woman's Home Companion. Once her daughter comes upon the stage in long skirts the former abdicates. All the household shapes itself for the girl, and she takes this as her right. The good mother lets her be abed in the morning, and then has a warm breakfast for her when she gets up. The mother stays home from the play in order that the daughter may go. She gives up society and makes over her old gowns so that the young woman may go out every night and have more new frocks. When there are men callers in the evening she cleverly or awkwardly (it depends on her training), effaces herself and goes off to bed or to read alone in the kitchen. When it comes to summer holidays more than often it is the girl who goes to the mountains or seashore, while the mother stays at home. Sometimes the young woman takes a money-getting position, works during the day, plays the lady in the evening and spends her salary on herself, while the mother stays closer at home than ever, and does the drudgery. If you will think over the women you know you will find that in all of these ways, or in several of them, the mother is the slave of the daughter.

World's Sugar Crop.

The world's crop of sugar for 1902-3 is estimated as follows: Old stock on hand, 1,800,000 tons; beet sugar crop, 5,850,000 tons, cane sugar crop, 3,470,000 tons; total, 11,120,000 tons. The world's consumption of sugar during last year was 9,369,685 tons. It will be seen that with an average increase of consumption there will be about 1,000,000 tons of sugar left at the end of the season, which, however, will be considerably less than the present excessive supply.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Better Than Gold.

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A Communication.

MR. EDITOR:—In a late issue you brought before us a matter that should take up the attention of every one interested in the prosperity of our county. As the matter received a very hasty and unfair handling at our institute, I beg the favor of your columns to place the matter, as I see it, before the electors and taxpayers of the county.

In an item in last week's Herald "a prominent farmer" has thought it good to place before us for election to fill a vacancy on the board of county road commissioners, the name of a citizen to whom no elector can have an objection so far as honesty, ability and interest in the welfare of the county goes. From the standing of the man, we are all agreed that he was perfectly innocent of the intention of being placed in this light before the electors. The question in my mind is this, is he in a position to give this matter the attention which it deserves; can we reasonably expect him to sacrifice his interest in matters nearer to him, and of more importance to him? Are there not others of equal fitness who would not be called upon to make this sacrifice in giving the matter the attention it demands?

I regret to say that this matter was most unbecomingly dragged in, by the tail, in the discussion on "good roads," at our institute, and I am glad to say that no farmer was guilty of this rudeness. I trust that it was not a lack of judgement on the part of the chairman, but the leniency of good nature that restrained him from giving it the toe of his boot as soon as the odor gave warning of the "Purty Baste" perence.

It was the opinion of one speaker that we wanted a crank with powers enough to turn the board of commissioners at his will, and stated where the crank could be found. Another speaker could see nothing but evil in the motives for the choice of the members of the board, or in the character of their work. He knew just where the man could be found that would fit the place, and when the electors were ready for the show he would trot him out.

Here I would like to ask, has it ever occurred to these men, who are so interested in the farmers, that this is a question in which the farmers are more interested than any other class and will have to pay the burden of the debt. At present two of the three members of the board are from the villages, and it is proposed to elect another from the villages, but this is in keeping with the past history of this county. The farmers supply the county funds and the villages supply the men who spend them. For example, look at the large majority of those now sitting on the board of supervisors. What amount of our county funds do they furnish?

A good deal has been said about our county road commissioners with which I cannot agree. I was not in favor of adopting this supplementary system and did all I could to prevent it, but was opposed by those who can now see nothing but evil in their work. I have traveled over the old and new roads enough to be able to judge, and I claim that it will be a much cheaper, shorter and far better road than any other route from the southern part of the county to the county town. It opens up a large tract of good farming land, and gives outlet to the important farming interest of Sherman.

When I listen to the wholesale condemnation of this board I wonder if men know what they are talking about. What economy or financial ability these men have shown in attending to county business I cannot say, because I do not know, but in view of all hard things that are being said about them, it becomes them to give us a full statement of their work. What they have done? What it cost us? And how much of this cost has gone for salaries or official pickings? If this statement reveals to us that we have found some men who can be trusted to handle county business with wisdom, economy and honesty the taxpayers will rejoice.

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